

## GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

### MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

#### Press Communiqué

**Shillong, December 02, 2025** : Raj Bhavan, Shillong, today hosted a special programme to celebrate the **Statehood Day** of Assam & Nagaland.

The programme was graced by the **Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar**, senior officials from State Government, NCC Cadets, invited guests and representatives from various communities. Welcoming the gathering, the **Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor** Shri H.C.Chaudhary highlighted the importance of honouring the historical and cultural legacies of Assam & Nagaland. He also acknowledged the varied contributions of both the regions - ranging from tribal and artistic heritage to tourism, technological advancement, agriculture, maritime tradition, biodiversity, and civic excellence.

In his address, The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C. H. Vijayashankar, extended his warm greetings and best wishes to the people of **Nagaland and Assam** on the occasion of their Statehood Day and Asom Divas respectively.

The Hon'ble Governor highlighted the significance of **Nagaland's 63rd Statehood Day**, recalling its historic formation on *1st December 1963* as the 16th State of the Indian Union. He noted that Nagaland's proud tribal heritage, strong community values, and enduring spirit of unity have shaped a society deeply committed to cultural preservation and social harmony. The Governor praised the State's vibrant traditions, festivals, and rich artistic legacy, which continue to inspire the entire Northeast.

Extending his greetings on **Asom Divas**, the Governor paid tribute to Assam's long and illustrious history, shaped notably by the leadership of Swargadeo Chaolung Sukapha, whose arrival in 1228 laid the foundation for the Ahom Kingdom and the socio-political evolution of the region. He recognised Assam as the gateway to the Northeast and commended its leadership in connectivity, agriculture, biodiversity conservation, and cultural expression. He observed that Assam's tea gardens, the Brahmaputra River, and cultural icons such as Bihu continue to influence both regional and national narratives.

The Hon'ble Governor emphasised the deep bonds shared among the Northeastern States and reaffirmed the collective commitment to peace, development, and cooperation. He expressed confidence that Nagaland and Assam will continue to play pivotal role in realising the national vision of **Viksit Bharat @2047**, guided by the spirit of *Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat*.

The Governor concluded by conveying his heartfelt wishes for the continued progress, prosperity, and harmony of the people of both States.