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**PRESS RELEASE**



Shri P.B. Acharya, Honourable Governor graced the celebration of Dussehra at Assam Rifles ground, Kohima on 11th October, 2016. The Dussehra which celebrates the Hindu god Rama's victory over the demon king Ravana and the triumph of good over evil is celebrated for the first time by all the Hindu Community in Kohima.

Nearly 3,000 devotees gathered at Assam Rifles Ground, in spite of heavy rains, to witness the burning of the embodiment of evil in Ravana. Vijaydashami is victory day over Evil.

Lord Ram, after killing Ravana, victoriously entered the city of Ayodhya, on this day thousands of years back as per Hindu Mythology.

Governor participating in the Dussehra function reiterated that the Evil of dowry, caste System, Terrorism, Poverty, Corruption should be discarded.

The festivals are symbolic of strengthening unity and purity in the society.

'Prasad' in packets donated by Dimapur devotee Shri Rajiv Jha were distributed to all in packets.

Slogan of Jai Shri Ram were chanted by devotees while Ravana was burnt.

All the devotees were happy that the first ever Dussehra festival was celebrated this year in Kohima.

All devotees in and around Kohima in addition to the usual Durga Puja celebration, came together and celebrated Dussehra with the burning of the effigy of Ravana at 6:00 PM. Governor also visited, earlier on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Navaratri, Gorgkha Singha Mandir Chandmari, Durgabari Mandir, Hindu

Mandir PWD, Radha Krishna Mandir Phesama, Durga Puja Pandals Lirie colony, Old Ministers' Hill and Post Office during the puja period and offered prayers. During the visit Governor also delivered message on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao and on Jan Dhan Yojna.