

RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU - PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU PRESIDED OVER
CELEBRATIONS OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH AND MIZORAM
STATES' FOUNDATION DAY AT RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI,
TODAY (23.02.2024)**

Hon'ble Governor, in his presidential address, extended the warmest greetings and the best wishes to the people of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram on their statehood day. This was envisioned by Hon'ble Prime Minister Thiru. Narendra Modi, who extended the Statehood Day celebrations outside that state. Today, the statehood day of one state is celebrated all over the country, with the spirit of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat. Earlier, statehood day celebrations were restricted to those states, but today every state is celebrating it.

The Governor highlighted the warm-hearted and hospitable nature of the people of Tamil Nadu. He underlined how, during the tough time of COVID-19, the people of Tamil Nadu came together as a Kutumbam and with compassion and selfless services, they helped and provided support to people from other parts of the country amidst COVID-19. This is the beauty of our Nation. Bharat is the product of cultural and civilizational evolution. Beneath the vibrant diversities lies the spirit of our age-old cultural civilizational connect and oneness, which makes Bharat Rashtra and every Bharatiya a part of one Kutumbam.

Hon'ble Governor highlighted the rich cultural heritage, vibrant culture, spiritual richness, scenic beauty, and simple and hardworking people of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram. He exemplified this with the accounts of civilizational remains found in the North East, which also have a deep connection with Buddhism. With the rise of New Bharat, a new

North-East is emerging, he added. Governor urged the people, especially the youth, to visit Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and other northeastern states and experience the vastness, and stunning multifaceted diversities of our Nation.

Thiru. Tluanga Colney (Mizoram), former secretary of the Northeast India Welfare Association, shared in his speech his experiences from three decades of his stay in Tamil Nadu. He mentioned the warm-hearted and compassionate people of the state who welcome and embrace people from different parts of India. He also shared how the people helped him during the tough time of COVID-19.

The eminent personalities from Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram participated in the celebration and shared their profound associations with Tamil Nadu. The distinguished cultural artists of these states, with their enthralling performances, captivated the audience. Governor also felicitated the cultural artists for their outstanding performances and the student speakers.

In these celebrations, Thiru. R.Kirloshkumar, I.A.S., Secretary to Governor, Thiru. Tluanga Colney (Mizoram), Former Secretary Northeast India Welfare Association, Chennai, dignitaries, special guests, faculty members, students from Kalakshetra Chennai, Anna University, Association members, officials and staff of Raj Bhavan were present.

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