## Raj Bhavan, Assam celebrates Statehood day of Sikkim

**Guwahati, May 16**: As a part of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative, Raj Bhavan Assam celebrated the Statehood Day of Sikkim at the conference hall of Raj Bhavan here today.

Governor of Sikkim Lakshman Prasad Acharya sent his warm wishes on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest of the event Brig. Ranjit Borthakur,SM(Retd.) underscored the pivotal role Sikkim plays in India's strategic landscape, given its geographical proximity to international borders. He also spoke on the burgeoning tourism industry which according to him led to surge in tourist footfalls and the consequent rise in revenue collection. He also said that the work on Railway connectivity is also going on a fast-track which will certainly enhance Sikkim's connectivity along with boosting the socio economic landscape of the State.

Furthermore, he also commended on the admirable qualities of the Sikkimese people, highlighting their humility and unwavering support to all especially outsiders. He emphasized the significance of civilian backing in achieving national objectives, stressing that victory in any conflict isn't solely determined by military might but also the solidarity and cooperation of the people. In this regard, he lauded the Sikkimese people for their role in bolstering the collective defense and progress of the country.

Independent Director of Numaligarh Refinery Limited Sudip Pradhan and ARC Sikkim House Jashoda Chetri also spoke on the occasion.

The statehood day celebration was attended by Secretary to the Governor Swapna Dutta Deka, Kabita Deka, former APSC member Sanjib Gohain Barua, former bureaucrat Swapnanil Barua along with a host of other dignitaries and officers and staff of Raj Bhavan.

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