

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, November 09, 2025 : The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the Second Edition of "*Remembering The Maestro*" organized by Byatikram Group in Shillong today. The event was held as a musical tribute to the legendary music composer, Shri Sachin Dev Burman, whose contributions to Indian music continue to be revered across generations.

Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble Governor said that Shillong has always been celebrated as the cultural and musical heart of the North East, and it is therefore fitting that such a tribute is held in the city which has produced some of the finest musical talents in the region. He highlighted that S.D. Burman was one of the most iconic composers whose music drew inspiration from folk traditions, the natural beauty of the region, and the universal language of melody that continues to inspire artistes across the country.

During the programme, one of Shillong's most renowned musicians, Shri Rudy Wallang, was conferred with the S.D. Burman Memorial Byatikram Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution to music and his role in shaping the contemporary musical identity of Meghalaya. The Governor congratulated him and said that such recognition also reflects the rich artistic strength of the North East which has produced great musicians including Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, Jayanta Hazarika, Lou Majaw and Zubeen Garg.

The Governor appreciated the efforts of Byatikram Group for their continuous work in promoting music, art and culture and for honouring the legacy of great maestros who have enriched the cultural heritage of the region and suggested them to start an Academy of music in the name of Great Maestro Shri S.D.Burman. He emphasized that Artists have a greater responsibility beyond entertainment, they are messengers of society, and their music can inspire people to think, reflect and act. He encouraged young musicians to carry forward this legacy and use music as a medium not only for creative expression but also for spreading positive social messages, encourage peace, harmony, equality, and also promote the need to protect nature and preserve our environment, wildlife, wetlands and forest ecosystem. The

programme witnessed the presence of musicians, artistes, scholars and music lovers from across the North East.