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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

NOTIFICATIONS

The 3rd March, 2025.

No.SYA.26/2025/2. - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the Guidelines under the Chief Minister's Football Mission.

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1) Background

Mission Football is an initiative to support the development of football in Meghalaya, a sport deep-seated in the state's identity. Released in 2017, the scheme was intended to focus on four pillars of intervention, namely:

- 1) Athlete Training and Coach Empowerment
- 2) Infrastructure Development
- 3) Support for Local Clubs/Academies
- 4) Hosting of Tournaments.

In the last 7 years, the scheme's impact is summarised below:

S. No	Component	Target as per Mission Football 1.0	Impact Achieved
1	Athlete Training and Coach Empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6600 Athletes • 1500 Coaches • 300 Referees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8000 Athletes • 200 Coaches • Over 16 Athletes from the centres representing Meghalaya at National Football Tournaments • Athletes having represented U17 India Team • Referees participating in National and International Events
2	Football Infrastructure Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 121 Grassroots Centres (110 Standard and 11 Advanced) • 8 Mini-Stadiums (Sub-divisional level) • 7 Football Stadiums 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 111 Grassroots Centres (99 Standard and 12 Advanced) • Upgradation of J.N. Stadium • Construction of P.A. Sangma Football Stadium and Wahiajer Football Complex • Over 20 Artificial Football Turfs constructed / being constructed • Two new phases of Artificial Football Turfs in planning • Planning of the Mawkhanu Football Stadium
3	Grants to Clubs and Academies	Financial Support for Organisations up to 30% of Academy Setup Cost (up to Rs. 75 Lakhs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to clubs like Shillong Lajong FC, Rangdajied United FC, and North East United FC through multiple mechanisms • Indirect support of over 500 Clubs through Meghalaya State League

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for the setup of a residential football academy by North East United FC
4	Tournaments	U-14 and U-17 Level State and District Level Tournaments Meghalaya State League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSL and Meghalaya Youth League Supported by the Department • Regular conduct of the U12 CM's Football Tournament and the Subroto Cup Qualifiers, cumulatively hosting 25,000 participants each year • Co-Hosting of the Durand Cup in 2024, with more events in planning (Indian Super League, National Football Team Matches, etc.)

Rationale for a revised Mission Football

The Government of Meghalaya, through the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs (referred to henceforth as "Department", and including the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, the State Sports Council of Meghalaya, and other departments supporting the development of football in Meghalaya) have made significant progress in the development of the sports ecosystem in the last seven years, including the release of the State Sports Policy in 2019. This has seen large investments in sports infrastructure, hosting of notable national and international events, and initiatives for elite athlete development. Meghalaya's football landscape has also seen similar development with the efforts of the Meghalaya Football Association (MFA) and new clubs functioning as stakeholders giving rise to talented players who have gone on to represent the State and the Country. Further, this foundation has given rise to the urgent need for more coaches and support staff in Meghalaya.

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has also released their vision document for 2047, with the aim to establish India as one of the powerhouses of football globally. It is the intention of the Department to ensure Meghalaya is at the forefront of this progress and cements its position as one of the most evolved ecosystems in the nation.

With these new factors dictating the evolution of football in Meghalaya and the rest of India, the Department looks to build on the impact initiated by Mission Football 1.0. By augmenting the initiatives to suit the current vision and actions in progress, it is envisioned that the Department can be the catalyst to empower the stakeholders of football in the state to promote a strong and sustainable footballing culture in Meghalaya.

2) Chief Minister's Football Mission

The Government of Meghalaya, under the aegis of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya, believes in the power of sport and its impact on the youth of the state. To harness its power into building a better future for Meghalaya, the aim of the Department is to ensure that "Football touches the life of every Meghalaya Citizen".

With this goal, the following objectives of the Chief Minister's Football Mission have been set:

- 1) To augment the existing athlete training model and build a stronger development roadmap
- 2) To support citizens of Meghalaya to gain employment within football and contribute to the development of the sport in the state.
- 3) To empower local football clubs to establish themselves on the national and international football map.
- 4) To promote the reinvigoration of Meghalaya's local football culture, and actively engage the community through football tournaments, access to infrastructure, and other events/activities.

