## GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT ARUNACHAL PRADESH ITANAGAR

## Press Communiqué

## Governor extends Janjatiya Gaurav Divas greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General K.T. Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) has extended greetings to the people and to the tribal brothers and sisters across the nation on the occasion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, which marks the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. He expressed his hope that the occasion will inspire all to stand resolutely for righteousness, equity, and constitutional rights.

In his message, the Governor said that Birsa Munda was a remarkable freedom fighter, spiritual leader, and folk hero of the Munda Tribe from the Chhota Nagpur Plateau region. He dedicated his life to championing the rights of tribal communities and worked tirelessly to preserve their faith, culture, and traditions. Birsa Munda inspired his followers to reconnect with their tribal heritage and uphold their ancestral customs, he said.

The Governor said that Janjatiya Gaurav Divas provides an opportunity to promote their rich cultural heritage and to advocate for their welfare. It is a day that reminds us of our shared heritage and the need to preserve and celebrate the diversity of our country. It aims to honour the courageous tribal freedom fighters and raise awareness among the youth about their sacrifices. Additionally, it endeavours to acknowledge the contributions of tribal communities in preserving cultural heritage, while also highlighting welfare initiatives undertaken by the Union and State Governments in areas such as education, health, livelihoods, infrastructure, and skill development. I am confident that this occasion will herald new policies and welfare activities for the benefit of our tribal communities, he said.

On this occasion, I join the people of Arunachal Pradesh in paying tribute to our revered Birsa Munda and to all tribal freedom fighters of the State and the nation, who sacrificed their lives for our sovereignty and freedom, the Governor said in his message.

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