

## Rajya Puraskar Rally 2019

**Shillong, November 6, 2019:** The 69<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day and Rajya Puraskar Rally of the Bharat Scouts and Guides on the theme “Plastic Free India” were held today at the lawn of the Raj Bhavan, Shillong. The Governor of Meghalaya, Shri Tathagata Roy, who is also the patron of the Meghalaya Bharat Scouts and Guides graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Also present were the Additional State Chief Commissioner Meghalaya Bharat Scouts and Guides, Shri. C P Gotmare, Commissioners of the Meghalaya Bharat Scouts and Guides and parents of awardees.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Tathagata Roy lauded the role of the Meghalaya Bharat Scouts and Guides in conducting successful workshops and awareness programmes throughout the State with the aim of moulding the future generation into healthy, happy and useful citizens. While congratulating the Rajya Puraskar awardees, he said that it was heartening to see that not only are the numbers of awardees increasing every year, but also that they are coming from even the remotest parts of the State. Enthused by the theme of the celebration which focuses on the life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, the Governor informed that as on October 2, 2019, the Raj Bhavan has banned the use of single use plastic within its premises. The Governor also said that with the dedication and commitment of all stakeholders, the beauty of Meghalaya can once again be reclaimed.



Earlier, 65 Guides and 3 Rangers, 58 Scouts and 5 Rovers were presented with the Rajya Puraskar. Adult Leaders Certificates were also presented to two awardees.

On the day, the Governor released the Scouts and Guides Flag and also took a Plastic Free India Pledge.