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Message


I extend my heartiest greetings to the people of Assam on the occasion of Rongali Bihu and the Assamese New Year.

'Rongali Bihu', one of the greatest festivals and the heart of Assamese society, is celebrated throughout the state amidst great festivity and fanfare. This colourful festival marks the beginning of the Assamese New Year and heralds the advent of sowing season. It exemplifies the bond of unity and amity among the people cutting across of all caste, creed and religion. Bihu is the hallmark of the festive spirit and the joyous nature of the Assamese people and their love and affection towards humanity at large.

This time the festive spirit associated with the festival is somewhat subdued because of the COVID- 19 pandemic. Though I can very well feel the void created amongst us for not being able to celebrate this most colourful festival, I would rather reiterate, keeping ourselves hale and hearty is the need of the hour. So, in the event of absence of any antidote to fight against COVID 19, maintaining social distances and avoiding social gatherings are the only deterrent we can afford to break the chain of transmission.

May, I, therefore, appeal to all my brothers and sisters of this beautiful state to be at home only and not to conduct any public function. Follow social confinement and lend your hands to save our state, country and the world from the scourge of this pandemic. I firmly believe we can fight it out with our sheer determination, cooperation and support. Let this Rongali Bihu and the New Year be an opportunity for us all to take a pledge to work together and save the humanity from the threat of COVID 19.

Jai Hind


(Prof. Jagdish Mukhi)