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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor conveys Mahavir Jayanti Greetings**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa has conveyed his best wishes to the fellow citizens of India on the auspicious occasion of Mahavir Jayanthi. He expressed hope that the auspicious occasion will continue to promote and immortalise the teaching of Lord Mahavira, also known as Vardhaman Mahavir, who was the last Tirthankara and the founder of Jainism.

In his message on the occasion, the Governor said that Lord Mahavir formulated the teachings of Jainism. The first and foremost principle of Jainism is Ahimsa or non-injury to anyone. The believers of Jainism believe in hard penance. They preached the equality of human beings, devoid of caste system and believe that the chief aim of a man is to attain salvation (Moksha) or freedom from the cycle of birth and rebirth. This salvation can be achieved by following three Jewels (Or Triratnas) of right faith, right knowledge and right conduct. According to the Jainism, one acquires new life according to his actions (or Karma) in his past lives. If one does good actions during this life he is bound to get a good life next time.

On this sacred occasion, I appeal to the people of my beloved country, particularly the youth to imbibe these gospels of Lord Mahavir for a peaceful, happy and prosperous India, the Governor further said in his message.

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