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Governor appeals for peace and communal harmony

Itanagar, October 13: Arunachal Pradesh Governor General (Retd) JJ Singh has appealed to the people of the State to maintain peace and communal harmony. The Governor, who has been very disturbed and saddened by the recent unfortunate incidents of violence in the State, especially in the Capital Complex has appealed to every Arunachalee to remain calm and not fall prey to any provocation or rumours. These are neither in the people's interest, nor that of our State, he added. He also reminded everyone that all of us have been living peacefully and amicably for ages, where communal harmony has been the basic building block, **reports PRO to Governor**.

Stating the incidents of violence have resulted in the loss of one precious life, injuries to numerous people, damage to government and private properties, Gen Singh said that it has vitiated the peaceful environment and spread fear amongst the law abiding and innocent citizens, especially the women and children.

Joining all the people of Arunachal Pradesh in condemning it, Gen Singh added that in our society, historically, there has been no place for violence. Peaceful demonstration, protests and rallies are an acceptable part of every democratic society but taking the law into ones own hands does not reflect the people in good light or give a correct impression of our peace loving society.

The Governor has expressed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of late Heri Tai and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul. He also has stressed on speedy investigation on the circumstances leading to the incident and action taken as per the law of the land.

We have always taken pride in being the most peaceful State in the North East. Let us continue to maintain this excellent tradition and work as 'Team Arunachal', Governor further emphasized, adds the PRO.

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