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### Meghalaya Assembly Speaker Attends 16<sup>th</sup> Canadian Parliamentary Seminar in Ottawa

**Shillong, May 26, 2026:** Hon'ble Speaker of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, Shri Thomas A. Sangma, is attending the 16<sup>th</sup> Canadian Parliamentary Seminar being held in Ottawa, Canada, from May 25 to 29, 2026, organized by the Parliament of Canada.



The theme of this year's seminar is "Parliaments in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Innovation and Adaptation for Democracy," bringing together parliamentary leaders and officials to deliberate on contemporary challenges and evolving democratic practices.

The seminar will feature discussions on a wide range of key subjects, including an overview of the Canadian parliamentary system, the role of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), engaging youth in parliamentary democracy, promoting women's political leadership in Parliament, modern parliamentary infrastructure, mechanisms for holding governments accountable, adapting to traditional and social media, electronic voting, hybrid proceedings in the House of Commons, and the future of artificial intelligence in parliaments with a focus on innovation, ethics, and accountability.



Shri Thomas A. Sangma is accompanied by Shri Malthus S. Sangma, Secretary, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, and Shri Raja K. Kharपुरi, Deputy Secretary, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly.

The participation of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly delegation in the international seminar is expected to provide valuable insights into emerging parliamentary practices and innovations, further strengthening democratic governance and legislative functioning in the State.