

The 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1954.

No. TAD/R/98/53 – In pursuance of paragraph 11 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India, the following Act of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District Council, which received the assent of the Governor of Assam, is hereby published for general information: -

UNITED KHASI-JAINTIA HILLS ACT NO II OF 1954.

THE UNITED KHASI-JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT (CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE) ACT, 1954.

(Passed by the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District Council)

(Received the assent of the Governor of Assam on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1954).

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ACT**

To provide for the solemnization of marriages of Christians in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District.

**Preamble** – WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the solemnization of marriages of persons professing the Christian religion in the areas of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District which were known as the Khasi States immediately before the commencement of the Constitution of India and where the Indian Christian Marriages Act, 1872 (Act No. XV of 1872) is not in force:

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AND WHEREAS it is expedient to adapt and modify the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Act No. XV of 1872) in its application to the areas of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District where the said Act is already in force:

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

**1. Short title, extent and commencement** – (i) This Act may be called the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District (Christian Marriage) Act, 1954.

(ii) It extends to the whole of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District.

(iii) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Definition** – In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context: -

(i) “District Council” means the District Council of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills Autonomous District;

(ii) “Executive Committee” means the Executive Committee of the District Council and the terms “Chief Executive Member” and “Executive Member” shall be construed accordingly.

**3. Application of Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872** – (1) All the provisions of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Act No. XV of 1872), hereinafter referred to as “the said Act”, shall apply to the areas of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District which were known as the Khasi States immediately before the commencement of the Constitution of India, subject to the adaptations and modifications specified in section 4.

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(2) In its application to the areas of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District where the said Act is already in force, the said Act shall have effect subject to the adaptations and modifications specified in sections 4.

**4. Adaptations and modifications – In the said Act –**

(i) references to the terms “State Government” and “Government”, wherever they occur, shall be construed as referring to the “Executive Committee of the District Council”.

(ii) reference to “the Magistrate of the District” occurring in section 7 shall be construed as referring to the “Magistrate of the District Council Courts”.

(iii) the words “the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District” shall be substituted for the words “a Part A State or a Part C State” in section 27.

(iv) the following shall be substituted for section 85: -

**“85. District Judge** – The Judge of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District Council Court shall be deemed to be the District Judge for the purposes of this Act”.

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Department.

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