

Armed Forces' Flag Day celebrated in Raj Bhawan

Guwahati, December 7: Assam also joined with the rest of the nation in celebrating Armed Forces Flag Day as the day was celebrated at Raj Bhawan today.

It may be noted that every year, 7th December is observed as the 'Armed Forces Flag Day' throughout the country since 1949 with an aim to honour the martyrs and the men in uniform who safeguard nation's frontiers and preserve our country's territorial integrity.

Paying tributes to the brave and martyred soldiers for their selfless service for the Nation, Assam Governor Prof Jagdish Mukhi expressed his admiration for valor and sacrifice of the brave soldiers and veterans. He reaffirmed the Government's commitment to the welfare and rehabilitation of all veterans and their dependants. He also said that Armed Forces Flag Day is an occasion to generate funds for the welfare of the jawans of Indian Armed Forces and their dependents.

The Governor also called upon the people to contribute to the flag day and wear the badge as a mark of respect to the armed forces. He also asked the youth to join the forces and serve the nation.

The flag day also plays an important role in collecting donations for 'Armed Forces Flag Day Fund' which is the lifeline for initiating welfare measures and rehabilitation of the Ex-servicemen community. This time collection for the state is 32 lakhs 60 thousand rupees.

Director, Sainik Welfare, Govt of Assam Brig Joshi Narain Dutt Ganesh Dutt present on the occasion gave a brief description of the objectives of the armed forces flag day and also read out the messages from the President and the Prime Minister sent on the occasion.

To commemorate the occasion, the Governor released a wall and a table calendar which highlight the activities of the Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Assam involved in welfare, wellbeing and rehabilitation of ex-servicemen in the State.

The First Lady of Assam Prem Mukhi, Commissioner and Secretary to the Governor Sanjiv Kumar Gohain Barua, Deputy Commissioner Kamrup (M) Biswajit Pegu, Senior officers from Govt. of Assam and senior Armed Forces personnel, war disabled, war widows, ex-defence service officers, officers and staff of Raj Bhavan and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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