

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, November 17, 2025 : Raj Bhavan, Shillong, today hosted a special programme to celebrate the **Statehood and Foundation Day** of 17 States and Union Territories of India, namely **Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Jharkhand and Uttarakhand.**

The programme was graced by the **Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar**, senior officials from defence, 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 the States and UTs. He also acknowledged the varied contributions of each region - ranging from spiritual and artistic heritage to industrial growth, technological advancement, agriculture, maritime tradition, biodiversity, and civic excellence.

In his address, the Hon'ble Governor extended warm greetings to the people of all the States and Union Territories being commemorated, noting that each region contributes significantly to the rich cultural, social, and economic fabric of the nation. He highlighted that the celebration reflects the spirit of **'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'**, envisioned by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, which seeks to strengthen unity, harmony, and mutual understanding among India's diverse regions.

The Hon'ble Governor emphasized that every State and Union Territory has its own unique history, heritage, and identity, yet all are bound together by the common thread of nationhood. He remarked that from the Himalayas of Uttarakhand, the plains of Punjab, and the coastal beauty of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, to the islands of Andaman, Lakshadweep and Puducherry, each region enriches India's collective journey toward **Viksit Bharat @2047.**

The event at Raj Bhavan served as a tribute to India's federal spirit and reaffirmed Meghalaya's commitment to promoting national integration and inter-state understanding.