## Assam Governor attends celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day

## Reiterates the importance of participation of voters in electoral process for a strong and vibrant democracy

**Guwahati, January 25:** "Voters are the backbone of democracy, and their participation is crucial for the health of democracy", said Assam Governor Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya while attending the 15<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day celebration, at NEDFi House in Dispur here today.

Addressing the occasion, Governor Shri Acharya outlined the importance of voters in democracy, and said that the day is celebrated annually on January 25 to create awareness about the right to vote. Stating that the voters are the backbone of democracy, he called upon the voters especially the first time voters to participate actively in elections. He moreover, observed that participation of voters in voting processes contributes to nation's progress, prosperity, and development. The Governor also said that the theme "Nothing like voting, I vote for sure," with which National Voters' Day has been celebrated serves as a reminder to eligible voters to step forward and participate in election processes.

Shri Acharya also said that it is the responsibility of every citizen to ensure 100 per cent turnout in voting. For this, enrolling young voters is essential. 'Our youth are a significant part of India's democratic polity. Today's youth, especially first-time voters, are energetic and creative, and their participation in Indian electoral processes holds great importance".

Referring to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 110<sup>th</sup> edition of Mann Ki Baat, where he urged the youth, especially first-time voters, to actively participate in the democratic process through the campaign, "My First Vote for the Nation", the Governor encouraged the youth to take part in the democratic process for a strong, vibrant and responsive democracy. Governor Shri Acharya praised the Election Commission of India for its efforts in promoting democracy and conducting free, fair, and transparent elections across the country.

Organized by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Assam, in collaboration with the Office of the District Election Officer, Kamrup (M), the event was attended by the Chief Electoral Officer, Assam, Anurag Goel, District Commissioner, Kamrup(M) Sumit Sattawan, and students from various educational institutes in Guwahati along with other dignitaries.

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