This Document is a 5 Year Strategic Vision, not only outlining the new activities involved in this initiative, but also how the current Sports Development Initiatives of the Department support the achieving of the Mission's Objectives.

Components of the Chief Minister's Football Mission

Training of Athletes

Jobs in Football

Infrastructure Access

Football Event Structure

Local Football Club Support

Community in Football

A. Training of Athletes

The Grassroots Centres established have seen great success in creating athletes that have gone on to represent both Meghalaya and India. Further, athletes have also been able to establish themselves as professional footballers, signing contracts with famous clubs such as Shillong Lajong FC and Bengaluru FC.

Under this component, the following activities shall be explored:

1) Augmentation of Grassroots Centres

A complete audit of existing grassroots centres and advanced grassroots centres shall be conducted, including the number of regular athletes and coaches, training mechanisms, and other relevant activity at the centre. Based on this report, the Department shall augment the relevant centres to make them more accessible within the district.

The Department shall employ a management mechanism to govern the activities of the Grassroots Centres, including:

- 1) Training Objectives / Policies
- 2) Athlete Registration
- 3) Coach Performances
- 4) Centre Viability
- 5) Establishment of new centres

The Junior Coaches (Football) under the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs shall also play a large role in the administration of activities under Chief Minister's Football Mission.

The Coaches that train Grassroots Centres shall be evaluated, and incentives to upskill the coaches shall be provided as per Section 4 - Jobs in Football.

All Advanced Grassroots Centres shall have at least one female coach appointed, who would train the female athletes of the centre. For the sake of individualised attention, each Advanced Grassroots Centre shall have a maximum coach to athlete ratio of 1:20

Each Grassroots Centre shall have at least 3 sessions conducted each week, with a break of 2 weeks each in December and June. The Advanced Grassroots Centres shall have at least 4 sessions conducted each week with a 2-week break in December.

Efforts shall also be made to conduct regular inter-centre tournaments/friendly matches to build community amongst the athletes, as well as provide more exposure to competition.

By 2029, it is envisioned that at least 25,000 children shall be regularly training at the Grassroots Centres and Advanced Grassroots Centres, with at least 700 Coaches.

2) Athlete Database and Promotion Mechanisms

All Athletes under the grassroots centres shall be registered under the State Sports Repository on its release. Further, a mechanism shall be created to maintain records of each athlete's training, furnished by the respective coaches.

The Advanced Grassroots Centres, which currently has over 800 Athletes training across 12 centres, shall also have a promotion mechanism defined for the promotion of athletes into the centres in addition to the age criteria (above 12 Years). This shall include:

- a) At least 85% Attendance for training at standard grassroots centre.
- b) Satisfactory performance in training (attested by the District Jr. Coach - Football)

Every year, Athletes shall be evaluated by the coaches, based on which an athlete may further continue in the advanced centre. Athletes may continue training at advanced grassroots centres up to the age of 18 Years.

3) Club Scouting Mechanisms

The Department shall liaise with local clubs and other clubs around the world to arrange scouting days for athletes of advanced grassroots centres. Scouts/Coaches from the respective clubs shall be invited to view activities of the scouting days, which shall include training, 10-minute matches, and other activities. Clubs may further request trials of athletes should they potentially find promising athletes.

Clubs may also choose to organise their own Scouting days and other talent identification programs for which the Department shall extend support.

The Department shall further create a mechanism to ensure that athletes that are selected by clubs have the support and representation required to finalise their contracts, if any.

The Meghalaya Football Association shall also be encouraged and empowered to facilitate supporting grassroots centres' athletes above the age of 18 to sign for clubs in the state.

B. Jobs in Football

Through the Chief Minister's Football Mission, an important part of the revised objectives is to create jobs in football and in turn, create a more sustainable ecosystem for the sport. The current challenge seen in the system is that the number of coaches/support staff/administrators in football are limited, and only a handful of them are qualified/certified appropriately to undertake their tasks. The Department intends to:

- a) Spread Awareness of the Different Opportunities for jobs in football.
- b) Support the Upskilling and Empowerment of existing staff.
- c) Create more Local Opportunities for employment in football.

