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**Governor interacts with theatre artists from the State of Gujarat**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) interacted with theatre artists from the State of Gujarat, on 14th August 2019, who have come to present a stage show on Sardar Patel as part of Arunachal State Independence Day celebrations.

Interacting with the members of 'Viewfinder' troupe, the Governor recalled the contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in saving Kashmir from being overrun by the Pakistan Regulars and Kabailis. He said that it was because of the political acumen and practical wisdom of Sardar Patel, even the most bellicose Princely States also joined the Indian Union, the Governor said.

The Governor commended the State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat for this cultural exchange. Recalling his visit to Gujarat during the 'Madhavpur Mela' a grand four –day celebrations in Porbandar District of Gujarat through its first ever cultural integration with the North-East under Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat in Madhavpur Ghed in March 2018, Governor said that Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat share cultural relationship and there are deeply intermixed in our folklores. Lord Krishna married Rukmini, the daughter of King Bhishmaka near Roing in Lower Dibang Valley District which till date we proudly recall as a great occasion.

The Governor said that the remnants of Bhismaknagar in Lower Dibang Valley District and Malinithan and Vasudev Mandir (Gongai Than) at Likabali and Nari respectively in Lower Siang District bear the testimony of the flourishing and rich cultural links of our State with the rest of India from time memorial. He also highlighted the importance of these places, which find mention in Kalika Purana related to our ancient social aspects.

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