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Governor conveys Makar Sankranti and Magh Bihu greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa has conveyed sincere greetings and felicitations to the people of the State on the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti and Magh Bihu of the Assamese community. On the joyous occasion, on behalf of the people of the State, the Governor also extended the good wishes and warm greetings to the people of the neighbouring State of Assam.

In his festival message, the Governor said that Sankranti is a harvest festival celebrated in India. Sankranti is derived from the word 'Sankramana', meaning a 'change'. It is also called 'Makara Sankranti', as the Sun enters 'Makara Rasi' that day. He said that the day is very important for the State of Arunachal Pradesh as large number of pilgrims come to Parasuram Kund in Lohit District to take holy dip in the sacred kund and offer prayers. A dip on Makara Sankranti day is considered sacred.

While welcoming devotees and pilgrims to Parasuram Kund on the occasion, the Governor offered his prayer for safe and secure holy dip at the Kund. He also advised the district administration and organizers to ensure all comfort and convenience for the pilgrims.

The Governor in his message added that the festivity of Makar Sankranti also coincides with Magh Bihu (also called Bhogali Bihu - Bihu of enjoyment), a harvest festival of Assam, which marks the end of harvesting season in the month of Maagha (January–February). The festival is marked by Bihu songs & dance, feasts and bonfires.

May these festivals bind each one of us in fraternal love and affection, the Governor wished.

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