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Meghalaya and Telangana sign MoU to strengthen collaborative governance and advance human development

Tripartite MoU signed at Telangana–North East Connect Festival in Hyderabad

Shillong/Hyderabad, November 25, 2025: The Governments of Meghalaya and Telangana have signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to deepen state-to-state collaboration on human development and government innovation. The MoU was signed on the sidelines of the Telangana–North East Connect Festival in Hyderabad on November 22, 2025 between the State Capability Enhancement Project – Government Innovation Lab (SCEP–GIL), Government of Meghalaya; the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP), Government of Telangana; and the Department of Women Development & Child Welfare (WDCW), Telangana.



The tripartite MoU was signed by Dr. Sampath Kumar IAS - Principal Secretary & Development Commissioner, Government of Meghalaya; Smt. Anita Ramachandran IAS - Secretary to Government of Telangana, WCD&SC department and Ms. Divya Devarajan, IAS - CEO-SERP, Government of Telangana, in the presence of the Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Shri Jishnu Dev Varma.

The partnership establishes a Human Development Exchange between the two states to share field-tested innovations, data-driven tools and facilitation processes that strengthen the citizen–state relationship. It will include structured exposure visits for government functionaries and community leaders, joint learning labs on themes such as maternal and child health, social protection, early childhood and adolescent development, women’s collectives and livelihoods, as well as co-created guidelines for frontline teams working with the poorest and most vulnerable households, to address human development challenges.



The collaboration also builds on Meghalaya’s ongoing Human Development Leadership Programme (HDLP), launched in 2024 under the State Human Development Council (HDC) chaired by the Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma. HDLP brings together multi-disciplinary block teams from Health, Education, Social Welfare and Community & Rural Development departments, where community leaders play a key role, to conduct joint field visits to the most vulnerable households and break barriers that prevent access to public services and awareness. By shifting governance from desk-based reviews to human-first, field-based engagement, HDLP aims to strengthen trust between citizens and the state and foster public service motivation among frontline functionaries at all levels.

Under the MoU, experiences from HDLP’s work in remote villages, where officials and communities jointly identify problems such as undernutrition, school dropout, early pregnancy and lack of social security, and agree on follow-up actions, will be shared with Telangana, while Meghalaya will learn from Telangana’s decades of work with women’s self-help groups and social mobilisation, as well as its practices in addressing women and child welfare issues. The Human Development Exchange will thus serve as a living platform for both states to adapt and scale practical solutions that have emerged from real-world experimentation rather than top-down programme design.

The MoU underscores a shared vision of making governance more responsive, accountable and humane. By bringing together state institutions, community organisations and frontline teams across Meghalaya and Telangana, the partnership seeks to demonstrate how collaborative governance and knowledge exchange can accelerate progress on human development outcomes for mothers, children and the most vulnerable citizens in India.

