

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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PRESS RELEASE

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa has extended his sincere greetings to the people of the State on the special occasion of Indigenous Faith Day. He hopes that the occasion will usher in communal harmony and respect for all faiths and beliefs.

In his message, the Governor said that Arunachal Pradesh is a cultural mosaic owing to prevalence of different indigenous faiths and practices along with both sects of Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity and other religions. To preserve the indigenous cultural heritage, the people of the State need to motivate indigenous people to take pride in their own faith and culture. The people need to appreciate the rich and finer elements of the religious practices of the State. Special occasion like this will provide opportunity for better understanding of the different faiths of the State and motivate all, for honest and genuine engagements between people from different faiths and belief. It will also reinforce the distinctive Indian cultural characteristic which always has been 'Unity in Diversity' and Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – the whole world is a family.

The Governor exhorted the people to reaffirm the commitment on building better relationships and giving members of each faith the opportunity to better understand each other. He said that it must be through sincere and genuine engagements all religious people with mutual respect, understanding and goodwill.

May the special occasion strengthen our faith in humanity, the Governor wished in his message.

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