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### 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day, 2026 celebrated across the State

**Shillong, January 27, 2026:** Along with the rest of the country, Meghalaya celebrated the 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day with great patriotic fervor in all the District Headquarters and Civil Sub-Divisions on the 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

**Tura, West Garo Hills:** The Speaker of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, Shri. Thomas A. Sangma unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya salute of the marching contingents at a ceremonial function held at L.P. School Field, Matchakolgre, New Tura. Following the marching contingents was tableaux presentation highlighting developmental themes and cultural performances.

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of the march past went to NCC Boys of Don Bosco College, Tura, NCC Girls of Don Bosco College, Tura, and NCC Girls of Tura Government College. While in the tableau competition, Tura Municipal Board (TMB) bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> prize while Meghalaya Tourism Department was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> prize.

As part of the celebrations, Appreciation & Recognition Awards were also presented to individuals and communities from West Garo Hills in recognition of their outstanding service, dedication and contributions in their respective fields. Among the awardees were Shri Tredian Mansram D. Sangma, LDA, Supply Branch, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills; Shri Kharsin M. Sangma, UDA, O/o College of Teacher Education, Rongkhon; Shri Swaminath Kushwaha, Head Plumber, PHE Tura Division, for ensuring uninterrupted water supply to Tura town; and Shri Stern Herdton B. Marak, Supervisor, O/o District Social Welfare Officer, Tura, for his tireless efforts in uplifting underprivileged communities.

Smt. Miami A. Sangma, Centre Administrator-cum-Protection Officer, One Stop Centre, Tura, and Smt. Rikmatchi Ch. Sangma, Project Coordinator, Halfway Home (Male), Tura, were recognised for their exemplary commitment to social welfare, mental health care and support services. In the field of education, Shri Jackarias N. Sangma and Shri Sunilson Ch. Marak, Assistant Teachers of Govt. Upper Primary School, Selsella, were honoured for their unwavering dedication towards shaping young minds.

Shri Livingstone A. Sangma, Office Chowkidar under the Office of the Joint Director of School Education & Literacy, West Garo Hills, was recognised for his sincerity, commitment and devoted service to the office. Smt. Kenny S. Sangma, Anganwadi Worker of Kantagre Anganwadi Centre under Rongram ICDS Project, and Smt. Danme K. Marak, Anganwadi Worker of Normal Compound AWC under Tura Urban ICDS Project, were

honoured for their dedication and valuable contribution towards child health, nutrition, growth and early education. Smt. Sharmilla B. Marak, UDA (Establishment Branch), and

Shri Pillarson Ch. Marak, Driver (Nazareth Branch), both from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, were recognised for their outstanding efficiency, integrity and exemplary service. Shri Greatfield Ch. Momin, Assistant Horticulture Inspector, and Smt. Dilche K. Marak, LDA, Office of the District Horticulture Officer, Tura, were felicitated for their unwavering commitment, proactive work and contributions towards improving horticultural productivity and office efficiency. Shri Rajesh K. Sangma, Grade-IV staff under the District Medical and Health Officer, West Garo Hills, was recognised for his dedication and sincere service. Appreciation was also accorded to Smt. Biana W. Momin for her exemplary contribution to education, public service and her active engagement in the film industry; Shri Tyrone D'Brass, Educator, for his outstanding service delivery in the education sector; and Dr. Angelice A. Sangma, Medical Professional and Master Weaver, for her exceptional dedication, professional excellence in public health and welfare, and selfless service towards the most vulnerable sections of society.

Recognition was also accorded to individuals and communities for their contribution to art, culture, heritage and community development. Shri Arak Mangsang Sangma was felicitated for his invaluable contribution to traditional art, culture, creativity and research, while Shri Diwal M. Sangma, Community Member from Rombagre village, Rongram Block, was honoured for promoting traditional culture and tourism through folklore and music. Sadolpara Village, Dadenggre Block, was recognised for preservation and promotion of Garo culture, environmental conservation and sustainable rural practices. The Urenggre Village Water and Sanitation Committee was also honoured for its pivotal role in implementing Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission through community-driven initiatives.

**Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills:** The celebration at St. Peter's Higher Secondary School, Nongstoin was graced by Mawhati MLA, Shri. Charles Marngar as the Chief Guest who unfurled the tricolor and took the salute of ten contingents comprising of police personnel and school students. The celebration was further enriched by the display of eight impressive tableaus from various Government Departments, showcasing their initiatives and achievements.

Other highlights of the day included prize distribution by the Chief Guest. The award for Best Block Level ASHA was conferred upon Smt. Risuklin of Pyndengrei CHC, while the award for Best District ASHA Facilitator was given to Shri Greater Chance D. Sangma of Aradonga PHC. JNV School won the March Past. The Soil and Water Conservation Department won the award for the Best Tableau. The All Star Football Academy was crowned champion of the Republic Day Cup 2026.

**Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills:** Shri Renikton Lyngdoh Tongkhar, MLA Mawkyrwat unfurled the National Flag and took the Salute of the 11 parade contingents comprising of Police, NCC Cadets, Sngap Syiem College and 8 schools at Nativity Higher Secondary School playground, Mawkyrwat.

The other highlights of the day included tableau presentation by 12 government departments, cultural programs and prize distribution. In the march past, Balang Mawlangir

Girls' Secondary School emerged as the winner followed by Nativity Higher Secondary School and Jingiaseng Kynthei Mawkyrwat Presbytery Higher Secondary School in second and third place respectively.

In the Tableau Presentation, the office of Superintendent of Police South West Khasi Hills bagged the first prize followed by Fisheries Department and DRDA in second and third place.

**Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi:** Shri Metbah Lyngdoh, Minister in charge of Power unfurled the National Tricolour and took the Rashtriya Salute of the marching contingents comprising of police personnel and students at the NSCA Mini Stadium, Nongpoh.

The celebration was also attended by Shri Mayral Born Syiem, MLA, Nongpoh; Smt. Rona Khymdeit, MDC, Nongpoh; Shri Isynei Hinge, MDC, Umroi; Shri Mathew Makdoh, Nominated MDC, Nongpoh; Shri Abhilash Baranwal, Deputy Commissioner, Ri-Bhoi District; Shri Giri Prasad, Superintendent of Police, Ri-Bhoi District, along with officers from various government departments.

The programme was marked by vibrant cultural performances presented by school students, including traditional dances and patriotic songs. The event also featured an impressive display of tableaux by various government departments.

On the occasion, the district administration presented awards and commendations to different groups and individuals, including volunteers, in recognition of their contributions towards public service and community development. Awards were also conferred upon schools for excellence in the march-past and to government departments for their tableaux presentations in Ri-Bhoi District.

**Jowai, West Jaintia Hills:** MLA of Khliehriat, Shri. Kyrmen Shylla unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute of the 17 marching contingents comprising of District Police, NCC, Bharat Scouts and Guides, schools and colleges at the function held at Jrisalein playground, Chuwakhu, Jowai.

The parade was followed by tableau presentations by 13 departments showcasing their schemes and achievements.

In the marching contingent, PM Shri School JNV Mukhla, Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Jowai and Tome Memorial Higher Secondary School, Mooralong, Jowai secured first, second and third place respectively.

In the tableau presentation category, District Commerce and Industries Centre (DCIC), WJHD Jowai, District Prison and Correctional Home, WJHD, Jowai and Meghalaya State Skill Development Society, WJHD, Jowai bagged the first, second and third place.

Awards were also given to ASHAs and ANMs in recognition of their outstanding performance during World Population Fortnight 2025. Smt. Rijoy Lapasam, ANM from Mowkaiau Sub-Centre was recognised for her outstanding performance in service delivery, particularly in family planning and birth spacing services, along with timely reporting and effective implementation of family welfare activities and Smt. Lama Muroh, ASHA from Khliehtyrsi NSC, was acknowledging for her exemplary role in mobilising women for Saas-

Bahu-Pati Sammelan activities under Mission Parivar Vikas (MPV), along with her dedication to contraceptive distribution and community awareness on family planning. The awardees were presented with a cash award along with a certificate of appreciation.

The other highlights of the day included songs, dance, the display of dingkum (fire balloon) by Dorbar Shnong Chilliang Raij and distribution of gifts and food packages to Children's Home by government departments and social organizations.

**Williamnagar, East Garo Hills:** Minister i/c Fisheries, Tourism, etc. Shri. Timothy D Shira, graced the Republic Day celebration as the chief guest at Rongrenggre Govt. Higher Secondary School playground, Williamnagar and took the rashtriya salute of 16 parade contingents comprising of Meghalaya Police, NCC, Bharat Scouts and Guides, schools, colleges.

The highlights of the celebration included tableau presentations by the Health, Forest, Veterinary, Agriculture, Horticulture, PHE, Social Welfare, DCIC departments besides colorful cultural programs presented by students and presentation of awards to sports personalities of the district.

**Baghmara, South Garo Hills:** The Minister of BADO, Civil Defence and Home Guards etc Shri Brening A Sangma unfurled the National Flag and took Rashtriya Salute infront of 14 marching Contingents which included BSF Jawans, DEF Baghmara, Combined Scout & Guide group and School Children of Baghmara.

During the celebration appreciation awards were given to government employees under South Garo Hills District. PHE emerged as winner of Best Tableaux display while PHE while DCIC and Soil Department bagged 2nd and 3rd place.

