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State Legislative Assembly goes blue along with High Court for World Children's Day

Shillong, November 20, 2025: Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Leads the State in Going Blue for World Children's Day Assembly spearheads call for renewed commitment to child rights.



The Meghalaya Legislative Assembly took centre stage in the state's observance of World Children's Day, illuminating its iconic building in blue on 19 and 20 November 2025. The gesture underscored the Assembly's commitment to championing the rights, safety, and well-being of every child in Meghalaya. The Meghalaya High Court also joined this global initiative. The Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Thomas A. Sangma, has also supported the initiative, reinforcing the Legislature's dedication to child rights.



World Children's Day, commemorated annually on 20 November, marks the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child — the most widely ratified human rights treaty in history. As part of UNICEF's global "Go Blue" campaign, significant buildings and monuments across India and the world light up in blue to demonstrate solidarity with children.

This year's theme, "My Day. My Rights.", encourages society to understand child rights through the lens of a child's everyday experiences — from a girl walking to school in a remote village to an adolescent seeking emotional support. It serves as a reminder that rights must be woven into children's everyday realities of health, education, protection, and participation.



Reaffirming the Assembly's commitment, Shri Andrew Simons, Commissioner and Secretary of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, said the institution was proud to stand with children on a day of global significance. He noted that iconic national landmarks such as Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate also participate in the initiative.



"In solidarity with what is being observed across the globe, we are illuminating the Assembly building in blue to promote the rights, welfare, and development of children," he said.

UNICEF Assam and Northeast Chief of Field Office, Dr. Madhulika Jonathan, appreciated the leadership shown by the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly. She noted that the gesture reflects a broader state commitment to building a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment for children.

“World Children’s Day is UNICEF’s global day of action for children, by children. Lighting up the Assembly and the High Court in blue reflects Meghalaya’s resolve to put children’s rights at the forefront,” she said.

UNICEF continues to work closely with the Government of Meghalaya and the National Health Mission to enhance maternal and newborn healthcare, strengthen routine immunization, and support frontline workers such as ASHAs, ANMs, and Anganwadi workers. These efforts aim to ensure that every child — especially those in remote and hard-to-reach areas — receives essential services and timely, life-saving information.

By leading this symbolic statewide observance, the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly has reinforced its role as a key institution advocating for children’s rights and well-being, echoing the global message that every child’s voice and future matter.