

Raj Bhavan Assam celebrates Statehood Day of West Bengal

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Guwahati, June 20: In a display of fostering national unity, Raj Bhavan Assam, under the leadership of Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, celebrated the statehood day of West Bengal at the Durbar hall of Raj Bhavan.

It is worth mentioning that Raj Bhavan Assam, in adherence to the directives of the Central Government, embraced the noble endeavor of celebrating the statehood days of various states across the country. As a testament to this commitment, West Bengal's statehood day was observed within the precincts of the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan today.

Paying an emphasis on the formation of West Bengal, Governor Gulab Chand Kataria observed that, "Amidst the tumultuous era of India's independence, when our great nation faced the agonizing division, the steadfast region of Bengal stood against its purported assimilation into East Pakistan, now known as Bangladesh. The people of India have consistently displayed remarkable resilience, unwavering in their commitment to uphold and strengthen the diverse fabric of the great nation.

The Governor said that the Celebration of Statehood Day, envisioned by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is an awe-inspiring and standard-setting event that honors the vibrant cultural tapestry of India. Through its grandeur, creativity, and inclusivity, this celebration represents the diverse spirit of India, uniting its people with utmost pride and fostering a stronger sense of national identity.

The Governor during his speech said that Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, the ancient Sanskrit phrase meaning "the world is one family," embodies the fundamental essence of Indian philosophy. Since time immemorial, this profound motto has guided the people of India, inspiring all Indians to serve their nation with unwavering pride and dignity, regardless of their regional affiliations.

Shri Kataria also said Bengalis have long been revered as stalwarts of literature, art, music, and theatre, with a rich cultural heritage that dates back centuries. The luminous tapestry of Bengali literature first unfurled its brilliance even before the dawn of the 12th century.

Speaking on the occasion the Governor said that, Rabindranath Tagore, the Nobel laureate, is not just a treasure of Bengal; his literary prowess has made him a revered figure admired across the world. Tagore's profound contributions to literature, music, and art have left an indelible mark on the cultural landscape.

The Governor stated that, throughout history, India has exemplified unity and sovereignty through a myriad of timeless elements. From ancient times to the present day, the nation has fostered a sense of togetherness and celebrated its diverse culture, intertwining the past with the present.

Commissioner and Secretary to the Governor S.S. Meenakshi Sundaram presented the welcome address. Prof. Amalendu Chakraborty, VC, Rabindranath Tagore University, Dr Prasanta Chakraborty HoD, Bengali Deptt., Cotton University, spoke on the occasion.

A cultural programme was also organized showcasing the rich culture of West Bengal and rich bond both Assam and West Bengal share. The programme was attended by the First lady of Assam Anita Kataria, Chairperson Assam Linguistic Minority Development Board, Shiladitya Dev, Officers and staff of Raj Bhavan, and people from cross section of the society also participated in the celebrations of the day.

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