

Minutes of the Meeting of the Meghalaya State Planning Board held on the 16th December, 2025 in the Conference Hall of the Meghalaya Main Secretariat, Shillong.

Members Present are as per Annexure - A

Shri A. T. Mondal, MLA, Chairman of the Meghalaya State Planning Board welcomed all members present in the meeting and stated that the meeting was convened to review the suggestions and outcomes of the previous meetings of the Board. This is to enable the Board to close down the pending issues. Urban Affairs was called to make a Power Point Presentation on the Action Taken of the previous suggestions made by the Board.

Urban Affairs Department:

The Urban Affairs Department presented the following Action Taken Report on traffic congestion in Shillong City:

- **Public Transportation** The Department informed that a total of 259 SPTS buses were received earlier (120 during 2010–2011 and 139 during 2015–2016). At present, only 90 buses are operational in the city, as many have been disposed of due to old age and mechanical problems.

The current status of Shillong's public transportation includes the procurement of 35 AC diesel buses, of which six have been allocated to MTDC for tourism and the remaining are with the dealer. Additionally, 50 electric buses are being procured under the PM E-Bus Sewa scheme. Four routes have been identified for pilot operations, and tenders have been floated for bus operations. A third-party agency is in the process of being onboarded for ticket collection, while supporting infrastructure such as a charging station and parking bays at NST is under development and construction.

- **Gross Cost Contract:** The Department stated that it has shifted from a Least Cost Contract system where operators determined rates to a Gross Cost Contract system. Under the new system, routes and rates are fixed by the authorities and any profit or loss is borne by the Government. No guidelines have been issued by the Ministry.
- **Routes identified:** Four routes have been identified in consultation with the private operators and MUDA viz.,
 - i. ISBT - Mawlai – IGP – Polo – Mawroh – ISBT (Distance covered – 24.2)
 - ii. ISBT – Anjalee – Polo – Mawroh – ISBT (Distance covered – 12)
 - iii. Upper Shillong – NEIGRIHMS (Distance covered – 23)
 - iv. Smit – Nongthymmai – Laitumkhrah – Police Bazaar – Garikhana – Rhino - Laitumkhrah - Smit (Distance covered – 56 Km)
- **Installation of GPS Devices:** The Department informed there are 50 Nos of buses with active GPS, 16 nos of buses fitted with GPS devices but no data location, 24 nos. of buses

fitted with GPS devices and yet to link with server and 15 nos. of buses that are yet to be fitted with GPS.

Status of On-street parking till date: The Department briefed the Board on the On-Street Parking Scheme, under which parking fees are collected at 58 locations using Electronic Ticketing Machines through Zonal Task Forces. Seven Zonal Task Forces have been constituted in the Greater Shillong Planning Area, with 60 ETMs deployed, of which 58 are operational. The city requires 218 ETMs, indicating a shortfall of about 160 machines that are proposed to be procured. The scheme is being implemented in collaboration with Dorbar Shnongs, who will nominate volunteers to operate the ETMs and be paid from collections at prescribed rates. The Department estimates a requirement of 4,226 parking slots across the city and plans to distribute 160+ ETMs in 2026 to generate local youth, while ZTFs continue identifying new parking spaces. Information on the operationalization of the proposed multi-level car park near the Additional Secretariat will be provided later.

- Shri F R Kharkongor, IAS, Principal Secretary and Member Secretary, State Planning Board enquired about the operationalization of the multi-level car park near the Additional Secretariat proposed for completion by 15th August, 2025. The Department responded that the information is presently not available and will be furnished at a later date.
- **Grant in aid scheme for off-street parking:** The scheme aims to address Shillong's acute parking shortage and reduce traffic congestion by promoting the development of off-street parking on private and community land. It provides one-time capital grants for surface, stacked, and automated parking, with defined minimum capacities and a 75:25 revenue-sharing arrangement between landowners and the Urban Affairs Department. Grants are released in phases, while landowners are responsible for operation and maintenance for five years. Eligible land must be dispute-free, accessible, and located within the Greater Shillong Planning Area. The Department has received 13 applications, which are under examination, with implementation expected by 2026.

