

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
ITANAGAR**

**Press Communiqué**

**Governor extends Onam greetings**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) has extended his warm greetings to the people of the State on the festive occasion of Onam. On this auspicious occasion, I join my fellow citizens of Arunachal Pradesh in extending our good wishes to the people of Dev Bhomie, the Land of Malayalam, living in our State, as also outside the States, in the country and abroad, the Governor said.

In his message, the Governor said that Onam is the most popular festival of Kerala and is celebrated with great reverence, enthusiasm, pomp and gaiety. The festival of Onam is dedicated to King Mahabali who was an Asur (Demon) by birth but graduated to Godhood by the virtue of his noble deeds. The reign of King Mahabali, the most just and benevolent king ever born, is considered as the golden age of Kerala. During his reign no needy person ever went empty handed from his door. The reminiscence about King Mahabali has it, that the king, in order to keep his words, gave away his entire Kingdom, i.e. the earth and the space and his corporeal possession 'his body' too, which were asked for by the God and acquiesced by the King. As a reward for his sacrifice, he was blessed by the Almighty to remain eternally in the mind of the people of Kerala. His annual visit day to earth accordingly is celebrated as festival 'Onam', the Governor said.

May King Mahabali, on this Onam Day, bestow health, wealth, happiness and peace to us all, the Governor wished in his message.

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