



Garro Hills Autonomous District Council — Tenure Extension

The Meghalaya government has extended the tenure of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC) by six months amid unrest in the Garo Hills region. The decision, taken by the State Cabinet in Shillong, follows protests over the participation of non-tribals in the council's electoral process, with local groups demanding exclusive tribal representation.

Autonomous District Councils function under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution to safeguard tribal interests in states like Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram. The extension reflects the state's response to political tensions, as such tenure adjustments are permitted under special circumstances.

APSC Relevance: Important for Sixth Schedule, tribal governance and regional political issues in Northeast India.