These activities shall be undertaken as follows:

1) Stakeholder Sessions

The Department, in collaboration with the Meghalaya Football Association, shall host sessions with athletes, their parents, and other stakeholders to speak about various opportunities for employment within football and offer initial guidance on how to pursue such opportunities. This shall include work for Physiotherapists, Masseurs, Referees, Match Commissioners, Player Agents, Sports Lawyers, and similar roles in Football. Similar sessions shall be held with coaches on upskilling, licenses and how to explore setting up entrepreneurial initiatives in football.

2) Hosting of Camps

The Department shall partner with the relevant associations/federation to host camps for upskilling of coaches and other football staff in the State. This shall include:

- a) Refresher Courses for Coaches

b) License Camps (AIFF D-License, Referee License, Match Commissioner Exam, FIFA Agent exams, etc.)

c) Football Specific Camps for Support Staff (Physiotherapists, Masseurs, Data Analysts, etc.)

The Department in collaboration with the MFA shall nominate a cohort of Meghalaya candidates to attend the program, where all expenses shall be paid for by the Department. Individuals from outside the state may also attend the programs, funding their own expenses.

3) Grant Program for Coaches and other Staff

A corpus fund shall be allocated each year in April for coaches, referees, and other staff to travel for camps and license programs outside Meghalaya. This shall be selected on an application basis evaluated based on:

a) The Applicant's experience with Football in Meghalaya (As an athlete/coach/volunteer).

b) The Program to be undertaken (Official AIFF/AFC Courses/Camps shall be given preference).

Grant amounts under the application may be complete/partial funding at the discretion of the Department based on available funding.

All recipients of grants under this program shall commit to at least 2 years of contributing to the Meghalaya football ecosystem after undertaking the program applied for. This shall be facilitated by the MFA.

4) Augmentation of Grassroots Centre Coaches' Honorarium Structure

Currently, all Grassroots Centres Coaches receive ₹ 5,000 per month (or ₹ 60,000 p.a.) and Advanced Grassroots Centres coaches receive ₹ 7,500 per month (or ₹ 90,000 p.a.).

In order to incentivize grassroots coaches to upskill and improve their standards of coaching, the structure of Grassroots Centres' Coaches honorarium shall be revised as follows:

S.No.	Qualification	Salary (p.a.)
1	No Licenses/Certifications	Rs. 90,000
2	Certifications (from Camps), No AIFF/AFC License	Rs. 1,20,000
3	AIFF D - License	Rs. 3,60,000
4	AFC C - License and above	Rs. 6,00,000

Coaches that have a NIS/LNIPE Diploma Course in coaching or a similar course recognised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports shall be eligible for an additional Rs. 1,00,000 (One Lakh only) per year.

Coaches shall be encouraged and supported in their attempts to engage in part-time jobs in the sport in addition to their part-time role with the Grassroots Centres.

5) Facilitation of Jobs

All Chief Minister's Football Mission components are geared towards enabling opportunities for trained/licensed staff to receive regular employment through the larger ecosystem. The Department shall liaise with the MFA various stakeholders of football to ensure that a network of local staff is built to facilitate opportunities for staff to access available jobs.

By 2029, it is envisioned that at least 3000 Direct Jobs and 10,000 Indirect Jobs shall be generated through this initiative.

C. Infrastructure Access

The Department has already begun significant development of Infrastructure for Football across the State.

In this year, nearly 20 Artificial Football Turfs have begun work/under tendering in different districts, with another 30 in planning. Further, upgradation of existing Grassroots Centres is in planning after their augmentation.

The J.N. Stadium, the P. A. Sangma Stadium, and the Wahiajer Stadium have already been established as Marquee Football Infrastructure across the State, ensuring Competitive Venues of National/International level for all regions of the State.

1) Grassroots Centres

Additional Grassroots Centres shall be set up in new/existing venues as deemed necessary by the Department. The Grassroots Centres shall receive additional funding for the maintenance of the infrastructure. This shall be overseen by the respective District Sports Promotion Societies (DSPS). Further, the centres shall have the following additional amenities installed:

- a) Changing Rooms (M/F)
- b) Toilets (M/F)
- c) Storage Room

The Advanced Grassroots Centres shall have additional facilities (lighting, seating) as deemed necessary.

