## Raj Bhavan celebrates Rongali Bihu

**Guwahati, April 17:** Synchronizing with the ongoing Rongali Bihu celebrations across the state, Raj Bhavan, Assam today celebrated the Rongali Bihu in presence of Governor Shri Gulab Chand Kataria at its premises in Raj Bhavan here today.

The lively 'bihu husori' coupled with enthralling rhythm of *dhol*, *pepa and gagana* by the Bihua Bihuwati and other participants was the attraction of the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Kataria said, "I am really happy that a healthy tradition of celebrating Rongali Bihu festival has started in Raj Bhavan, Assam. I believe this celebration of bihu will help us to witness the rich culture of Assam and how it helps in strengthening the bond belongingness among the employees and their family members. Apart from this, we will be able to make our children aware of the rich art, culture and heritage of our state."

Shri Kataria also said that Rongali Bihu is a traditional and cultural festival filled with abundance of happiness and love that marks the arrival of the Assamese new year. It instills new hope and energy in the minds of people of all ages and provides an opportunity to express gratitude towards the magnanimity of nature.

Shri Kataria also highlighted that Bihu inspires everyone to connect themselves with the nature. It provides an opportunity to unite the people of every background and promotes the feeling of brotherhood. He also asked everybody present on the occasion to cherish the spirit of intrinsic connection of Bihu with nature and work accordingly to protect and preserve Mother Nature.

Commissioner and Secretary to the Governor S.S.Meenakshi Sundaram, Secretary to the Governor Swapna Dutta Deka, Kabita Deka, other officers and staff of Raj Bhavan were present on the occasion.

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