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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) inaugurated the 5-Day Rashtriya Sanskriti Moahotsav at Festival cum Multipurpose Ground, Tawang on 12th November 2026.

The Governor said that it was a matter of great pride to be part of the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav in the beautiful and historic land of Tawang. He said that the five-day festival brings together India's diverse communities, languages, traditions, music, dance and art forms on a common national platform, strengthening mutual understanding and the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

The Governor said that India's unity lies in respecting and celebrating its diversity. He appreciated the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, and commended the North East Zone Cultural Centre, Dimapur, the Department of Art and Culture, Arunachal Pradesh, and the District Administration of Tawang for their dedicated efforts in organising the Mahotsav.

Highlighting its significance, the Governor said that cultural festivals are living expressions of a society's identity, history and collective wisdom. He said that the Mahotsav would help preserve heritage for future generations, strengthen national integration through cultural exchange, and promote tourism while creating opportunities for local artisans and performers. These efforts, he said, contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.

Addressing the youth, the Governor urged them to embrace modern opportunities while remaining connected to their roots. He encouraged them to learn their mother tongues, folk songs, dances, traditional crafts and indigenous knowledge from elders, and document these traditions through digital archives, films and social media. He also called upon cultural gurus to mentor young talent and urged cultural institutions and State departments to organise village-level workshops, school exchanges and youth camps.

The Governor emphasised that cultural preservation is a collective responsibility and must remain a living community practice. He appreciated the artists, cultural troupes, organisers, volunteers, officials and local communities for making the event possible. He expressed hope that the Mahotsav would strengthen friendships, mutual respect and national pride, inspiring future generations to build a Viksit Bharat that is modern in outlook, inclusive in spirit and rooted in its rich cultural heritage.

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Shri Samar Nanda and Director, North East Zone Cultural Centre, Dimapur Shri Alobo Naga also spoke on the occasion.

The First Lady of the State, Smt Anagha Parnaik, Director of Zonal Cultural Centres, Ms. Pallavi Prashant Holkar, Secretary, Department of Art and Culture and Secretary to Governor, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, Smt Mamata Riba Naksang, and Deputy Commissioner, Ms. Namgyal Angmo were present at the inaugural function.

The inaugural function witnessed performances by Tashi Drema Gyamo of Arunachal Pradesh, KC Lights Choir of Meghalaya and Grand Cultural Choreography featuring the eight North Eastern States and six Zonal Cultural Centre.

More than five hundred artists and performers, including folk and Classical troupes are participating in the cultural festival. Vibrant Art Exhibitions, Tradition cuisines, choir performance and live performance by renowned artistes are part of the celebration.

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