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MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, November 16th, 2026: Under the "*Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat*" initiative of the Government of India, which aims to enhance interaction and promote mutual understanding between people of different states/UTs, the Lok Bhavan, Tura celebrated the Foundation Day of the State of Uttarakhand and Jharkhand on 16th November, 2026.

The programme was organized by Lok Bhavan, Tura in collaboration with Border Security Force, NCC Cadets, Kendriya Vidhyalaya, Tura and Harding Theological College, Tura. Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H Vijayashankar graced the celebration as the Chief Guest.

The programme was attended by the Hon'ble Minister of Border Areas Development Department, Shri Brening A. Sangma, Chief Executive Member, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Shri Dhormonath Ch. Sangma, and other executive members of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, senior officials of State and Central Government, Paramilitary forces, faculties and students from universities and schools as well as residents of the above States presently residing in Meghalaya.

The Messages of the Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen and Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar were displayed on the occasion. Informative videos depicting the vibrant cultures of the above States were also screened.

The Hon'ble Governor highlighted the significance of celebrating the Foundation Day of Uttarakhand and Jharkhand, both of which were formed on 9 and 15 November 2000, respectively, following historic movements driven by the aspirations of their people for identity, recognition, and inclusive development. He noted that while Uttarakhand is renowned for its Himalayan heritage and rich Garhwali and Kumaoni traditions, Jharkhand is celebrated for its vibrant tribal culture, abundant natural resources, and historic movements led by tribal heroes such as Birsa Munda. He further observed that both States are blessed with immense cultural and natural wealth and emphasized the need to strengthen education, healthcare, employment, and infrastructure while preserving their cultural heritage and protecting the environment. On the occasion, he extended his warm greetings to the people of both States and wished them continued peace, prosperity, and progress, contributing to the vision of a Viksit Bharat.

Shri H. C. Chaudhary, IFS, Additional Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor, in his welcome address, presented a comprehensive overview of

the rich historical background of the aforementioned States. He traced their historical evolution, cultural heritage, and administrative development, while also highlighting the invaluable contributions of farmers, artisans, teachers, soldiers, entrepreneurs, and youth, who are instrumental in building a stronger, more inclusive, and progressive India. He further expressed the hope that, under the visionary leadership of our leaders, these States would continue to make significant strides in the fields of education, infrastructure, healthcare, digital innovation, and social welfare.

During the celebrations, a vibrant cultural programme showcasing the rich diversity of the above states was organized. The audience was treated by graceful dances reflecting the cultural elegance and traditional heritage of the above States. Together, these performances created an atmosphere of unity in diversity and left a lasting impression on everyone present.

The formal programme was followed by a dinner where a food item of the above State was served to the invitees.




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