Suggestions and Observations

Shri Ollan Singh Suin, MLA and Co-Chairman, MSPB, enquired about the annual revenue generated by the Department through the Shillong Public Transport System (SPTS). The Department responded that the information is presently not available and a detailed report will be submitted subsequently.

Shri Donkumar War, Co- Chairman, MSPB, enquired about the status of procurement of new buses. The Department informed that 35 buses have been procured so far. However, no information is available regarding the remaining 50 buses pending with the Ministry for their transfer to Meghalaya. The Co-Chairman suggested that procurement of smaller buses would be more effective in reducing traffic congestion in the city; however, since procurement has already been undertaken, the matter was noted.

The Chairman, MSPB suggested the Department on the following:

- To furnish details of the SPTS buses.
- Not to allow private operators of SPTS buses to change routes on profit motive as it causes lot of inconveniences to the commuters.
- To have charging stations in all end points.
- To provide a break- up of all buses. Functional and non functional and revenues generated after auctioning.
- To furnish details of all parking projects to the Board.
- Urban Affairs Department to closely coordinate with Public Works Department for small subways.

Shri John F Kharshiing, Co-chairman, MSPB suggested the following:

- The Department was requested to provide details on the GPS-enabled system and how it would address issues relating to buses.
- He suggested that the Urban Affairs Department to coordinate with the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) to obtain a bird's-eye view of traffic congestion points across the city.
- He suggested holding a detailed discussion on the status of implementation of the building bye-laws and sought the views of the Urban Affairs Department on the preparation of a city master plan to identify short-term and long-term solutions to traffic congestion. He further recommended engaging with Village Headmen regarding the unregulated opening of shops and enquired whether the Urban Affairs Department has initiated consultations with the Dorbar Shnongs and the District Councils, who are also responsible for enforcing the building bye-laws.

In response, the Department clarified that under the new system, all newly introduced buses will be GPS-enabled, will operate only on fixed routes, will not operate on a profit motive and any operational losses incurred by operators will be offset. The buses will be centrally monitored through the ICCC at NST which is currently functional. With the new system each bus stop will have fixed arrival and departure times.

The Chairman, MSPB, enquired whether the Urban Affairs Department has undertaken comprehensive mapping of traffic issues, engaged consultants, or explored alternative measures such as traffic diversion and market clearance strategies. The Chairman requested the Urban Affairs Department to present a concrete action plan to address these issues in the next meeting.

Home (Police Department)

The Superintendent of Police (Traffic), Shillong, presented the Action Taken Report on traffic congestion in Shillong City. The Department informed that 349 CCTV cameras have been installed at 99 locations, and the Traffic Control Room has been shifted to the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC), Umsawli. While traffic violations are currently monitored manually, automatic detection is expected to commence within 2–3 months. Additionally,

ANPR/SVD cameras have been installed at 10 locations under the Smart City Project, with 20 more in progress. Traffic management is currently handled by 400 Home Guards and 139 police personnel across 178 traffic points for over two lakh vehicles daily, with recruitment underway to ease manpower shortages. Ongoing road construction at Upper Shillong continues to impact traffic flow, and efforts are being made to regulate on-road parking.

Zonal Task Forces have been constituted for all seven traffic branches of Shillong Traffic Police in coordination with the District Administration, Urban Affairs Department, and PWD, focusing on congestion, parking, and encroachment. The Meghalaya Parking Policy for Urban Areas, 2025, has been introduced to provide a framework for parking reforms and urban decongestion. Pedestrianisation of Police Bazar is under process, with hawkers relocated and vehicular restrictions being implemented. The Department stated that the odd-even system was ineffective and suggested mandating parking availability declarations for vehicle buyers. Surveys have been conducted in congested areas, Face-to-Face Traffic Guidance Systems introduced, coordination with the Transport Department undertaken, and additional manpower will be deployed.