In March past, the United Baptist Secondary School emerged the winner followed by Mount Vale Secondary School and Government Secondary School in 2nd and 3rd place.

Other highlights included Cultural program, Sports for Children and Exhibition Cricket match between DC XI SP XI and BSF XI.

**Resubelpara, North Garo Hills:** Minister i/c Public Health Engineering (PHE), Soil & Water Conservation, Shri Marcuise N. Marak, unfurled the National Flag and took the rashtriya salut of the 11 marching contingents. The Minister was accompanied by Kharkutta MLA, Shri. Rupert Momin.

The Best Parade Contingent award was secured by NCC Mendipathar College, while the Best Tableau Presentation was awarded to the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), Resubelpara, showcasing developmental themes of rural progress and community participation.

As part of the celebration, the district also recognised outstanding service of Government officers and employees. The Best Nodal Officer Recognition Award was conferred on Dr. Rezia K. Sangma, Sr. M&HO and District Immunization Officer, and Dr. Arfina M. Sangma, Sr. M&HO and District Nodal Officer in-charge CPHC. Best Employee

Recognition Awards were also presented to deserving staff from various departments for their dedicated service to the district administration.

Cultural performances, patriotic songs, and sports activities formed part of the day-long celebration

**Ampati, South West Garo Hills:** At the ceremonial function held at Ampati Students' Field, Minister for Health, Sports & Youth Affairs etc, Shri. Wailadmiki Shylla unfurled the Tricolour and took the Rashtriya Salute of the 10 parade contingents led by Smt. Ririti Wankhar.

Presentation of tableau by nine government departments & agencies, cultural performances, sports & games for children and distribution of food packets to patients of Ampati Civil Hospital were the highlights of the day's celebration.

The Minister along with MLA of Ampati Smt. Miani D. Shira, MDCs Shri Stevie M. Marak and Shri Sanjay Koch handed over awards & certificates of excellence to the best PHC (Belbari PHC), best Village Health Council (Tara para VHC), best performing AWCs under Betasing & Zikzak ICDS projects and also certificates of appreciation to outstanding government employees of the district. Prizes for the three best tableaus and best parade contingents were also handed over to the winners by the dignitaries.

**Khliehriat, East Jaintia Hills:** Minister i/c Education, IPR, Shri Lahkmien Rymbui unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute of the 11 parade contingents comprising of the District Police, NCC units and students at Holy Family Parish Ground, Khliehriat

During the celebration, prizes were handed over to the winners of the March Past Competition in which JNV Rymbai NCC unit was declared the winner while Jaintia Eastern Collge NCC unit and JNV Rymbai (Girls) were adjudged the first and second runners up respectively.

Prizes were also distributed to the winners of the cultural items competition where K.B. Memorial Secondary School, Wapung was declared the winner, JNV Rymbai bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Ambrose Memorial Secondary School, Khliehriat bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Three notable achievers were also recognized for their exemplary contributions in their respective field with Smti. Runita Phawa receiving the Best Cluster Coordinator Award for her dedication, leadership and effective grassroots through the Self Help Group Movement in East Jaintia Hills District, Byrwai Village Employment Council with the Best Performing Village Employment Council (VEC) award for the Financial Year 2024-25 while San Shnong Cluster Level Federation under BMMU, Wapung Block which received a National Level Award in New Delhi on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 was awarded for its exemplary work in federation led inclusive development and effective convergence with government departments and the banking sector.

Awards were also presented to the winners of the Tableau Presentation in which the tableau presented by the District Project Manager (DPM), District Project Management Unit (DPMU), MBMA, Khliehriat was adjudged the Best Tableau while the second and third positions were handed over to the District Horticulture & District Agriculture Offices and District Commerce & Industries Centre (DCIC), Khliehriat respectively.

Gifts were also distributed to inmates of Shelter Homes after the official function.

**Mairang, Eastern West Khasi Hills:** Minister i/c Labour, Employment, Cooperation etc, Shri Methodius Dkhar unfurled the National Flag and took a Rashtriya Salute of 15 Parade Contingents comprising of the Police, Civil Defence and Homeguards and students at Dommawlum playground, Pyndengumiong, Mairang.

The other highlights of the celebration include tableau presentation by various departments, cultural show and distribution of awards.

**Sohra Civil Sub-Division:** Minister, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Arts & Culture, Legal Metrology, Shri Sanbor Shullai at the celebration held at St. John Bosco Boys' Higher Secondary School, Sohra. The Chief Guest unfurled the National Flag and took the salute of the 8 parade contingents.

Prizes were awarded for the March-Past Competition, wherein the 1st Prize was secured by RKM Higher Secondary School, Sohra, the 2nd Prize by St. John Bosco Boys' Higher Secondary School, Sohra, and the 3rd Prize by Sohra Government College NCC Unit.

