## **GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT**

## MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

## Press Communiqué

## Foundation Day of Bihar Celebrated at Raj Bhavan Shillong

**Shillong, March 22, 2024:** In line with the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative of the Government of India, aimed at strengthening connections and fostering mutual understanding among people from various states and Union Territories, a cultural evening was held at Raj Bhavan Shillong to celebrate the Foundation Day of Bihar.





The event, graced by the presence of esteemed dignitaries, was presided over by the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri Phagu Chauhan, as the Chief Guest.

In his address, the Hon'ble Governor highlighted the rich heritage and contributions of Bihar to the cultural and economic tapestry of India and extended his best wishes to all the people of Bihar.



He described Bihar as the mother of democracy, the birthplace of various religions and great men, the sacred land of knowledge, culture, harmony and the birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi's Champaran Satyagraha.

The Hon'ble Governor also acknowledged Bihar's significant strides in various fields through the contributions of Aryabhatta, Bharat Ratna Karpoori Thakur, and Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan. He praised Bihar's rich cultural heritage, diverse religious sites like Patna Sahib Gurudwara and Bodh Gaya, and its natural beauty which attracts tourists from all over the world.

The event also featured a splendid array of cultural performances, showcasing Bihar's vibrant culture, arts, and traditions which were presented by the Bhojpuri Samaj, Shillong and through a play entitled "Vishwa Ka Pratham Gantantra Vaishali" presented by the Indigenous Notion and Discovery of Inherit Art, Patna. The play was scripted by Anita Kumari and directed by Uday Kumar Singh. As a mark of appreciation, the Hon'ble Governor presented mementos to all the participants on the occasion.







This program was organized by Raj Bhavan, Shillong, in collaboration with the Department of Arts and Culture, Government of Meghalaya and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Shillong.