Road safety awareness programmes and free medical check-ups have been conducted for drivers, students, police personnel, and the general public. Enforcement of the Motor Vehicles Act detected 32,708 violations from January 2024 to the third quarter of 2025, with ₹2.89 crore collected in fines. Members emphasized closer monitoring of night-time driving, improper use of headlights, and noisy modified vehicles, early operationalization of the ICCC, a study visit to Hyderabad to examine centralized traffic management systems, joint inter-departmental meetings, and a structured training programme for Home Guards.

Transport Department:

The Secretary, Transport Department, Government of Meghalaya, presented the Action Taken Report on traffic congestion in Shillong City. The Department informed that private vehicle ownership in East Khasi Hills is increasing at an unsustainable rate, with approximately 17,000–20,000 two-wheelers and 12,000 four-wheelers being added annually, while road capacity remains unchanged, resulting in worsening congestion. To address this, an integrated strategy has been adopted focusing on fleet regulation and modernization, expansion of regional public transport, and digital reorganization of taxi operations.

As part of fleet regulation, registration of vehicles older than 15 years registered outside the State has been proposed to be disallowed. The Meghalaya Vehicle Scrapping Policy, 2025, has been notified, under which Government vehicles older than 15 years and private vehicles older than 30 years, subject to fitness conditions, will be scrapped. Proposals have been submitted to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for establishing a Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility between Byrnihat and Umiam, with another proposed at Umsning, subject to MeECL approval. An Automatic Testing Station at Sawlad has been sanctioned, civil works completed, and commissioning awaits supply of equipment. Coordination with MSTC is underway for disposal of condemned vehicles, and approval from the Central Government is awaited for establishing a Regional Driving Training Centre in New Shillong.

To expand public transport, the Chief Minister's Regional Transport Scheme under the CM Elevate Programme has been introduced to operate on 45 identified routes, monitored through a mobile application by the Meghalaya Transport Corporation, with the objective of reducing private vehicle usage and ensuring timely travel. The Meghalaya Mobility App has been launched to integrate taxi and bike services, with MTC buses to be added subsequently. Members suggested exploring two-wheeler and cycle tracks, introducing a digital parking management system, developing a comprehensive traffic management plan including adoption of Hyderabad's traffic system, and convening a meeting of all key stakeholders including the ICCC.

The Department clarified that the proposal to restrict vehicle registration based on parking availability is no longer under consideration. Regarding scrapping facilities in Garo Hills, while provisions exist for private participation, no proposals have been received; Metals Scrap Trading Corporation (MSTC) will collect vehicles from any location once engaged. The Chairman emphasized the Government's commitment, particularly that of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, to address traffic congestion and ensure timely implementation of these initiatives.

Public Health Engineering Department:

The Department informed that action has been taken in accordance with the suggestions of the previous meetings. All executive engineers have been onboarded onto the "Call before you dig" platform. Further, with regards to the shifting of utilities, the matter has been duly communicated to NHIDCL for necessary action and coordination.

Education Department:

The Department reported that the NTA CUET (UG) Examination 2025 was conducted in three phases: Phase I (13th–16th May), Phase II (19th–26th May), and Phase III (2nd–3rd June), with 15,447 candidates allotted and 9,955 appearing. Other NTA examinations conducted in 2025 included JEE (Main), CUET-PG, NCET, and NEET. JEE (Main) was held in two sessions with 448 and 658 candidates allotted, and 358 and 540 appearing, respectively. CUET-PG was conducted from 13 March to 1 April, NCET on 28–29 April, and NEET on 4 May as a paper-based OMR test.

The State currently has nine computer-based test centres providing over 800 systems. Additionally, 17 institutions offered over 500 systems, currently under vetting by NTA/TCS. Proposals are underway to establish a Multimedia and Cloud Computing Lab at Shillong Polytechnic (50 systems), a Computer Test Centre at Shillong Government College of Engineering (initially 100 systems, expandable to 500), and Government Computer Test Centres with 100 systems per centre, two per district, total to an approximately 2,400 systems.

