

**Prof Jagdish Mukhi sworn in as the new Governor of Assam**

**Guwahati, October 10:** Prof Jagdish Mukhi has been sworn in as the 30th Governor of Assam at a formal swearing in ceremony held at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati today.

Chief Justice Gauhati High Court Justice Ajit Singh administered oath of office to the new Governor.

It may be noted that prior to his appointment as the Governor of Assam, Shri Mukhi was the Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Jagdish Mukhi earlier held the portfolios of finance, planning, excise & taxation and higher education in Delhi Government. He is credited with working extensively for the welfare of the people of Delhi.

Some of the notable achievements credited to Jagdish Mukhi's name were banning of lottery trade etc in Delhi in 1994, when he was the minister of finance. He also worked towards persuading people to abstain from consuming alcohol. As minister of excise, he declared record number of dry days in a year. He was also instrumental in establishing Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University in the record time of eight months, as a minister of higher education. He was also honoured as the best planning minister of the nation and also received best MLA award in Delhi Vidhan Sabha for two times.

He represented Janak Puri constituency continuously from 1980 and won seven times from the same constituency. Jagdish Mukhi was born to Late Ram Mukhi and Late Laxi Devi Mukhi on 1st December 1942.

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal attended his swearing-in ceremony and congratulated Mukhi on assuming the gubernatorial post of Assam and wished that under his leadership the State Government would accelerate the growth momentum of the State. Other ministers of the State Government which include Finance, Health and Education Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, Trade and Commerce Minister Shri Chandra Mohan Patowary, Agriculture Minister Shri Atul Bora, Irrigation Minister Shri Ranjit Dutta, PHE Minister Shri Rihon Daimary, Power Minister Shri Pallab Lochan Das, former Chief Minister of Assam Shri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, Member of Parliament Smt Bijoya Chakraborty were also present at the swearing in ceremony. Besides, Chief Secretary VK Pipersenia, DGP Mukesh Sahay and a number of senior officers of the administration both civil and police were present at the swearing in ceremony.

After taking charge as the Governor of the State, Prof Jagdish Mukhi visited Kamakhya Temple and offered puja to goddess Kamakhya for the welfare of all sections of the people of the State. Later he went to Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Samadhi Sthal and offered floral tributes to the bard.

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