## Raj Bhavan: Assam

## Governor attends silver jubilee of Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad, Assam Circle

Guwahati, December 14: Assam Governor Shri Gulab Chand Kataria attended the inaugural ceremony of silver jubilee of Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad, Assam Circle at Sri Sri Madhavdev International Auditorium in the city today.

The Governor in his address said that, the Assamese language and its rich literary assets have their illustrious heritage. Assam has been a rich and prolific region with regard to its language and literature. The journey of literature that started with the great works of Madhava Kandali, Srimanta Sankardev and Madhavdev continues its impressive streak even today. "The identity of a nation lies in its language and literature. The role of literature in different Indian languages has strengthened our unity, our traditions, our culture and our development journey. Many other great literary stalwarts like Roopkunwar Jyotiprasad Agarwal, Bishnu Prasad Rabha Lakhminath Bezbarua, Ambikagiri Roy Chowdhury, Anandram Barua, Bhupen Hazarika, Mamoni Raisom Goswami have enriched the literature of Assam," added the Governor.

Shri Kataria also said that the great Vaishnavite scholar Shrimanta Sankardev had strengthened the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat' through his literary creations and compositions. It is really heartening that Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad in its bid to enrich the Assamese language and literature is playing its crucial role in generating love and respect for the literature especially among the younger generation.

The Governor reiterated literature has a deep connection with education. "Our education system should not only give degrees to our students but also prepare them as human resources to accelerate the development of the country and carry our language and literature to the next level of development. All citizens of the country especially the educational institutions, literary organization have to take this responsibility," said the Governor.

Shri Kataria hailed Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad, for having created its presence in the field of literature in every state. He also said that the organization contributed significantly in building bridges between different cultures, literatures and languages and promoting the concept of unity in the country.

The meeting was attended by National Organizing Secretary, Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad Sridhar Paradkar, Vice Chancellor of Pragjyotishpur University, Prof. Smriti Kumar Sinha, President of Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad, Assam Smt Mrinalini Devi along with a host of other dignitaries.

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