A Total of 250 Grassroots Centres are envisioned by 2029, with 50 of them being Advanced Grassroots Centres.

2) Artificial Football Turfs

Through the Chief Minister's Football Mission, every block headquarters shall have an Artificial Football Turf by 2029. A mechanism involving the DSPS, the community heads, and the State Sports Council of Meghalaya (SSCM) shall be developed to ensure that the infrastructure are utilised effectively, maintain sustainability, and have qualified staff to take care of the facilities.

Each Artificial Turf shall have at least:

- a) FIFA Standard Artificial Field
- b) Appropriate Drainage
- c) Fencing and other Safety Setups
- d) Amenities:
 - i. Changing Rooms (M/F)

- ii. Toilets (M/F)
- iii. One Admin/Storage Room
- iv. Stands (up to 100 Seating depending on location) with scope for increase

Additional facilities (Floodlights / Medical Rooms, Stands, etc.) shall be explored and implemented on a need-basis as adjudicated by the Department.

A Total of 50 Artificial Turfs are envisioned across the State by 2029

3) Marquee Infrastructure

Large-Scale Infrastructure such as the Ampati Stadium, Adogkre Stadium, Kynshi Stadium will be completed and operationalised through a mechanism as decided by the Department. The objective of these stadiums is not just to facilitate training, but to host tournaments in different areas of the State.

The J.N. Stadium shall have a calendar of events released each year that will have a specific time of the year allocated for National/International events as coordinated by the Department. A similar mechanism shall be adopted for P.A. Sangma Stadium and Wahiajer Stadium in coordination with the local administration.

In addition to the three marquee stadiums, the New Shillong Knowledge City (Mawkhanu) shall also have a new state-of-the-art football stadium. Planning for this stadium is in progress and is expected to be completed in 2028.

4) Infrastructure Grants to Educational Institutions

The Department shall also set up a corpus fund each year to provide grants to Educational Institutions for the set up of football infrastructure (playgrounds, artificial turfs, futsal grounds). In order to avail of the grant, an institution must be:

- a) An established school/college/university/institute in operational existence for more than 5 Years.
- b) Have more than 1,000 Students enrolled in various classes.
- c) Proof of active participation/achivevements in sports (hosting of tournaments, participation in inter-school/inter-college/inter-university events)

A maximum of Rs. 2 Crore shall be permitted per grant. Institutions shall be permitted to apply for one grant at a time, the second grant only considered after completion of the first project.

In order to apply, the institution must submit:

- a) Proof of Eligibility

- b) Detailed Project Report (attested by a Civil Engineer).
- c) Proof of ownership/lease agreement of land.

All grants shall be approved and disbursed as per Departmental norms. Further, the following Terms and Conditions shall be followed:


- i) The Institution bears all responsibility for the planning, development, and construction of the infrastructure as per safety standards. The Department shall not be held liable for any consequences as a result of the construction and setup process.
- ii) The Institution shall commit to ensuring that the infrastructure is available for public use after school hours, and shall facilitate the maintenance, security, and management of the facility.
- iii) Upon request, the Department reserves the right to use the infrastructure for any tournaments or sports/youth related events organised by the Department.

D. Football Events Structure

The Department shall coordinate with the MFA to release an event calendar each year. All activities shall be under the following levels of sport:

- 1) Grassroots: Under 12 Years and below (Or Amateur Open-Age/Community Tournaments)
- 2) Intermediate: Under 12 - Under 18 Years
- 3) Elite: 18+ Years

Through this initiative, the following structure shall be set up:

	Organised by Government	Organised by Stakeholders
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Meghalaya Games (run by MFA, MSOA, and Department) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Meghalaya State League (run by MFA) ▶ Invitational Tournaments (run by Clubs/Associations/Army)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Advanced Grassroots Centres Tournament (run by Directorate) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Meghalaya Youth League (run by MFA) ▶ College Level Tournaments (run by educational institutions)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ U-12 Football District and State Meet (run by DSOs and Directorate) ▶ Grassroots Centres Tournaments (run by DSOs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Community Tournaments - Inter Mahari, etc. (run by respective organisations) ▶ School Level Tournaments (run by educational institutions) ▶ Baby Leagues (run by MFA)

