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Meghalaya Crowned Champions with Emphatic 110-Run Win Over Nagaland in NECDC 2025 Final

Meghalaya emerged as the champions of the **3rd NECDC Senior Men's Interstate Friendship Tournament 2025**, securing a convincing **110-run victory** over Nagaland in the final held at the **Sovima Cricket Ground**, Dimapur. The win was powered by strong contributions from both bat and ball, with **Abhishek Kumar** delivering a match-winning performance.

1st Innings – Meghalaya: 230/7 in 50.0 Overs

Winning the toss and opting to bat, Meghalaya built a competitive total of **230/7 in 50 overs**. The innings was anchored by **Arpit Bhatewara**, who played a composed knock of **72 off 113 balls**, while **Jaskirat** provided crucial momentum with a brisk **55 off 57 balls**.

Nagaland's bowling was led by **Imliwati**, who claimed **4/44 in 10 overs**, supported by **Neizekho Rupreo**, who bowled a tight spell of **2/49 in his full quota**.

2nd Innings – Nagaland: 120/10 in 34.3 Overs

Chasing 231 for victory, Nagaland struggled against Meghalaya's disciplined bowling attack and were bowled out for 120 in 34.3 overs. Hopongkyu Sangtam (28) and Imliwati (27) offered some resistance, but the team was unable to forge lasting partnerships.

Meghalaya's Abhishek Kumar was the standout performer, taking 4 wickets for just 23 runs in 7.3 overs, breaking the back of the Nagaland batting lineup. He was ably supported by Manish Sharma, who chipped in with 3/31 in 8 overs.

Match Summary:

- **Tournament Stage:** Final
- **Date:** May 15, 2025
- **Time:** 12:30 PM
- **Venue:** Sovima Cricket Ground, Dimapur
- **Result:** Meghalaya won by 110 runs
- **Player of the Match:** Abhishek Kumar (Meghalaya)

With this dominant win, Meghalaya clinched the NECDC 2025 title, showcasing the depth of talent and determination in their squad. The final brought an exciting end to the tournament, which continues to foster interstate camaraderie and high-level competition in Northeast India's cricketing landscape.

The Nagaland Cricket Association congratulates all participating teams and players for a memorable 3rd NECDC Senior Men's Interstate Friendship Tournament 2025.

List of Awardee

- **Champions:** Meghalaya



- **Runners-Up:** Nagaland



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- **Player of the Match:** Abhishek Kumar (Meghalaya)



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- **Best Wicket Keeper:** Arpit Bhatewara (Meghalaya)



- **Best Bowler:** Imliwati Lemtur (Nagaland)



- **Best Batter:** Arpit Bhatewara (Meghalaya)



- **Player of the Tournament:** Jotin Singh Pheiroijam (Manipur)



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