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Starlink collaboration with the State Government of Meghalaya

Shillong, April 1: Meghalaya witnessed a landmark event on 1st April, 2026 as it entered into a new era of digital connectivity for the remote and inaccessible areas in the State, through a collaboration with Starlink India. A Letter of Intent was signed today between the Government of Meghalaya and Starlink India. This collaboration seeks to explore the possibilities of providing high speed internet connectivity through the much-awaited satellite-based technology offered by Starlink.

The event was graced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Shri Conrad K. Sangma and attended by Shri. Lahkmen Rymbui, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Meghalaya, and Senior Govt. Officials.



Senior representatives from Starlink including Ms. Gwynne Shotwell, President & COO SpaceX, Ms. Lauren Dreyer, Vice President Starlink Business Operations, Mr. Prabhakar Jayakumar, Country Head, Starlink India amongst others attended the event.



Dr. Sampath Kumar, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya and Development Commissioner, welcomed the dignitaries and shared the vision of the State in leveraging technology to cater to the needs of the citizens in terms of providing quality healthcare services, better education and driving community engagement for development activities.

Ms. Gwynne Shotwell, President & COO SpaceX acknowledged the Government of Meghalaya's active involvement in taking the State forward through the use of technology. She also thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister for giving Starlink the opportunity to contribute and support the State in its quest for rapid development.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya highlighted the challenges faced by the State Government in rendering services to the citizens of Meghalaya due to unreliable internet connectivity as the region has a unique topography. Meghalaya is located in the North-eastern part of the country and any successful pilot of Starlink in this region will ensure wider acceptability of the technology. He expressed optimism that this collaboration with Starlink will usher in a new pathway for development and enhance digital connectivity in order to support key sectors such as education, healthcare, aspirational district inclusion, security and disaster management and economic development in the State. The initiative promises to bridge the digital divide, foster inclusive growth, and unlock new opportunities for communities across Meghalaya paving the way for a more connected, empowered, and future-ready society.



To initiate the collaboration a Letter of Intent was executed by Dr. Sampath Kumar, IAS, on behalf of the Government of Meghalaya and Ms. Gwynne Shotwell on behalf of Starlink India. Through this collaboration, the Government will pilot Starlink satellite based high-speed internet connectivity in the State. This marks a bold step towards ensuring that the benefits of digital technology reach every nook and corner of the State.