The Department shall further provide grants for tournaments held by other stakeholders on an application basis. The following eligibility criteria shall be set for applicant tournaments:

- Must be recognised by the MFA/done in partnership with the MFA
- Must include matches for both male and female teams
- Must be organised in line with AIFF Guidelines, for Conduct of a Football Tournament.
- Must include other sources of funding for sustainability

The Department shall also establish a mechanism for I-League / ISL / National Team matches to be held regularly in the state as competitive / non-competitive fixtures in coordination with the relevant stakeholders.

E. Local Football Club Support

Local professional football clubs have been a key factor in the preservation of Meghalaya's football culture and have brought great pride to the state. This includes the likes of Shillong Lajong FC Rangdajied United FC, and Royal Wahingdoh FC.

Supporting the financial sustainability of these football clubs is important due to their multifaceted benefits to the community. The clubs stimulate the local economy by creating jobs, boosting tourism, and generating business for local services on game days. In order to accomplish this, the Department intends to facilitate funding for local football clubs and engage with the clubs in their development.

As an extension of the Chief Minister's Football Mission, this scheme shall state the mechanism under which clubs may apply for funding, as well as define the terms and conditions of governance.

1) Eligibility

The Scheme shall follow three mechanisms of disbursement based on the level of competition that the clubs compete:

- a) Elite Clubs
- b) Intermediate Clubs
- c) Grassroots/Intermediate Clubs

Each Financial Year, a club shall apply under one mechanism. The Summary of the Mechanisms are defined below:

S.No.	Club Level	Maximum Funding per Application
1	Elite Clubs (Maximum 1 Club per year)	Up to Rs. 3 Cr.
2	Intermediate Clubs (Maximum 2 Clubs per Year)	Up to Rs. 50 Lakh
3	Grassroots Clubs (Maximum number based on available budget for the year)	Up to Rs. 10 Lakh

a) Elite Level Clubs (Minimum Qualification):

i. Clubs registered from Meghalaya with the registered football federation of India (AIFF).

ii. Clubs participating in:

- a. Indian Super League
- b. Indian Women's League
- c. I-League

iii. Clubs with at least 15 Meghalaya Residents registered as Full-Time Contracted Players (or 60% of the total squad, whichever is higher).

- iv. Clubs with at least one Meghalaya resident appointed as a high-ranking decision maker (Chairman, Managing Director, CEO).
- b) intermediate Clubs (Minimum Qualification)
 - I. Clubs registered from Meghalaya with the AIFF
 - ii. Clubs participating in the
 - a. I-League Div 2
 - b. I-League Div 3
 - iii. Clubs with at least 15 Meghalaya Residents registered as First-Team Players (or 60% of the total squad, whichever is higher)
 - iv. Clubs with at least one Meghalaya resident appointed as a high-ranking decision maker (Chairman, Managing Director, CEO).
- c) Grassroots Clubs (Minimum Qualification):
 - i. Clubs registered with the Meghalaya Football Association (MFA) or with affiliated units of MFA for a period of more than three years.
 - ii. Clubs with both male and female registered teams

2) Support Mechanism

Interested Clubs shall apply for grants under scheme by submitting the following documentation to the Director, Sports and Youth Affairs:

- a. Club Profile
- b. Registration of the Club
- c. Proof of all Eligibility Criteria
- d. Summary of Activity undertaken by the Club

An Online Form shall be released by the Department to facilitate applications.

Funding for clubs shall be provided as per the amounts defined above. This shall be adjudicated each year by the Department as per standard grant approval protocols. The value of the Grant shall be based on:

- a. Club's league of competition.
- b. Community football development activities undertaken by the Club.
- c. Availability of Budget.

Further, the Department may choose to divide the grant into two components:

- a. Direct Grant to the Club.

The Department may provide a direct grant to the Club in two tranches, 75% on approval of the grant amount, and 25% on submission of a detailed activity report to the Department on the use of funds.

