

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

**Arunachal Lok Bhavan observes Telangana, Sikkim and Goa Diwas**

**State Foundation Day celebrations serve as meaningful platforms for building mutual respect, cultural understanding, and national integration: Governor**

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The State Foundation Days of Telangana, Sikkim, and Goa were celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar, on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), accompanied by the First Lady of The State Smt Anagha Parnaik participated in the celebration organized as part of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative.

The Governor extended his warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Telangana, Sikkim, and Goa, acknowledging their invaluable contributions to the nation's progress, cultural richness, and democratic ethos. Reflecting on the unique historical journeys of the three States, he highlighted Telangana's remarkable achievements in innovation and economic growth, Sikkim's inspiring commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable development, and Goa's rich cultural legacy and historical significance as a vibrant gateway of Indian and global interactions.

Drawing parallels with Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor noted that all four States share a deep respect for their indigenous traditions, vibrant tribal cultures, exquisite handloom and handicraft heritage, and immense tourism potential. He observed that despite geographical distances, these States are united by common values of community living, cultural pride, and harmonious coexistence with nature.

Emphasizing the significance of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, the Governor described it as a visionary initiative of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, aimed at deepening emotional integration among citizens and celebrating the diversity that strengthens the nation. He said that the programme has played a pivotal role in encouraging people-to-people connections, fostering greater appreciation of different cultures, inspiring the youth to embrace the spirit of unity in diversity, and promoting India's rich and varied cultural heritage. Such celebrations, he added, serve as meaningful platforms for building mutual respect, cultural understanding, and national integration.

The Governor commended all the participants for their enthusiastic performances and informative presentations.

A colourful cultural programme was presented on the occasion, beautifully reflected the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat by showcasing the rich diversity and vibrant heritage of different States of India. The students of VKV, Itanagar presented traditional Dance of Arunachal Pradesh highlighting the State's indigenous traditions and cultural vibrancy. The audience was further enthralled by the traditional Sikkimese group song 'Chitti Chitti' and the lively traditional group dance 'Gairi Khet Ko Sirai Hanyo', which showcased the unique folk traditions of Sikkim.

Adding grace and elegance to the programme, Miss Bhagyasree of VKV, Itanagar presented a mesmerizing Indian Classical Dance, Bharatnatyam, celebrating the timeless artistic heritage of India. Miss Gichik Yachum of VKV, Itanagar, Miss Chukhu Nachum and Miss Nabam Kampung of Boum Kakir Mission School, Doimukh, of Let's Speak Arunachal gave informative prologues on the States of Sikkim, Goa, and Telangana.

The programme was further enriched by the presence of the children, staff, and parents of Sacred Heart Convent & Day Care Centre, Itanagar, who attended the celebration as special guests of the Governor. Their participation added a meaningful dimension to the event, reflecting the values of inclusivity, compassion, and equal opportunity.

Interacting with the children and their families, the Governor emphasized the importance of creating a caring and supportive society where every individual, regardless of ability, is empowered to realize their full potential. Their presence served as a reminder that the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat is rooted not only in celebrating cultural diversity but also in fostering an inclusive society that embraces and uplifts all its citizens.

As part of the celebrations, the Governor and the First Lady of the State Smt Anagha Parnaik, hosted a High Tea in honour of the people from Sikkim, Goa and Telangana, as well as the participating students and officials.

The audiovisual messages of the Governor of Telangana, Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla and the Governor of Sikkim, Shri Om Prakash Mathur were screened on the occasion.

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