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MESSAGE

On the special occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, I extend hearty greetings to all Indians, particularly my beloved Arunachalees. I hope occasion will wake up the conscience of our countrymen and evoke a higher response in the heart of every Indian to rise for peace, unity and compassion.

On his 140th birth anniversary, we remember Gandhi ji with gratitude and earnestly hope that his efforts for communal harmony will be crowned with ever more success. His ideals and values have universal application and eternal validity. His faith in the efficacy of 'Ahimsa' as an agent for peaceful change will remain enshrined for many epochs to come. As a leader, his influence made itself felt not only in India, but everywhere in the world. Let us today pledge to carry forward his message of truth, non-violence, communal harmony and tolerance. Let us further strengthen the spirit of unity and reinforce the splendid integrity in diversity of our country.

Once again, on this auspicious occasion, I would appeal to all my fellow citizens to march forward to realize the dream of Gandhiji and his ideals of our motherland with values such as secularism, democracy and self reliance deeply embedded in our minds.

Jai Hind.

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