

**RAJ BHAVAN
KOHIMA**

August 12, 2020

MESSAGE

I extend my warm Janmashtami greetings to the people of Nagaland.

This festival celebrates the birth of Lord Krishna.

During the festival, plays of Krishna's childhood are demonstrated symbolizing the joyful innocence of children, and that love and life's play is the manifestation of god.

Krishna was born at a time of chaos, when evil was everywhere. A time which we can relate considering the Covid-19 situation we are facing today.

Hindus celebrate Janmashtami by fasting, singing, praying together, preparing and sharing special food and night vigils. Let us do the same with the thoughts of improving our conditions as we fight the pandemic today.

I wish everyone peace and happiness as you observe the festival at home.

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