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Governor calls for strengthening the age-old traditional, historical and cultural ties between people of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam through cultural exchange programmes

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa called for strengthening the age-old traditional, historical and cultural ties between people of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. While addressing the first Joint meeting of Assam Arunachal Pradesh Cultural Coordination Mission (AAPCCM), which has been initiated by him to promote amity amongst the people of the two neighbours, at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 17th May 2016, the Governor suggested for cultural exchange programme presentations at different locations of the State, starting from Itanagar, Pasighat and other places. He also suggested for joint training on dances, singing and musical instruments, while involving renowned cultural personalities like Shri Bengia Hemanto and many others.

The Governor advised for exchange of traditional cuisines during such events for the artists and others and involvement of various cultural organisations, including Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Regional Office, Guwahati.

The Governor, who initiated 'Sampriti', a cultural presentation of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam by the ICCR, Guwahati in the month of October last, emphasised that sharing of each other's cultural richness, exchange of thoughts and person to person interaction will cement the age-old relationship and communal harmony, which at times is disturbed by unpleasant incidences. He wished that there will be involvement of larger numbers of school children, youth and general public to send strong message of goodwill amongst them.

The Assam Team of the AAPCCM, led by Shri Uma Kanta Borah, Chief Coordinator of Sanskritik Maha Sabha, Assam accompanied by its Convener Shri Debeswar Kalita, and members Shri Pabitra Kr. Sarma, Shri Pradeep Kr. Borah and Shri Binod Kr Borah and the Arunachal Pradesh Team led by Shri Sonam Chombay, Secretary, Art & Culture and Director in-charge Art & Culture Shri Jomnya Siram were present in the meeting. As advised by the Governor, the details were worked out by the members and it was decided to conduct the event in the month of November with various cultural items of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam and also fusion of dances, songs and musical instruments participated by cultural troupes from both the States.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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