GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, November 3rd, 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, Shillong celebrated the Foundation Day of the State of Andhra Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Island, Chhattisgarh, Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Ladakh, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Punjab and Tamil Nadu on 3rd November, 2026.

The programme was organized by Lok Bhavan, Shillong in collaboration with the Department of Arts and Culture, Government of Meghalaya. Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H Vijayashankar graced the celebration as the Chief Guest.

The programme was attended by senior officials of State and Central Government, Military and 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 Madhya Pradesh, Shri Mangubhai C. Patel and Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Shri Thiru Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar were displayed on the occasion. Informative videos depicting the vibrant cultures of the above States were also screened.

The Hon'ble Governor highlighted that the formation and development of every State and Union Territory represent an important chapter in India's journey as a nation, reflecting the aspirations of its people and the efforts of generations towards building a strong and progressive society. The youth are the future of the nation. We must encourage them to develop their abilities in science, technology, agriculture, entrepreneurship, sports and public service, and contribute towards nation-building.

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 above States and Union territories. He traced the historical evolution, cultural heritage, and administrative development, while also underscoring the unique strengths, significant

contributions, and notable achievements in areas such as governance, socio-economic progress, and cultural preservation of States and Union Territories.

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 State. 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 high tea where a food item of the above State was served to the invitees.

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