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Chief Minister attends 65th Teachers' Day State-Level Celebration in Tura

Tura, 2nd September 2026: Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma attended the 65th Teachers' Day State level celebration, which was observed in advance today at Tura, along with teachers from across Garo Hills and the State.



The programme also marked the conferring of State Teachers' Awards and District Teachers' Awards 2026, Best Scout Master & Guide Captain Awards and financial assistance under the Teachers' Welfare Fund.





Congratulating all awardees, the Chief Minister said recognition does not belong only to those who receive an award today, but equally to the teacher in a single-teacher school in a border village, doing this work without an audience, without applause, simply because a child is depending on them.

Reiterating his core belief, the Chief Minister said, "No education system can rise above the quality of its teachers, however much money we spend on buildings, however many schemes we launch."



Recalling 2018, the Chief Minister said when he asked for a plan to transform school infrastructure, the presentation said it needed ₹ 3,000 crore. "I stared at the screen and said I don't have ₹ 3,000 crore. But I said let us start, even if with 10 schools. Every long journey starts with the first step."

Seven years later, through Mission Education, Government has upgraded infrastructure in more than 2,000 elementary Government schools and expanded Higher Secondary Schools from 427 to 545, bringing quality education closer to every child's home.

From his Chief Minister's Special Development Fund (CMSDF), maximum has gone to education, about ₹ 150-180 crore out of ₹ 300-400 crore spent in last 8 financial years.

Through the Education Department, ₹ 600-700 crore has been spent, apart from CSR funds channelled entirely to education.

The Chief Minister shared that for the first time since Performance Grading Index was introduced, Meghalaya has moved out of the lowest grade category, rising from Akanshi-3 to Akanshi-1 in a single year, with score climbing from 448 points to 525.7 points out of 1000. This 77.7-point jump is the largest single-year improvement recorded by any State in the country, with a cumulative gain of 124 points (31%) over four years.

This is reflected in results that touch every household: 97.2% pass percentage at SSLC and 86.6% at HSSLC this year, transition from Class X to XI risen to 82.1%, now ahead of national average, and significant decline in secondary dropout rate.

To go beyond State-level score, Government built Meghalaya School Performance Grading Index (MSPGI) covering all 11,443 schools across 12 districts, assessed across 5 domains and 43 indicators with max 1000 points. The highest scoring school secured 930 points. East Khasi Hills has 48 of State's top 100 schools, Ri Bhoi 16.

In Garo Hills - West Garo Hills leads with 9 schools in State top 100 overall, 11 in top 100 Government schools and 7 in top 100 Private schools. Institutions like Montfort PM SHRI LPS, Montfort Higher Secondary School, Dalu Govt PM SHRI Hr. Sec, Shyamnagar Govt PM SHRI School and Tura Public School are among top performers.

Highest scores: East Garo Hills 838, South Garo Hills 808, North Garo Hills 775, South-West Garo Hills 752, West Garo Hills 892.

"The MSPGI is not a scoreboard to win or lose, but a map that tells every teacher and school precisely where to direct next year's effort," he said.

Urging teachers to revisit their purpose, the Chief Minister said, "We get involved in day-to-day activity of finishing course from 9 to 5, that we forget the purpose. Purpose of every teacher is to shape lives of youth, and while shaping youth, you shape future of country."

He directed officials to visit 1-2 schools per week/fortnight, upload observations on roof leakage, furniture, drinking water etc., which will be visible directly to Commissioner & Secretary, Director and Chief Minister for corrective action. He requested Commissioner & Secretary and Director to monitor it strictly.

"This journey will continue. We will never give up. We are determined that education sector must transform, and we will do it, but we need all of us to work together positively — be part of solution, not part of problem," he said, adding that every decision must pass one filter, Will it help students?



The programme was attended by senior officials of Education Department, teachers, awardees, students and officials.