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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, the most colourful festival and the heart of Assamese society, is celebrated amidst great festivity and fanfare. This Bihu symbolises a melange of the festive mood and our intrinsic bond with Mother Nature. This colourful festival marks the beginning of the Assamese New Year and heralds the advent of sowing season. Our love and affection in relation to the nature know no bounds during this festival.

Bihu is the manifestation of the festive spirit and the joyous nature of the Assamese mind, body and soul which exemplifies our essence in relation to beautiful surroundings.

I hope the rhythm of *dhol*, *pepa and gogona* and full-bloom *Kopou* flowers usher in peace, prosperity, plenty in Assam and strengthen our mutual bonhomic existing since ages.

Jai Hind!

(Gulab Chand Kataria)