

## Constitution Day observed

**Shillong, November 26, 2019:** To commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India and to honour and pay tribute to the contribution of its founding fathers, the High Court of Meghalaya in collaboration with the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA) organized a Photo Exhibition in the High Court premises today.

The photo exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. Justice Mohammad Rafiq, Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya and Patron-in-Chief, MSLSA. The programme was also attended by Mr. Justice H. S. Thangkhiew, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya and Executive Chairman, MSLSA, Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya, Smti B. Mawrie, Registrar General, High Court of Meghalaya, Shri Noor Ain Khan, Member Secretary, MSLSA among others.



Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Justice Mohammad Rafiq, Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya informed that 26<sup>th</sup> November is celebrated as Constitution Day, and this year, to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> years of the adoption of the Constitution, a yearlong campaign focusing on creating awareness on fundamental duties as enshrined in the Constitution will be conducted by the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority.



Highlighting that the Constitution of India was handwritten and calligraphed in both english and hindi and that the original copies of the Constitution are kept in special helium filled cases in the Library of the Parliament of India, the Chief Justice also informed that the Constitution of India is the longest written constitution of an independent country in the world.



On the occasion, the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Mohammad Rafiq and Mr. Justice H. S. Thangkhiew, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya led the reading out the Preamble and Fundamental Duties of the Constitution of India respectively.



In the exhibition, a copy of the replica of the original Constitution of India both in english and hindi which shows the Indian Constitution was handwritten and calligraphy and also contained signatures of all 284 members of the Constituent Assembly was displayed.

To educate the citizens about cultural values and ethos of our nation, 40 paintings which are seen in the original Constitution of India are also exhibited in the exhibition.