

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor appeals for peace and harmony in the State**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa along with First Lady Smt Rita Rajkhowa graced inaugural function of the Shree Shree Durga Puja at Rajdhani Kali Mandir, P-sector Itanagar on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor expressed hope that the festivity of Durga Puja will usher in tranquillity and amity in the society, which, in turn facilitate in development of the society and prosperity of the State and the Nation. He appealed to the people for peace and harmony in the State.

The Governor cautioned the people on polluting the rivers after the Puja. He advised them to clean the water bodies after performing their rituals. Suggesting against sacrifices during Pujas, He advised the people for opting other ways to observe the rituals.

The Governor lauded the Bharat Sevashram Sangha for their service during natural calamities, bringing social reforms and in development of tribal communities. He commended the organisation for running a girls' school with hostel facility at Pakke Kesang in East Kameng District and its future plans for starting Computer, Yoga and Handicraft Training Centre in Itanagar and medical unit at Pakke Kesang. He expressed hope that the organisation will continue its good work in times to come.

Swami Mahatmananda Maharaj, Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh Branch, Bharat Sevashram Sangha (BSS) highlighted on importance of the Durga Puja and said that it is a prayer for the betterment of the society. Swamiji also recalled the early phase of BSS and highlighted its initiatives for upliftment of the tribals and relief works during disasters.

Earlier, the first couple were accorded traditional reception with beating of 'dhol' on their arrival at the temple. They offered prayers at the Puja pedestals.

The Puja is being organised by Bharat Sevashram Sangha and Rajdhani Sarbojanin Puja Committee, P-Sector, Itanagar.

PRO to Governor  
Arunachal Pradesh  
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