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Press Communiqué

Governor participates in Bharat Parv 2025

Governor calls for a joint partnership of the States of Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat for mutual benefits and common commitment to nation-building

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), participated in the Bharat Parv 2025, at the iconic Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Gujarat on 12th November 2025. This edition holds special significance as the fortnight celebration, which started on 1st November 2025, commemorates the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, whose vision of unity laid the foundation for an integrated nation.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that the relationship between Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat rests on cultural foundations that date back centuries. This bond is beautifully expressed in shared mythology, particularly in the story of Lord Krishna and Rukmini. He said that the Madhavpur Fair in Gujarat, which celebrates their divine wedding, serves as a living cultural bridge between the two States, especially as Rukmini is believed to have been born in Bismaknagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor said that Gujarat, the land of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, holds a special place in Arunachal Pradesh's civic and youth initiatives. During occasions like Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, Patel's life and legacy are highlighted across schools and public platforms to remind the youth of his pivotal role in unifying the nation. His foresight and the decisive steps taken by Major Bob Khating ensured that Tawang remains an integral part of India, a legacy that continues to guide Arunachal Pradesh's sense of belonging and national pride.

The Governor, while appreciating the contributions of the vibrant Gujarati community in Arunachal Pradesh, said that they have truly embodied the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. This partnership was reflected in the Raj Bhavan's celebration of Gujarat Foundation Day, where local schoolchildren, including children with special needs, were invited as Special Guests to experience the colours, traditions, and stories of Gujarat. Such exchanges, he said, are shaping a generation of Arunachali youth who are confident, curious, and connected to India's cultural diversity.

Highlighting the State's progress, the Governor said that Arunachal Pradesh is moving ahead on a confident development path shaped by clear vision and committed leadership. He said that in the last five years, over 4,000 km of roads have been constructed across challenging terrain, improving mobility, strengthening security, and

connecting remote communities. He said that the State has immense potential in tourism, spiritual, cultural, adventure, nature, and eco-tourism, supported by its pristine landscapes and rich heritage.

The Governor said that Gujarat's success in cooperative development, dairy management, horticulture, and tourism offers valuable models for Arunachal Pradesh. At the same time, Arunachal brings its own strengths to this partnership. It is India's largest producer of kiwi, its mandarin oranges and large cardamom are gaining national prominence, and its vast hydropower potential positions it as a future contributor to the nation's clean energy needs. He called for a joint partnership of the two States for mutual benefits and common commitment to nation-building.

Extending an invitation to the Chief Minister, ministers, and officials of Vibrant Gujarat to visit Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor called for deeper cooperation to strengthen the national fabric and contribute to a more cohesive and forward-looking India.

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