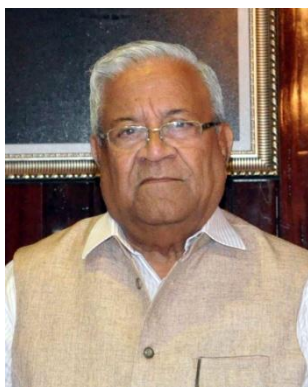


Greetings on Ahuna Festival



Honourable Governor extends his warm greetings to the Sumi Community on the occasion of Ahuna Festival 2016. Ahuna is a traditional post-harvest festival of the Sumis which signifies the season's harvest in thanksgiving, while invoking the spirit of good fortune in the New Year. On this occasion, the entire community prepares and feasts on the first meal of rice drawn from the season's harvest cooked in bamboo segments.

Let us thank Almighty God for His unceasing love and blessings for the abundant harvest. Today we express our gratitude to our 'Kisans' and pray for their welfare. India is an agricultural country. Let us all come together and be a nodal agents to reach the Kisans and involve them in various Central & State welfare project/schemes for the welfare of farmers by reaching out to them & motivating them to go for Kisan Credit Card, Kisan Soil Card, etc. of Central Government Welfare Projects and Jhan Dhan Yojna, etc.

As the Ahuna is celebrated with an array of cultural activities in songs, dances, traditional sports and feasting let us also rededicate ourselves to make the atmosphere in our towns and villages conducive for an all round development, especially in education and economic fields.

I convey my best wishes to the Sumi Community. May the festival bring peace, unity and communal harmony to all people.

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