

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, October 03, 2024: The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended 30th Get Together of Harmony organized by the Central Puja Committee at the Jagannath Mandir Auditorium, Hindu Dharma Sabha, Thana Road, Shillong.

The Hon'ble Governor paid tribute to Lord Jagannath Swami and was felicitated by the President and General Secretary of the Central Puja Committee, as well as representatives of the Shillong Hindu Dharma Sabha. The event commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, invoking divine blessings. This auspicious occasion was graced by the presence of leaders from Gurudwara, Shillong Mosque, Tibetan Monastery, leaders from churches and representatives of Seng Khasi upholding the tradition of Prayer of Harmony that has been a hallmark of this gathering since 1992.

In his address, the Hon'ble Governor spoke about the significance of Navratri, explaining each of the goddesses associated with each day and their symbolic meaning. He prayed for Maa Durga's blessings to grant strength and energy for selfless service to humanity, and highlighted that the victory of good over evil is the central message of these celebrations. The Hon'ble Governor emphasized how Meghalaya is setting an example for other states by celebrating, not only Durga Puja, but every festival with a spirit of togetherness, upholding India's message of "Unity in Diversity" in a true sense.

The event concluded with a vibrant cultural program presented by children, adding joy and colour to the celebrations.