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PRESS RELEASE

Governor conveys festival greetings on the occasion of Dree

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa has conveyed his heartiest festival greetings to the people of the State in general and the Apatani brethren in particular on the festive occasion of the Dree Festival. He expressed his hope that the festivity will usher-in good harvest, peace, prosperity and happiness for all.

In his message, the Governor said that the Dree festival, which is an agricultural festival celebrated with spiritual invocations and rites, highlights the vibrant culture and traditions of our Apatani Tribe. It is one of the rich cultural assets of the State and at the same time it reinforces the splendid cultural fabric of our society. The celebration of the festival has always helped us to preserve the tribe's rich heritage, carry it forward and to pass on to the younger generation. He has appealed to the learned elders and youth to take pride in their ethnicity, healthy and vibrant customs, traditions, folklores, folk dances, songs etc. and preserve it for the benefit of future generations.

On this joyous occasion, my wife Smt Rita Rajkhowa and I join my Apatani brethren in offering sincere prayers to Almighty Donyi Polo for joy, prosperity, happiness and tranquility for one and all, the Governor said in his message.

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