Concerns were raised regarding a secondary school in North Garo Hills with only four teachers attending and salaries paid by villagers, and the Department was advised to submit details to the Director, DHTE. The Meghalaya Education Grant (MEG) is under consultation, and scholarship issues have been resolved. NEP 2020 requires substantial support and the Chairman advised that it should be discussed in a separate meeting.

Regarding the National Achievement Survey (NAS/PARAKH), the Department noted that Meghalaya's Performance Grading Index (PGI) performance was reviewed, with PARAKH identified as a key determinant. Weekly UDISE data reviews revealed underreported or inaccurate data. Interventions under DSEL, including infrastructure and academic support, are being aligned with PGI parameters, with corrective measures under implementation to improve PARAKH 2027 outcomes.

The secondary-level dropout rate stands at 17.4%. Interventions under Samagra Shiksha 3.0 will focus on reducing dropouts and strengthening secondary education. Under the Project Approval Board (PAB) 2025–26, solar lighting has been approved for 521 elementary and 21 secondary schools, with proposals for toilets in schools lacking functional facilities. A Teacher Training Academy will soon be established to address teacher capacity.

The rationalisation of over 755 schools has been approved to address multiple grant-in-aid schemes and overlapping campuses, and consolidation of multiple School Management Committees (SMCs) into one per school is expected to improve governance and PGI performance. MeghSIMS has digitized teacher attendance, midday meal monitoring, and salary disbursement, enhancing transparency. Recruitment in deficit schools has begun under the Roster Reservation Policy. Recruitment of 28 Assistant Teachers and 33 Assistant Lecturers is underway, to be conducted by the Meghalaya Education Recruitment Board, with examinations scheduled for January–February 2026 and proposed centres at Shillong and Tura Public Schools, with Jowai considered if required.

In terms of quality of education, the Learning Outcomes and Teacher Education & Training domains scored 31.6/240 and 38.2/100 respectively in 2024, indicating the need for focused improvement by PRS 2027. PARAKH 2024 reflects a shift to competency-based assessment, with item banks and research personnel provided for operational support. The Department emphasized safeguards against malpractice, timely communication of syllabi, centralized evaluation, uniform quality standards, and clear dissemination of initiatives to teachers. Assessment frameworks for foundational stages have been notified, with frameworks for Classes 3–12 under development. Challenges remain in providing annual teacher training due to resource constraints, though online methods are being explored.

Concerns were noted regarding dropout rates, curriculum load, shortage of qualified physical education teachers, and implementation of the Meghalaya Sports Policy, 2019. A separate meeting will be convened to discuss NEP 2020 and related education matters, and the Department has been directed to submit decisions already taken. Additionally, delays in teachers' pensionary benefits were highlighted, with digitization of records recommended to improve efficiency.

Public Works Department

I. NH Division

The Executive Engineer, PWD, NH Division informed the Board about a proposed intermediate-lane road from 4th Mile, Upper Shillong to Lawsohtun, with a total length of 3.1 Km and an estimated cost of ₹53.00 crore. The project aims to decongest Shillong City by diverting tourist traffic directly to the Lower Terminal Point (LTP) of the proposed ropeway

project. The road will have a 5.5 m wide carriageway with a Right of Way (ROW) of 12.00 m. In accordance with earlier directions of the Board, the project includes a 3.00 m wide cycling track and a 2.00 m wide footpath-cum-utility duct to promote eco-friendly transport. The forest clearance proposal has been submitted and is at an advanced stage of processing, and the delay in implementation is mainly due to the pending clearance. Afforestation-related issues are being pursued with the Forest Department, and the landowners who are willing to hand over the land have been identified. Upon receipt of the forest clearance, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be processed within one to two months. The project has not yet been sanctioned.

II. Shillong By-Pass Division

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Shillong By-Pass Division presented the status of road projects connecting the New Shillong Township (NST).