- b. Facilitation of Sponsorships.

The Department may also support the club in reaching out to potential sponsors in the form of introductions. A minimum amount under this component shall be guaranteed by the Department to the club. In case the minimum amount of funding is not reached within six months of the commitment, the Department shall provide the remaining funds to the club in the form of a Grant.

For Example, If ₹ 50 Lakhs is the minimum amount committed to a club under this component, and Rs. 30 Lakhs are received through Sponsorships within six months, the remaining ₹ 20 Lakhs shall be provided by the Department.

3) Responsibilities of the Beneficiary Clubs

In turn, the clubs agree to adhere to terms and conditions set forth by Department that are designed to support the growth and popularity of football in the state. This shall include engaging in activities that promote the sport at the grassroots level and investing in long-term development programs. This shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Conducting Yearly State-wide trials to select talented athletes from Meghalaya for professional contracts.
- b. Conducting Coach Refresher Courses for Coaches training athletes at Grassroots Centres (for Elite and Intermediate Clubs).
- c. Regular coordination with the local Dorbar Shnongs / Nokmas of the region to organise Play-for-fun tournaments and match screenings.
- d. Supporting the Department in the promotion/implementation of initiatives, as mutually agreed
- e. Submitting an Audited Financial Report and detailed Activity Report to the Department, on which the second instalment of the grant shall be released.

Further, a Monitoring and Advisory Committee shall be set up under the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs to oversee the activities of beneficiary clubs, ensuring that the funds are utilised in the best way possible. The committee shall consist of the following members:

S No	Designation	Role
1	Director, Sports and Youth Affairs	Chairperson
2	Senior-most Assistant Director, Sports and Youth Affairs	Member
3	Sports Officer (HQ), Sports and Youth Affairs	Member Secretary
4	President, Meghalaya Football Association	Member
5	Any other member as deemed relevant by Chairperson	Member

The Committee shall convene one-on-one meetings with the Elite clubs benefiting from the scheme every three months for focused discussions on their activities. The committee shall also offer recommendations based on the activities for the benefit of the club. Clubs shall not be obligated to follow the said recommendations but shall be encouraged to engage with the committee to explore solutions.

The Committee shall submit its reviews of the beneficiary club activities to the Department for Future Reference and Documentation purposes.

4) Terms and Conditions:

- a. At any point during the financial year that the grant is provided, should a club fail to meet the eligibility criteria highlighted, the Department reserves the right to terminate the grant with no liability to any agency, officer, or Department of the Department of Meghalaya.
- b. Clubs receiving grants under this scheme may also apply for the "Tourism Promotion through Support of Football Clubs" Framework under Meghalaya Tourism.
- c. All Grants under this scheme must be used for the benefit of the club. Use of funds for any other purpose shall result in a termination of the grant, and legal action as per the laws of Meghalaya.

5) Grants for Football Academies:

A One-Time Grant of up to ₹ 75 Lakhs shall be provided to a maximum of two shortlisted Academies each year on submission of proposals to the Department. An Online Form shall be released by the Department to facilitate applications.

The qualification (as well as the amount of funding) shall be decided by the Department on the following factors:

- a. Location of Academy
- b. Operations Plan
- c. Financial Sustainability Plan

A higher quantum of funding may be considered for exceptional projects as deemed by the Department.

F. Community in Football

The core objectives of the Chief Minister's Football Mission can only be achieved by ensuring a strong and vibrant football culture within the community. The Department shall work with the various stakeholders to re-invigorate the existing culture of football amongst the community and inculcate the culture and the values of football in the youth of the state.

1) Facilitation of Community Viewing Experiences

The Department shall coordinate with Dorbar Shnongs/Nokmas, and local clubs/associations during any important matches (Meghalaya State Football Team Matches, Important matches of local clubs, etc.) to screen the matches within their respective communities.

Funds shall also be allocated and considered for Fan Parks hosted in Shillong and Tura for international tournaments (World Cup, Euros, Copa America) when feasible.

2) Football in Schools

Coaches from the Grassroots Centres shall additionally be deployed in schools to facilitate play-for-fun football training and matches, in collaboration with the Department of Education.

