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**Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi flags off cycle rally of SSB personnel to
celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**

**Appeals cyclists to spread the message of health clubbed with the spirit of
'love for the nation'**

Guwahati, August 28: As part of the celebrations of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' on the occasion of 75th anniversary of the independence of the nation, Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi today flagged off a cycle rally of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) personnel at the premises of Raj Bhavan today.

The cycle rally participated by 17 SSB personnel will pass through various states to cover approximately 2000 kms to reach Rajghat, New Delhi in 36 days.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor Prof. Mukhi said, "On the occasion of flagging off the cycle rally, I urge upon everybody to appreciate the objective behind the rally which is to promote healthy life style among the youth and encourage them to stay fit". He also said that cycling is one of the best ways to stay healthy and it is a clean mode of transportation. He appealed to the SSB cyclists taken part in the rally to spread the message of healthy living mixed with the ethos of love for the country during their journey through different parts of the country.

Thanking the SSB for taking the initiative in starting the cycle rally to be traversed through historical and other places of importance linked with the freedom movement of the nation, the Governor said it showed the spirit of SSB's love for the nation and its people. He also hailed the SSB for its intimate association with the people of Assam. He moreover said that SSB's association with guarding the State's international boundary with Bhutan has instilled a sense of security among those people living along the border. SSB's deployment along the borders, controlled the crime rate. He also attributed patrolling the border areas and improving the living condition of the people along the border to SSB's unflinching commitment. He also urged upon the SSB to remain devoted to address the changing dynamics of security narratives and evoke the supreme sacrifices of the personnel in fulfilling their duties.

The Governor also said that SSB is also playing a crucial role in inculcating the spirit of nationalism and humanitarianism among the border population using

Village Level Coordination Meeting, Civic Action Programs, vocational skill development programs, study tours for students and distribution of farming equipment among the people living along the border. He also wished the cycle rally all success which has been organized in the back drop of the country's celebrations of 75 years of independence.

The First Lady of Assam Smt.Prem Mukhi, Director General, SSB Kumar Rajesh Chandra, Inspector General, SSB Sanjeev Sharma, Deputy Inspector General, Rangia Sector Jagdeep Pal Singh, Deputy Inspector General, Bongaigaon Sector Anthony Thanmi, Deputy Inspector General Frontier Headquarter Sonam Bodh, Secretary to the Governor Swapna Dutta, other officers and employees of Raj Bhavan were present on the occasion.

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