Completed and Ongoing Works:

Completed works include the widening of the Shillong–Diengpasoh Road (Km 14.00 to Km 21.20) and construction of the Kyn-ton–Lynkien Road. Ongoing works include the Lumshyiap (Bellafonte)–Umsawli via Mawpat road (40% physical progress), Bribah Mawpat–Umsawli road (85% physical progress, targeted for completion by March 2026), West Corridor NST (Mawpat)–VIP Airport Road, Nongkohlew (10% physical progress), and the Mawlynrei–Shillong–Diengpasoh Road (50% physical progress).

Proposed Works and DPR Status:

DPRs have been submitted for the Lumdiengsai–NH-06 (Umsohlang Bridge) road and the Mawshabuit–Mawlynrei road, the latter facing land-related issues which are being pursued with the Gorkha Training Centre (GTC). The DPR for the Mawdiangdiang–Lumdiengsai road is under process. For the Sohryngkham–Mawshabuit road, consent has been received from the Village Dorbar, and a feasibility survey is proposed to be undertaken in 2026. The Chairman, MSPB directed the department to submit para-wise Action Taken Reports (ATR) on decisions taken in previous Board meetings.

III. Shillong Central Division

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Shillong Central Division presented updates on projects aimed at decongesting Shillong City.

Ongoing Works:

Projects nearing completion include the link road behind the NEFA Secretariat, the Rilbong–Umshyrpi link road including bridge, and improvement and beautification works at J.N. Complex, Polo, all of which have achieved approximately 85% physical progress. Forest clearance is pending for the J.N. Complex project. Construction of the Lumshyiap (Bellafonte)–Fuller Ride Road at Mawroh will commence after receipt of the No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Syiem, Hima Myllem.

Proposed Works:

Proposed projects include a road from Galleria Anjalee Cinema Point to Butcher Road, for which NOC from Defence authorities is required; construction of a bridge from Evelyne Ride Road to Umpling (Dong Sharum), which has been proposed to the World Bank and for which initial Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) meetings have been initiated; construction of a double-lane road from Laitkor to Lumpyngngad/Malki, pending joint inspection with the Forest Department; and improvement of the Law-U-Sib–Lapalang junction, where landowners have sought additional time to convey consent.

The Chairman advised that the Department should also place alternative and innovative traffic decongestion measures before the Board in future meetings.

NHIDCL

The NHIDCL representative apprised the Board about the proposed flyover from Mahavira Park to Anjali Point and Barik Point, highlighting alignment-related and other issues. The Chairman suggested that these matters be taken up for detailed discussion in a future Board meeting.



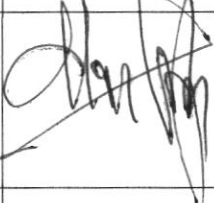



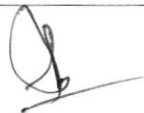

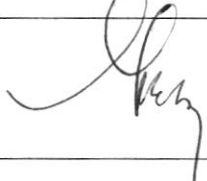


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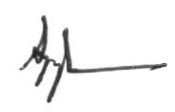
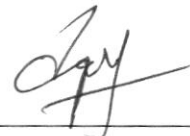
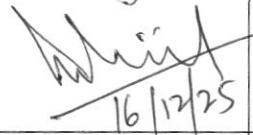
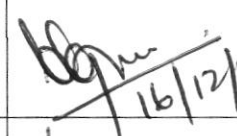



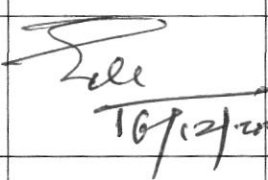
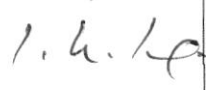
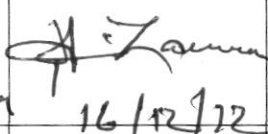










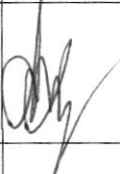





(Shri A.T. Mondal)

Chairman,
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**LIST OF OFFICERS/MEMBERS PRESENT IN THE MEETING OF THE MEGHALAYA STATE
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Dated Shillong, the 4th February, 2026.

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