Scholarships for students shall also be facilitated for students interested in studying further for Football Administration / Football Management Courses. An application form shall be created to facilitate the process, with a minimum eligibility criteria released alongside.

Further, schools shall be provided with up to 10% of all tickets allocated for local tournaments supported by the Department under this scheme.

3) Football for Development

The Department shall set up a mechanism for grants to non-profits that look to address social issues through football. The terms and conditions for this mechanism shall be notified separately.

4) Women in Football

In addition to the mandates set out in the document, regular activities to encourage girls/women to participate in the football ecosystem shall be organised. This shall include:

- a) Open days for girls at all Grassroots Centres
- b) Grants for Schools/Colleges to promote women's football in their institution (Tournaments/Hiring of Coaches/Interactive Sessions/Camps)
- c) Special Consideration for female applications for individual grants
- d) Regular Promotion of Women's Football in Meghalaya from across the world (including Dorbar Shnong/Nokma viewings of Women's Football matches)

Further, the Department shall also organise focus groups in collaboration with MFA where women already participating in football shall be encouraged to speak up on best practices that would help incorporate female-friendly considerations to keep in mind with day-to-day training of female athletes.

4) Mechanisms to-Support Chief Minister's Football Mission

The following mechanisms shall be explored by the Department to support the activities mentioned in this document:

- 1) Collaboration with the AIFF
 - a. Signing of MoU with AIFF regarding:
 - i. Coach and Referee Empowerment Programs
 - ii. Support in Organisation of Tournaments at State Level (especially Women's State League)
 - iii. Football Infrastructure Audit and Certification
 - 2) Continued Empowerment of Meghalaya Football Association (MFA)
 - a. Supporting MFA to publicly release a yearly Action Plan in discussion with the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs
 - b. Support MFA in accessing FIFA Development Fund through AIFF
 - 3) Collaborations with National Clubs/Franchises/Soccer Schools
 - a. Support in training at Grassroots Centres
 - b. Scouting of Athletes at Advanced Grassroots Centres
 - c. Organisation of independent trials/tournaments for the benefit of Meghalaya Athletes (partially supported by the Department)
 - d. Setup of Residential/Non-Residential Academies through Land Grants, financial support, etc.

- 4) Support of Football-related Entrepreneurs
 - a. Recommendations by Directorate for football related applications under CM-Elevate
 - b. Special Funding for local businesses focusing fully/partially on football (Equipment Manufacture, Sports Science, Digital enablement mechanisms, etc.)
 - c. Hosting of Investment Meets through Investment Authority of Meghalaya (IAM) to fund existing Start-Ups/Clubs
 - d. Support of Franchise-based Leagues
- 5) Empowerment of DSPS
 - a. The DSPS shall be directed under the aegis of the Directorate to undertake various tasks under this Chief Minister's Football Mission, as well as support in the monitoring and development of the initiatives.
 - b. The DSPS shall also be responsible for the coordination with the Dorbar Shnongs/Nokmas and other community administrations to facilitate ground level implementation of the state.

5) Governance

- 1) All governance of the Chief Minister's Football Mission shall be undertaken by a High-Powered Committee. The Committee shall include the following members:

S.No	Designation	Role
1	Senior-most Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs	Chairperson
2	Secretary (or second most senior Secretary), Sports and Youth Affairs	Member
3	Finance and Accounts Officer, Sports and Youth Affairs	Member
4	Director, Sports and Youth Affairs	Member Secretary

- 2) Further, the High-Powered Committee may nominate/invite other members temporarily on the approval of the Chairperson.
- 3) The Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, on the approval of the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, may choose to nominate/appoint/hire staff to support the implementation of activities under the scheme at their discretion, as well as request inter-departmental coordination (with Departments such as Education, Social Welfare, etc.).
- 4) The Chief Minister's Football Mission and its activities shall be allocated under a new budget head from the Financial Year 2025-26. The Department shall release a budget for the current year (2024-25), as well as highlight the activities achievable this year, and request for grants according to Meghalaya Financial Protocols.
- 5) Activities of Infrastructure Development shall remain a part of existing Department Budgetary Planning.

