

**Governor attends Busu Dima Festival  
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Governor Shri Acharya inaugurates Bhadeshwar Bodo Sports Complex**

**Guwahati, February 13:** Assam Governor Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya who is on a two-day visit to Dima Hasao today attended the Busu Dima Festival at Maibong degree College at Dima Hasao and conveyed his warm wishes to all the people.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor Shri Acharya said, “Busu Dima Festival is not just an agricultural celebration, it is a symbol of our culture, traditions, and social unity. This festival gives us an opportunity to reaffirm the cardinal values of cooperation, hard work, and unity taught by our ancestors”. He said, "Ours is an agrarian society where the main vocations of the people are associated with agriculture. Agriculture is not merely a means of livelihood; it is a foundation of our heritage. From sowing seeds to harvesting crops, each process has given birth to unique customs and festivals. One such festival is the Busu Dima Festival, which eulogize our intrinsic bond with the agriculture”. He also hailed the Dimasa society for celebrating the Busu Dima festival which according to the Governor will give a thrust to agricultural practices.

Governor Shri Acharya said that agriculture plays a crucial role in the economic prosperity of Dima Hasao, Assam and India; and celebrating Busu Dima festival provides an opportunity to honor the hard work of the farmers. “It is through the hard work and dedication of our farmers that the country is nourished and sustained. Busu Dima also allows us to reflect on how our society is dependent on agriculture and how the potentials of agriculture can be further explored to put the growth of the country on a higher trajectory”, the Governor exhorted.

The Governor further said that agriculture is no longer just a traditional occupation but has transformed into a strong and self-reliant industry through innovation, modern technologies, and scientific research. He also reiterated the importance of agriculture in realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat. He also informed both the Central and State governments are consistently working for the welfare of farmers, as he stated several schemes of the government such as, which exclusively aim at promoting the socio-economic condition of the farmers.

Shri Acharya on the occasion said that while everybody should take a concerted effort in embracing modernization and technological advancements, one should not forget one’s cultural roots. He, therefore, called upon everybody especially the youth to learn and protect their mother tongue, their traditional dances, music, and customs. Economic progress alone is not enough; it must be complemented by socio,

cultural and academic prosperity. Speaking on the adverse impact of climate change on agriculture, the Governor called for water conservation, use of organic manures, and reliance on natural farming.

Shri Acharya on the occasion paid his respects to the brave freedom fighter Sambhudhan Phonglo, who sacrificed his life in the struggle for independence. He also offered tributes to the founder and prominent educationist of Maibang Degree College, Late Bhadeshwar Bodo, popularly known as "Bodo Sir". The Governor also inaugurated Bhadeshwar Bodo Sports Complex as a part of his district tour.

Later in the day, the Governor held a review meeting with the key officials of NCHAC in the presence of CEM Debolal Gorlosa and other EMs. The Governor asked about the progress of various schemes including PMAY-G, JJM, Ayushman Card, Amrit Sarovar, TB Mukta Bharat Abhyan etc. The Governor appreciated officials for working sincerely in implementing Amrit Sarovar projects in the district.

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