

# GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

## MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

### Press Communiqué

**Shillong, March 30, 2026:** Today, Lok Bhavan celebrated the Statehood/Foundation Days of Bihar, Odisha, and Rajasthan with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. The programme was graced by the Hon'ble Governor Shri C.H.Vijayashankar as Chief Guest along with the Hon'ble First Lady Smt. Babitha Vijayashankar Ji. The program was also attended by Shri C.P.Marak, Chairperson of the Meghalaya Lokayukta, Shri H.C.Chaudhary, Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor, distinguished guests, officials, and invitees.

In his welcome address, the Principal 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 Governor noted that Bihar has played an important role in shaping India's democratic and social fabric, while continuing to progress steadily in key sectors such as education, agriculture, and infrastructure.

Speaking on Odisha, the Hon'ble Governor appreciated the state's resilience and its exemplary efforts in disaster management and sustainable development. The Hon'ble Governor also acknowledged Odisha's growing importance as an industrial and economic hub, while maintaining a strong commitment to inclusive growth.

Highlighting the achievements of Rajasthan, the Hon'ble Governor remarked on the state's progress in tourism, renewable energy, and water conservation. The Hon'ble Governor noted that Rajasthan's leadership in solar energy and its balance of tradition with modern development makes it a key contributor to India's economic advancement.

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.