In the Cultural Programme Competition, the 1st Prize was awarded to St. Peter and Paul School, Mawkisyiem, Sohra, the 2nd Prize to the Skill Trainees of CIT, Sohra, and the 3rd Prize to St. John Bosco Boys' Higher Secondary School, Sohra respectively.

**Amlarem Civil Sub-Division:** The celebration at Amlarem Government Primary School Playground, was graced by the presence of Shri. Nujorki Sungoh, MLA who unfurled the Tricolor and took the salute of the marching contingents comprising of the Meghalaya Police and school students.

Besides distribution of prizes, special awards and felicitations were also given to Deimonlang Self Help Group, Mupyut as Best Performing Self Help Group and Smti. Aidaroi Khyriem as Best Performing Anganwadi worker. Dr. Fernandez Lamin, Senior Medical & Health Officer i/c Jarain, Smti. Lumlang Pohthmu, MLHP, Khonglah Sub-Centre and Smti. Aletorisa Nongjngi, MLHP were felicitated on the day.

**Dadenggre Civil Sub-Division:** Deputy Speaker, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, Shri Limison D Sangma unfurled the National flag and took Rashtriya Salute in the presence of 11 marching contingents at Dadenggre Playground.

The other highlight of the day comprises of various cultural programs depicting the rich cultural heritage of India presented by different schools in the area including distribution of prizes to winners of Essay and Painting competitions held earlier and distribution of Certificates of Appreciation to Employees for their dedicated and outstanding contribution in their line of duty.

**Pynursla Civil Sub-Division:** Nongstoin MLA, Shri. Gabriel Wahlang unfurled the National Flag and took the Salute of the marching contingents at Umkor Urksew Pynursla Sport Club Stadium.

Cultural programme and prize distribution were the other highlights of the day.

**Chokpot Civil Sub-Division:** MLA, Shri Sengchim N Sangma unfurled the National Flag and took the Salute at Chokpot UP School Playground.

**Raksamgre Civil Sub-Division:** Shri. Marthon J Sangma, MLA Mendipathar Assembly Constituency was the Chief Guest at the celebration held at Matchokgre Playground, Raksamgre

**Mawshynrut Civil Sub Division:** Shri Ronnie V. Lyngdoh, MLA, unfurled the National Tricolour and took the salute of six contingents comprising of police personnel and school students, followed by cultural programmes including songs and dances.

**Ranikor Civil Sub-Division:** Shri Pius Marwein, MLA, unfurled the National Flag and took the Salute of the 6 marching contingents at Nolikata playground. The celebration included cultural programme and sports and games for children and prize distribution.

In the march past, Indira Gandhi Memorial Seconday School, Rangasora bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> prize followed by St. Clater Secondary School, Munai and St. Thomas RCLP School, Pamdaba in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Dreef D. Shira of Nolikata Upper Primary School, Nolikata bagged the award for best Parade Commander. In the Tableau presentation, Horticulture Department emerged winner followed by PHE Ranikor Sub-Division and Nonghyllam Police Station in second and third place.

**Patharkhmah Civil Sub-Division:** Minister C & RD, Shri. S. Sohtun, unfurled the National Flag and took the salute of the 6 marching contingents comprising of Meghalaya Police and school students at Umsaw playground, Patharkhmah. A football match between TULBA and teachers was also held which teachers defeated TULBA 2-0.

**Rongjeng Civil Sub-Division:** Local MLA, Shri Jim M Sangma, unfurled the national flag at Mil A.we LP School playground.

**Dalu Civil Sub-Division:** Ian Botham K. Sangma, MLA, unfurled the national Tricolour and took the Rashtriya salute of the impressive marching of parade contingents comprising of MLP, BSF & scouts & guides of local schools.

**Jengjal Civil Sub-Division:** Arbinstone B Marak, MLA Selsella unfurled the National Tricolor at Jengjal Playground, Jengjal.

**Zikzak C & RD Block:** MLA of Mahendraganj Shri Sanjay A. Sangma unfurled the National flag and inspected the parade. He also handed over an Ambulance to the Jama Masjid Committee of Mahendraganj on the occasion.

**Hima Shangpung:** MLA Smt.Santa Mary Shylla unfurled the National Flag and took the Salute of the 9 marching contingents at Hula Playground, Moosyiem, Shangpung. celebrated at Hima Shangpung at Hula Playground Moosyiem, Shangpung, Laskein C & RD.

Prizes were awarded to the marching contingent of Sein Raij Upper Primary School, Khliehrangnah, Dolini Chullet Memorial Secondary School and Lummuro Higher Secondary School who won the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Other highlights of the Day included Patriotic songs and Cultural programme by the students.