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# CELEBRATION OF THE HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE FOUNDATION DAY



## **Introduction:**

As part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative of Government of India, Maharashtra Raj Bhavan has been celebrating the State Formation Days and Union Territory Formation Days of various States and Union Territories in India.

Under the guidance and leadership of the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Shri C P Radhakrishnan, the State Foundation Day of Himachal Pradesh (15 April) was celebrated at Raj Bhavan Mumbai on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 in presence of invitees, Principals, Deans, Cultural Coordinators of Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skill University and the BMC Education Department's Sangeet Kala Kendra and the staff and officers of Raj Bhavan.

The programme was held at the historic Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan. Former Deputy Chief Minister of Puducherry Pethaperumal Velayudham, Vice-Chancellor of Maharashtra State Skills University Dr Apoorva Palkar, Secretary to the Governor Dr Prashant Narnaware, Deputy Secretary to the Governor S. Ramamoorthy, students of the Skills University, and office bearers of the Municipal Corporation's Sangeet Kala Akademi were present

## **Organisers:**

The Himachal Pradesh State Foundation Day was organised by Maharashtra Raj Bhavan in association with the Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skill University and the BMC's Sangeet Kala Kendra, with the participation of students of BMC Schools.



**Dr. Prashant Narnaware, I.A.S.**  
Secretary to the Governor

## **Programme Itinerary:**

The programme started with the Lighting of the Lamp followed by the National Anthem and the State Song of Maharashtra 'Jai Jai Maharashtra Majha, Garja Maharashtra Majha'.

This was followed by the welcome speech by Dr Prashant Narnaware, Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra.

The stage was set for the cultural presentation by the students of the Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skill University (RT MSSU) and the children from the BMC Schools in Mumbai who came under the aegis of Sangeet Kala Kendra of BMC.

The presentation started with the beautiful rendition of the State song of Himachal Pradesh 'Hey Himachal, Jai Himachal...Dev Bhoomi, Punya Bhoomi, Janma Bhoomi Ko Naman' by the B Tech students of the RT MSSU.

This was followed by an Audio Visual film on Himachal Pradesh made by the students of the University.

The Students then presented the Nati Dance and Pangri Dance of Himachal Pradesh. Children from BMC Schools also presented the Nati Dance and Pangri Dance. Together the students also presented the Ludi Dance and the Bilaspuri Giddha Dance.

The Governor accompanied by the Vice Chancellor of the University Prof Apoorva Palkar, former Deputy CM of Puducherry Pethaperumal Velayudham and the Secretary to the Governor Dr Prashant Narnaware were then invited to the dais.

The Governor was then felicitated by the Vice Chancellor of RT MSSU Prof Apporva Palkar.



# Address by the Hon'ble Governor:



**I** touch and salute the holy feet of Bharath Mata, the Most Powerful and the Most Merciful

ஆஜ் இத்தே உபஸ்தித் சர்வான்னா  
மாதே நமஸ்கார்

Former Deputy CM of Puducherry  
Pethaperumal Velayudham

Dr. Prashant Narnaware, Secretary to the  
Governor,

Dr. Apoorva Palkar, Vice Chancellor, Ratan  
Tata Maharashtra State Skills University,

Shri S. Ramamoorthy, Deputy Secretary to  
the Governor,

Members of the Kala Academy of BMC,

Faculty and cultural coordinators of the Skills  
University,

Members of the Raj Bhavan family,

Dear sisters and brothers

Namaskar and good morning.

## Points: >>

1. Congratulations to Young Performers
2. Congratulations to BMC Kala Academy and Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skills University
3. Himachal Pradesh State Foundation Day
4. 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'
5. Himachal's Contribution to the Nation
6. Tourism and Environmental Responsibility
7. PM appeal to Explore India and Support 'Local for Vocal'

At the outset, I congratulate and applaud wholeheartedly the talented children of BMC Schools and the students of Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skills University. Your beautiful presentation of the vibrant dance, music and culture of Himachal Pradesh has truly brought the spirit of the mountains alive here at Raj Bhavan.

It was a performance filled with colour, rhythm, and authenticity - and I must say, it touched our hearts.

I also place on record my sincere appreciation to the Shri Amit Saini, Additional Municipal Commissioner and also Dr. Apoorva Palkar, Vice Chancellor of the University for their support in organizing today's cultural programme.

All the participating students, cultural coordinators and members of the Kala Academy also deserve my personal compliments for their excellent presentation.

