

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, 01 May, 2026: Today, Lok Bhavan commemorated the Statehood/Foundation Day of Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra at the Durbar Hall. The programme was graced by the Hon'ble Governor Shri C.H.Vijayashankar as Chief Guest. The program was also attended by Shri H.C.Chaudhary, Additional Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor, distinguished guests, officials, and invitees.

In his welcome address, the Additional Chief Secretary warmly greeted the Hon'ble Governor, distinguished guests, and attendees, and highlighted that such occasions provide an opportunity to honour the rich heritage and contributions of these states.

Addressing the gathering, the Hon'ble Governor extended warm greetings to the people of the three states and highlighted their significant contributions to the nation's growth and unity. The Hon'ble Governor lauded the state of Himachal Pradesh for its harmonious balance between development and environmental preservation. He noted that Himachal Pradesh stands as an example of sustainable growth rooted in cultural values and respect for nature.

Referring to Gujarat, the Governor emphasized its legacy of leadership, courage and innovation. He observed that Gujarat's journey reflects the strength of vision, enterprise and commitment to national development, while remaining deeply connected to its rich heritage and values.

On Maharashtra, the Hon'ble Governor highlighted its significant role in shaping India's socio-economic and cultural landscape. He remarked that the state's legacy of reform, resilience and nation-building continues to inspire generations and contributes immensely to India's progress.

The Hon'ble Governor emphasized that such celebrations reflect the spirit of unity in diversity and align with the vision of *Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat*, fostering stronger cultural and emotional bonds among the states.

The programme featured cultural presentations showcasing the rich traditions of the three states, adding colour and vibrancy to the celebrations. The event concluded with a renewed sense of national pride and commitment to collective progress.





