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Raj Bhavan organizes Gujarat & Maharashtra Diwas

Maharashtra and Gujarat have strong ties with Arunachal Pradesh: Governor

Governor greets the Gujaratis and Marathis on their State Foundation Day

To foster and strengthen camaraderie amongst the people from different parts of the country, serving in Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) has taken the initiative to celebrate their States Foundation Day at Raj Bhavan. To start with, the Foundation Day of Gujarat and Maharashtra was observed at Raj Bhavan on 1st May 2023. The Governor and the First Lady of the State Smt Anagha Parnaik graced the occasion.

Maharashtra and Gujarat were parts of the State of Bombay Province. On 1 May 1960, the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat were formed as independent States.

People from Gujarati and Marathi communities, including government officials, businessmen, people working in public sector units and members of armed forces along with their families attended the celebration at Raj Bhavan. They shared their experiences, accomplishments and goodwill for the people of Arunachal Pradesh with the Governor and the First Lady of the State. A high tea with special Gujarati and Marathi cuisines were also organized on the occasion.

The Governor greeted the Gujarati and Marathi communities on their State foundation day today and conveyed his good wishes to each and every member. He said that the objective of the Statehood Day celebration of other States is to amalgamate the people from outside the State with the local population and create a bond of camaraderie, and thus help us realize our vision of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.

The Governor said that both Maharashtra and Gujarat have strong ties with Arunachal Pradesh. Inter-state Living (SEIL) of Maharashtra in the 1950s, an exchange of students from North East tribal States and vice versa and the Sri Krishna-Rukmini cultural heritage of Gujarat has reinforced the traditional linkage of Arunachal Pradesh with Maharashtra and Gujarat, he said.

Sharing his experience of having visited various States during his service days, the Governor advised the people to learn local language, their traditional practices and appreciate their cultural heritage. He also asked them to keep themselves connected to their roots.

Appreciating the famed art and crafts of Gujarat and the cultural heritage of Maharashtra, the Governor advised the Gujarati and Marathi communities to imbibe the good traditions of Arunachali society.

The Governor urged the Gujarati and Marathi communities to contribute, in whatever position they are, in Arunachal Pradesh with sincerity and dedication. He said anything they do will ultimately contribute towards nation building.

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