On this joyous occasion of Himachal Pradesh State Foundation Day, I extend my warm

We have to admire the vision and foresight of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi for conceiving the programme 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.

Today all Raj Bhavans across the country are celebrating the State and Union Territory Formation Days.

These celebrations have helped us understand various States, admire their beauty and diversity, learn about their folk dance and music and know about our shared history and heritage.

The name Himachal Pradesh evokes the image of the Abode of the Gods - of towering snow-clad peaks, sacred rivers, and tranquil valleys.

It reminds us of Lord Shiva, whose presence is deeply rooted in the spiritual ethos of the region. It also brings to mind the warm-hearted, humble and hard-working people who have contributed to the state's progress and development.

Since its formation on 15th April 1948, and later its statehood in 1971, Himachal Pradesh has made tremendous progress in all walks of life - from education and healthcare to tourism, agriculture, and infrastructure.

The state has gifted the nation with many illustrious personalities. Equally noteworthy is the contribution of Himachal Pradesh to the Indian Armed Forces. The hills have produced generations of brave-hearts, many of whom have laid down their lives in the defence of our nation.

Himachal Pradesh is one of the most beloved destinations not just for domestic tourists, but also for international visitors.

However, as we celebrate its journey, we must also acknowledge the need to preserve the delicate ecology of this Himalayan state. Sustainable tourism, environmental conservation, and protection of natural resources must remain top priorities.

It is equally important to preserve the rich cultural heritage, folk traditions, and local wisdom of Himachal Pradesh. These are treasures that define the identity of the land and its people.

To the Himachali community residing in Maharashtra, I offer my good wishes. Your contribution to the state and to Mumbai - whether in business, education, arts or public service - adds to the inclusive character of Maharashtra.

I will call upon the people of Maharashtra to visit Himachal Pradesh and all other States. The Hon'ble Prime Minister has appealed to the people to see India, to promote tourism and to lend support to 'Vocal for Local'. It will support many people and help us preserve our identity and tradition.

On that note, I once again convey my appreciation to all the children and students for their wonderful cultural presentation. May Himachal Pradesh continue to flourish with peace, prosperity, and harmony.

**Dhanyavad !**

**Jai Hind ! Jai Bharat !**

**Jai Maharashtra ! Jai Himachal Pradesh !!**







## **Felicitations:**

The Governor felicitated the students and artists of the RT MSSU and the BMC Schools and favoured group photographs to all.

## **Vote of Thanks:**

Shri Vikas Kulkarni, Under Secretary to the Governor delivered the vote of thanks.

The programme concluded with the National Anthem.

Group photographs of all the participating artists with the Hon'ble Governor was taken.

Refreshment was served after the programme.

The State Formation Day event of Rajasthan and Odisha was a grand success.

## **Past Celebrations:**

This was the 18<sup>th</sup> State / UT Celebration organised by Maharashtra Raj Bhavan.

The Raj Bhavan had earlier organised the Sikkim State Formation Day on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Goa Formation Day on 30 May, Telangana State Formation Day on 2 June, West Bengal State Formation Day on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the 'Jammu & Kashmir' and 'Ladakh' Union Territory Formation Day on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. The State Formation Day of Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab and Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory Formation Day of Andaman & Nicobar, Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Puducherry was celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. The State Formation Day of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh was celebrated separately, on the same day, 1 November 2023. The Uttarakhand State Formation Day was celebrated at Raj Bhavan on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The Jharkhand State Formation Day was celebrated at Raj Bhavan on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura State Formation Day was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024, while UP State Formation Day was celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> January. There were no State or UT day celebrations on account of the Model Code of Conduct first for Lok Sabha elections and thereafter for the State Assembly elections. The State formation Day of Nagaland and Assam was held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024. The State Formation Day of Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025. The State Formation Day of Uttar Pradesh and the Union Territories of Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu was held on 25 January 2025. The State Foundation Day of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram was held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The State Foundation Day of Bihar was celebrated on 22 March 2025. The Rajasthan State Foundation Day was celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**महाराष्ट्र राजभवन येथे हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य स्थापना दिवस साजरा  
उत्कृष्ट हिमाचली नृत्य सादर केल्याबद्दल राज्यपालांकडून  
महानगरपालिकेच्या संगीत कला अकादमीला एक लाख रुपयांचे बक्षीस  
रतन टाटा राज्य कौशल्य विद्यापीठाला देखील एक लाख रुपयांचे बक्षीस  
जाहीर**

