Press Release
Lokbhawan: Sikkim
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The foundation day ceremony of 8 states and 5 Union Territories was held at Lokbhawan Sikkim; the spirit of 'One India, Best India' was strengthened

Under the visionary initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, today the foundation day of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Union Territories - Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Puducherry was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Lokbhawan Sikkim.

In accordance with the directions of the Government of India, the main objective of this initiative to celebrate the foundation day of all states in Lokbhawan and Loknivas is to strengthen the national unity.

The program was presided over by Commissioner cum Secretary Shri Jitendra Singh Raje ji. At the beginning of the program, Joint Secretary Shri Divya Gautam ji welcomed all the honored guests, representatives of various universities and students. During this time

The social science professor of Sikkim University, Dr. Swati Sachdev, was specially present at the event.

Addressing the ceremony, the Commissioner and Secretary highlighted the importance of this event on behalf of the Honorable Governor. He said that this program is a historic step towards realizing the vision of the country's successful Prime Minister, 'One India, Best India'. He emphasized that although the geographical boundaries of our states may differ for administrative convenience and our cultures and traditions may vary, as a nation, we are all Indians first. The Secretary said that this event is working as a strong cultural bridge between different states, providing us with the opportunity to get to know, understand, and respect each other's unique culture, cuisine, attire, language, and heritage.

On this occasion, a special video message was also presented by the Honorable Governor of Kerala, Shri Om Prakash Mathur, which conveyed the message of strengthening national integrity by deeply embracing Kerala's cultural heritage.

During the event, Kerala student Shreelakshmi MS and Andaman and Nicobar Islands student Nava Sleya Roj brilliantly highlighted the rich culture, history, and unique geographical features of their respective states.

Thereafter, a colorful cultural program based on the vibrant and traditional folk culture of Sikkim was presented by the artists of the Department of Culture.

The program was conducted by the Honorable Governor's PRO Mamata Awasthi. At the conclusion of the program, the Governor's Hindi advisor Dr. Pradeep Tripathi presented a thank you letter to all the dignified representatives, officials, and student-artists.