- 6) The senior-most Secretary of the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs shall decide the total budget of Chief Minister's Football Mission each year keeping in mind the commitments made under this document and the availability of funds under the Department.
- 7) Further, the Director, Sports and Youth Affairs may draw a corpus fund from the allocated budget once every quarter to ensure timely support of programs and activities under the scheme.
- 8) For all Grants, the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs reserves the right to set a maximum number of applications considered each financial year, based on the budget available for the initiative. In such a case, applications shall be considered on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- 9) The Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs reserves the right to reject applications at their discretion. Further, the Directorate may also afford relaxations to any eligibility criteria for applications on the recommendation of the High-Powered Committee.
- 10) On the recommendations of the High-Powered Committee, the guidelines of the Chief Minister's Football Mission, or any terms/conditions within its initiatives, may be modified and updated from time to time.

The 3rd June, 2025.

No.TPT.139/2018/Pt./68. - In exercise of the powers conferred by Clauses (c), (e), (i), and (k) Sub-section (3) of Section 67, of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (as amended) with a view to reducing vehicular pollution and promotion of modern, safer vehicles, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify that no vehicle exceeding 15 years from the date of its original registration from any other State/UT shall be eligible for re-registration in Meghalaya except:

1. Vehicles classified as "Vintage" under Rule 48(3) of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 (as amended).
2. Vehicles owned by Central/State Governments for official use with immediate effect until further orders.

SANJAY GOYAL,
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Transport Department.

The 16th May, 2025.

No.DC.VII/GenI/154/2024-2025/152. - Under the Provision of Section 3 and 4 of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills (Christian Marriage) Act, 1954 (Act No. 11 of 1954) *read* with Section 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council is pleased to grant License to **Rev. Shemphang Warjri** belonging to the Ri-Bhoi Presbyterian Synod authorizing him to grant Certificate(s) of Marriage or Marriages between person(s) both of whom are Christian living within the jurisdiction of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, subject however, to revocation at any time as may be notified.

D. G. SYIEMIONG,

Secretary to the Executive Committee,
Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council,
Shillong.

The 16th May, 2025.

No.DC.VII/GenI/136/2024-2025/18. - Under the Provision of Section 3 and 4 of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills (Christian Marriage) Act, 1954 (Act No. 11 of 1954) *read* with Section 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council is pleased to grant License to the following persons belonging to the Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian Synod Pdeng authorizing each to grant Certificate(s) of Marriage or Marriages between person(s) both of whom are Christian living within the jurisdiction of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, subject however, to revocation at any time as may be notified.

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1. Rev. Dony Dohling, Laitumkhras Presbytery
2. Rev. Samkumar Swer, Laitumkhras Presbytery
3. Rev. Dalington Nongrumjang, Mawkynrew Presbytery
4. Rev. Baniaraplang Khar-ir, Shillong Sepngi Presbytery
5. Pro. Pastor Baniamutlang Tangsong, Shillong Sepngi Presbytery.

D. G. SYIEMIONG,

Secretary to the Executive Committee,
Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council,
Shillong.

The 15th May, 2025.

No.GHADC-GAD/EMBB-L 2021/823/2023/1031. - In partial modification of the Notification Dated Tura the 21st September, 2023 *vide* No.GHADC-GAD/EMBB-L 2021/823/2023/336 and in exercise of the power conferred to the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council for areas excluding Municipal areas/Scheme areas under the provision of the Sub-Section (1) of Section 2 of the Meghalaya Town and Country Planning Act, 1973 as Amended (Assam Town Planning Act, 1959 as adopted by Meghalaya) and in pursuance of the Notification Dated Shillong the 1st February, 2019 *vide* No.UAU.73/2016/Pt.I/59 notifying to implement the Meghalaya Building Bye Laws 2011 as amended by the Urban Affairs Department, Government of Meghalaya, any individual/firm/agency desirous for applying Building Permission in the areas outside Municipal limits may approach the Building Regulatory and Development Authority, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council for obtaining their sanction of building permission, occupancy certificates etc.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect.

Secretary,
to the Executive Committee,
Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura.