

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, August 30, 2024: In a courtesy visit, the Chief Executive Member (CEM) of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC), along with the Deputy CEM and other executive members----- had the honour of meeting Hon'ble Governor Shri C.H. Vijayashankar. The delegation was warmly received following a traditional welcome, where the CEM and his team extended their gratitude to the Governor and officially welcomed him to the state.

During the meeting, Hon'ble Governor Shri C.H. Vijayashankar praised Meghalaya's stunning natural beauty and favorable climatic conditions. He also emphasized several key areas of interest. He highlighted the importance of improving educational standards to foster growth and development. He also expressed concern over the issue of drug abuse and discussed strategies to combat it effectively. He talked about the protection of biodiversity and stressed the need for robust measures to safeguard the region's rich biodiversity. Further, he encouraged the planting of native species to support ecological balance, and underscored the critical importance of conserving water resources for sustainable development.

The CEM and other members briefed the Hon'ble Governor on the Khasi society's traditional institutions, including the Village Darbar and the Ilaka Institution Council, detailing their roles and responsibilities. They also outlined various initiatives taken by KHADC aimed at preserving cultural heritage, conserving the environment, and promoting societal welfare.

The delegation invited the Governor to visit sacred groves and the traditional Khasi village of Mawphlang. The Hon'ble Governor accepted the invitation with enthusiasm and has scheduled his visit to Mawphlang for September 3rd.

Hon'ble Governor Shri C.H. Vijayashankar conveyed his best wishes to the KHADC and assured his support for their on-going initiatives to enhance the development of local communities.