

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
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**Press Communiqué**

**Governor extends Makar Sankranti greetings**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General K.T. Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), has extended his warm greetings to the people of the State on the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti. He expressed his hope that the sacred festival, and the year ahead, bring peace, harmony, joy, and prosperity to every home.

In his message, the Governor said that Makar Sankranti heralds the sacred Uttarayana, six months period revered as highly auspicious in our spiritual tradition. On this holy occasion, devotees offer prayers to the Sun God and take sacred dips in revered rivers such as the Ganga, Yamuna, Godavari, Krishna, Kaveri, and our own holy Lohit River, seeking purification, prosperity, and well-being, he said.

The Governor further said that each year, thousands of devotees and pilgrims gather at the sacred Parasuram Kund to take part in the traditional Makar Sankranti Mela, reflecting deep faith and timeless tradition. On behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh, I extend a warm welcome to all pilgrims and visitors, and convey my heartfelt wishes for a joyous, peaceful, and spiritually enriching Makar Sankranti, he said in his message.

May this holy festival strengthen the bonds of fraternity, compassion, and mutual respect among us all, the Governor wished.

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