**आपल्या भाषेचा, प्रदेशाचा अभिमान बाळगा; परंतु त्याहीपेक्षा अधिक  
राष्ट्राभिमान बाळगा : राज्यपाल सी.पी. राधाकृष्णन**

प्रत्येकाने आपल्या राज्याचा, प्रदेशाचा, संस्कृतीचा व मातृभाषेचा अभिमान अवश्य बाळगला पाहिजे. परंतु त्याहीपेक्षा अधिक राष्ट्रभिमान बाळगला पाहिजे. राष्ट्रभिमानाने प्रेरित होऊन जपान व जर्मनी या देशांनी शून्यातून सावरून फार मोठी प्रगती केली. राष्ट्रभक्तीला कठोर परिश्रम व समर्पण भावनेची जोड दिली तर भारताला देखील 'विकसित भारत' साकारण्याचे लक्ष्य गाठता येईल असे प्रतिपादन राज्यपाल सी पी राधाकृष्णन यांनी आज येथे केले.

राज्यपाल राधाकृष्णन यांच्या प्रमुख उपस्थितीत महाराष्ट्र राजभवन मुंबई येथे सोमवारी (दि. २१) 'हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य स्थापना दिवस' समारंभपूर्वक साजरा करण्यात आला, त्यावेळी ते बोलत होते. 'एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत' उपक्रमांतर्गत महाराष्ट्र राजभवनातर्फे हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य स्थापना दिवस साजरा करण्यात आला.

यावेळी हिमाचल प्रदेशच्या लोकसंस्कृतीचे दर्शन घडवणाऱ्या सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमात उत्कृष्ट हिमाचली लोक गीत व नृत्य सादर केल्याबद्दल राज्यपालांनी बृहन्मुंबई महानगरपालिकेच्या संगीत कला अकादमीला तसेच रतन टाटा महाराष्ट्र राज्य कौशल्य विद्यापीठाला प्रत्येकी एक लाख रुपयांचे बक्षीस जाहीर केले.

हिमाचल प्रदेश ही देवभूमी असून त्या राज्याला निसर्गाचे मुक्तहस्ते वरदान लाभले आहे असे सांगून 'एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत' उपक्रमामुळे आज देशातील सर्व राजभवनांमध्ये 'हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य स्थापना दिवस' साजरा होत असल्याबद्दल राज्यपालांनी आनंद व्यक्त केला.

अलीकडच्या काळात हिमाचल प्रदेशने पायाभूत सुविधा विकासासह सर्वच क्षेत्रात प्रगती केली आहे. देशविदेशातील लोक पर्यटनासाठी हिमाचल प्रदेशला भेट देतात. आपण देखील तीन वेळा हिमाचल प्रदेशला भेट दिली असे सांगून राज्यातील नागरिकांनी हिमाचल प्रदेशच्या विविध प्रेक्षणीय भागांना भेट द्यावी असे आवाहन राज्यपालांनी यावेळी केले. परस्पर प्रदेशांना भेट दिल्यामुळे एकात्मता वाढेल असे राज्यपालांनी सांगितले.

यावेळी राज्यपालांच्या हस्ते रतन टाटा महाराष्ट्र राज्य कौशल्य विद्यापीठाच्या कुलगुरू डॉ. अपूर्वा पालकर तसेच सर्व कलाकार विद्यार्थ्यांचा सत्कार करण्यात आला. हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य स्थापना दिन कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन रतन टाटा महाराष्ट्र राज्य कौशल्य विद्यापीठ व बृहन्मुंबई महानगर पालिकेच्या संगीत कला अकादमीच्या सहकार्याने करण्यात आले होते. गणेश बाग म्युनिसिपल हिन्दी स्कूल कुर्ला व कामगार नगर म्युनिसिपल स्कूल कुर्ला यांनी नाटी व पांगी नृत्य सादर केले.

राज्यपालांचे सचिव डॉ. प्रशांत नारनवरे यांनी प्रास्ताविक केले, तर अवर सचिव विकास कुलकर्णी यांनी आभार प्रदर्शन केले.

कार्यक्रमालापुढेची माजी उपमुख्यमंत्री पेंथापेरूमल वेलायुधम, राज्यपालांचे उपसचिव एस राममूर्ती, कौशल्य विद्यापीठाचे विद्यार्थी तसेच पालिकेच्या शिक्षण विभागाचे तसेच संगीत कला अकादमीचे पदाधिकारी उपस्थित होते.

