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MESSAGE

On the auspicious occasion of Dree, I extend my best wishes and heartiest festival greetings to each and every citizen of Arunachal Pradesh. May the warmth and splendor, which are part of this auspicious occasion, bring us happiness and prosperity in the coming year.

Celebration of the indigenous festivals helps in the preservation, development and transition of the ancestral values and ethnic identity to future generations. Their continued existence and practice are closely connected to their own faith, cultural patterns, social institutions and legal systems. Therefore, I would like to call upon the people of the State to stay informed and involved in protecting their rights and their culture. And first step towards the endeavour is to observed festivals and annual rituals. The Dree festival as such is the cultural identity of the Apatani tribe, which they have proudly and jealously preserved since time immemorial.

Once again, on this auspicious occasion, I offer my prayers to invoke the Dree spirit amongst the people for the well being of all mankind.

Jai Arunachal, Jai Hind.

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