

**RAJ BHAVAN
KOHIMA**

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TSOKUM FESTIVAL GREETINGS

I extend a very warm greeting to the people of Nagaland, and to my Khiamniungan brothers and sisters in particular on the occasion of Tsokum festival.

Tsokum is celebrated to invoke blessings for a bountiful harvest and to avoid any unforeseen misfortune among family members during the time of harvest.

Apart from celebrating the festival with great pomp and gaiety, it has the wonderful underlying essence of promoting unity, peace and harmony. Sharing and giving are wonderful practices observed during the festival.

It is important for our children to carry on the culture and tradition. During Tsokum, boys and girls take part in traditional games and sports which help in developing a sense of mutual understanding and cooperation at a young age.

Today, as we observe the festival in this extraordinary situation, together with you, I pray the Almighty bless everybody abundantly.

(R.N. RAVI)