# **Himachal Pradesh State Foundation Day celebrated in Maharashtra Raj Bhavan**

## **Governor announces reward of Rs.1 lakh each to BMC & State Skill University for excellent presentation**

Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan presided over the 'Himachal Pradesh State Foundation Day' celebration and witnessed the cultural presentation organised by Maharashtra Raj Bhavan in Mumbai on Mon (21 April).

Impressed by the excellent presentation of Pangi and Nati Dance from Himachal Pradesh by the students of BMC School and the Skill University, the Governor announced a prize of Rs. 1 lakh each to the University and the Sangeet Kala Academy of BMC.

The Himachal Pradesh State Foundation Day was organised in association with Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skill University and the Education Department of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation. The programme was held as part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative of Government of India.

Students of the Ganesh Baug Municipal English School Kurla and the Kamgar Nagar Municipal Hindi School joined by the students of the State Skill University presented a cultural programme showcasing the folk dances and songs representing the culture of Himachal Pradesh.

Secretary to the Governor Dr. Prashant Narnavare delivered the welcome speech while Under Secretary Vikas Kulkarni proposed a vote of thanks.

Former Deputy Chief Minister of Puducherry Pethaperumal Velayudham, Vice-Chancellor of Maharashtra State Skills University Dr. Apoorva Palkar, Deputy Secretary to the Governor S. Ramamoorthy, students of the Skills University, and office bearers of the Municipal Corporation's Sangeet Kala Akademi were present.

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# YESHO BHOOMI

22 APR 2025

## हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य स्थापना दिवस राजभवन में मनाया गया

**यशोभूमि / प्रतिनिधि**

मुंबई। राजभवन में हिमाचल प्रदेश का स्थापना दिवस धूमधाम और हर्षोल्लास के साथ मनाया गया। इस अवसर पर राज्यपाल सी.पी. राधाकृष्णन ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि प्रत्येक व्यक्ति को अपने राज्य, क्षेत्र, संस्कृति और मातृभाषा

कहा कि यदि देशभक्ति को कड़ी मेहनत और समर्पण के साथ जोड़ दिया जाए तो भारत भी 'विकसित भारत' बनने का लक्ष्य हासिल कर सकता है। सोमवार को महाराष्ट्र राजभवन, मुंबई

■ **'एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत' के तहत मना कार्यक्रम**

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प्रदेश की लोक संस्कृति को प्रदर्शित करने वाले सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम में उत्कृष्ट हिमाचल प्रदेश के लोकगीत और नृत्य प्रस्तुत करने के लिए बृहन्मुंबई नगर निगम की संगीत कला अकादमी और रतन टाटा महाराष्ट्र राज्य कौशल विश्वविद्यालय को एक-एक लाख रुपये का पुरस्कार दिए जाने की घोषणा की। उन्होंने कहा कि हिमाचल प्रदेश देवभूमि है तथा इस राज्य को प्रकृति का भरपूर आशीर्वाद प्राप्त है। उन्होंने इस बात पर प्रसन्नता व्यक्त की कि 'एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत' पहल के तहत आज देश के सभी राजभवनों में 'हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य स्थापना दिवस' मनाया जा रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि वह भी तीन बार हिमाचल प्रदेश का दौरा कर चुके हैं तथा उन्होंने राज्य के नागरिकों से हिमाचल प्रदेश के विभिन्न पर्यटक आकर्षणों का दौरा करने की अपील की। राज्यपाल ने कहा कि एक-दूसरे के क्षेत्रों का दौरा करने से एकता बढ़ेगी।



पर गर्व होना चाहिए। लेकिन उससे भी अधिक, हममें राष्ट्रीय गौरव होना चाहिए। राष्ट्रीय गौरव से प्रेरित होकर जापान और जर्मनी जैसे देश शून्य से उठकर प्रगति की नई ऊंचाइयों को छू लिया। राज्यपाल सी.पी. राधाकृष्णन ने

में धूमधाम से मनाए गए 'हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य स्थापना दिवस' पर राज्यपाल राधाकृष्णन बोल रहे थे। महाराष्ट्र राजभवन द्वारा 'एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत' पहल के तहत हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य स्थापना दिवस मनाया गया। हिमाचल



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## Maharashtra Raj Bhavan

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