

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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PRESS RELEASE

Governor extends Makar Sankranti greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) has extended his warm greetings and good wishes to the people of the State on the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti. He wished that the festive season and the year that lies ahead be filled with peace, amity, joy and prosperity for everyone.

In his message, the Governor said that festivals are inalienable part of life and have multi dimensional narratives, encompassing bonhomie, get together, feasting, sporting, praying and spiritual pursuits. It, thus, follows that these celebrations be observed with full fervour and gaiety. He said that on Makar Sankranti day, the worshipers of God Sun celebrate the beginning of a six-month pious period known as **Uttarayana**. Believers take holy dip in auspicious rivers, like Ganga, Yamuna, Godavari, Krishna, Lohit and Kaveri. Such bathing is believed to give atonement and earn the blessings of Sun God for success and prosperity.

Relating this festival to Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor informed that in Lohit District of the State, on Makar Sankranti or Magh Bihu as it is known in Assam, large number of devotees and pilgrims come for participating in the Makar Sankranti Mela (Fair) for holy dip in Parasuram Kund on the banks of Lohit River.

On behalf of all citizens of our State, the Governor welcomed all to the traditional Makar Sankranti Mela and wished them very happy and joyous Makar Sankranti and Magh Bihu.

The Governor asserted that for ensuring safety, security, hassle-free movement, and civic conveniences for the pilgrims on all days of the Mela, the State Government has directed Lohit District Civil Administration, Police Department and the Parasuram Kund Mela organizers for making all requisite arrangements.

May this festival bind each one of us in fraternal love and affection, the Governor wished in his message.

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Arunachal Pradesh
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