

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, 13 September 2026: The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the Annual Day Celebration of Gitanjali Dance Academy as the Chief Guest. Smt. Monica Chanda, Founder and Director of the Academy, and Smt. Silbi Passah, Padma Shri Awardee, were also present.

Gitanjali Dance Academy is now in its 28th year of journey. The programme also commemorated the 150th year of Vande Mataram and paid tribute to Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, celebrating his contribution to India's shared cultural heritage.

The cultural programme featured performances including Ganesh Stuti by the young children of the Academy, Swagatam Krishna by the middle school students, Vande Mataram, highlighting Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and India's freedom struggle, and Shiva Shakti – The Consciousness of Creation.

The Hon'ble Governor appreciated the Academy's contribution towards promoting Indian classical arts in Meghalaya and its longstanding association with Lok Bhavan's cultural programs. As a gesture of support for the promotion of arts and culture, the Hon'ble Governor donated ₹1 lakh to Gitanjali Dance Academy.

The programme concluded with appreciation for the Academy's continued efforts in nurturing young talent and promoting India's rich cultural heritage in Meghalaya.





