



On 20th February 1987 Statehood was conferred on Arunachal Pradesh and it became the 25th State of the Union of India. From that day State Hood Day of Arunachal Pradesh is celebrated all over the State.

Festival of Arunachal:

Festival of Arunachal is being celebrated from past few years to commemorate the Statehood day celebrations in Itanagar, the State capital of Arunachal Pradesh. The main attractions of this festival are cultural evening, textile and handicraft expo, food stall, flower/orchid show, Sport events and other various competitions.

*This year on **20th Feb 2010 the 24th Statehood** day will be celebrated by the people of Arunachal Pradesh with lots of enthusiasm. Arunachal Pradesh has more than 20 major tribes who have their distinct culture, tradition and festivals. So, to have a festival where all communities collectively display the culinary and aesthetic variety and cultural diversity, the Arunachal festival is being celebrated.*

Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Hon'ble Union Minister (New & Renewable Energy), who is the Chief Guest on the 24th Statehood day, will declare the Festival of Arunachal open.



Events during Festival of Arunachal:

The celebration of Statehood Day in Arunachal Pradesh is associated with many exciting events and programmes. Like every Year this year also preparation has been started to celebrate the event.



Food Village: While celebrating Statehood day in Arunachal Pradesh the best part to enjoy is the Food Stalls. Mo' Mos from Tawang, smoke fish and meat from the Siang and Subansiri, steamed rice form Lohit and many more appetizing dishes from other districts, bring water to mouth. This year the cuisine will be straight from the traditional Arunachalee kitchen with crackling fires and spirit raising Apong.



Cultural Evening: Snow lion dancers from the snow capped mountains of the Tawang, Rosy cheeked dancers from Subansiri, dancers from Siang & Tirap will add color to the festivities this year. Visitors will also enjoy performances of classic, folk, tribal dance forms of various States of India showing the panorama of cultural diversity of our country. The cultural troupes from the seven sisters will take everyone back to our roots. Cultural evenings will begin at 6 P.M. Special attraction will be **FASHION SHOW** by Rajiv Gandhi Polytechnic College.



Handloom & Craft Bazaar: There will be also world famous wood carvers from Tawang, Bomdila and Tirap, deft fingers of artisans from Assam, cane & bamboo products of Meghalaya will be available at the Handloom & Craft Bazaar.

Flower Show Competition: Everyone knows, Arunachal is the Paradise for many ornamental plants like orchids wild varieties like Begonias,

Hedychiums etc. People will be enjoying the flowers who will come to visit the fair. Besides there will be a flower show- cum-Competition for various groups like orchids, seasonal, foliage ornamentals, cactus, Bonsai, Ferns, Cut-flowers, Flower arrangements etc. Herbal/medicinal plant with forest Department will be showcased over there, where visitors will get the opportunity to revive knowledge about those flowers.



Indigenous Games Demonstration: *Traditional games like Wrist gripping, Bamboo skill, Stick wrestling, Rukli, Tug of war etc. slowly fading from the fields of Arunachal will be arranged at various places. People at a large are requested to take part in various competitions which will be arranged during this much-awaited festive occasion.*

Competition Schedule

Sl.No.	Date	Day	Time	Competition to be Held at IG Park
1	20 th February	Saturday	1400hrs to 1600hrs	Click you camera”, Photography Competition ‘Sing-a-song”, Singing Competition (Hindi/English)
2	21st February	Sunday	1100hrs to 1500hrs	“Ferns & Petals”, Flower arrangement competition “Sabse Acchi, Kiski Sabji”, Kitchen Garden competition “Dance Pe Chance”, Dancing competition “Indigenous games demonstration”
3	21st February,	Sunday	1000hrs to 1100hrs	Marathon from Dera Natung College to 16 Park “ Rhythms of the Heart”, Native language Poem competition.
4	22nd February,	Monday	1100hrs to 1500hrs	Singing by local artists “Celebrating Oneness”, Poem/Press competition.

Special Bus services:

Naharlagun: 4.00 – 6.00 pm. (Naharlagun- IG Park) 7:30 – 9:00 pm (IG park – Naharlagun),

Itanagar: Regular city service shall continue till 9pm from Chimpu to IG park & vice versa

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