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Ganesh Chaturthi observed

Itanagar, September 1: ‘Ganapati Bappa Morya’ echoed in Raj Bhavan here too, as the Raj Bhavan family observed Ganesh Chaturthi with tradition gaiety and fervor, far way from Maharastra, where the festival is observed in a big way.

Amid chanting of mantras, Arunachal Pradesh Governor Gen JJ Singh performed puja before idol of Lord Ganesh.

Interacting with the devotees and guests, Governor wished them happiness and contentment in life. He also expressed his hope that festive season of Id, Solung and Ganesh Chaturthi, which will be followed by Onam will usher-in peace and prosperity for all.

Special dishes particularly ‘Modak’ were prepared for the occasion. Pandit Madan Tiwari of Raj Bhavan Shiv Mandir supervised the rituals.

Secretary to Governor Ankur Garg along with officials of Governor’s Secretariat also participated in the celebration.

Ganesha Chaturthi, also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi is the Hindu festival of Ganesha also called Vinayagar in South India, the son of Shiva and Parvati, who is believed to bestow his presence on earth for all his devotees in the duration of this festival. It is the day Shiva declared his elder son Ganesha as superior to all the gods. Ganesha is widely worshipped as the god of wisdom, prosperity and good fortune and traditionally invoked at the beginning of any new venture or at the start of travel. The festival lasts for 10 days, ending on Anant Chaturdashi.

While celebrated all over India, it is most elaborate in western and southern India. Outside India, it is celebrated widely in Nepal and by Hindus in the United States, Canada and Fiji.

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