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## **MESSAGE**

On the auspicious occasion of Dussehra, I extend my warmest festival greetings to my brothers and sisters of Arunachal Pradesh. I hope festive occasion will strengthen the spirit of unity and reinforce the splendid cultural fabric of our society.

Dussehra is a popular festival celebrated by Hindus all over India, albeit with different names. It is also known as Vijayadashmi ('Vijay' meaning 'victory' and 'Dashmi' meaning 'tenth day') as it is believed that it was on this day that Lord Rama killed the demon-king, Ravana and won over Lanka. In other words, it signifies the triumph of good over evil.

May the noble ideals of the festival prevail to establish lasting peace, prosperity and happiness in the society.

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