

## **MESSAGE**

On this festive occasion of Onam on 08<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, I extend my heartiest greetings and warm wishes to the people of Goa and particularly my brethren from Kerala.

2. Onam is the biggest harvest festival in Kerala and it is celebrated all over the country as a national festival irrespective of caste, religion and community. It is a celebration of the culture and tradition of Kerala and marked by great enthusiasm and gaiety. It is a 10 days colourful festival to mark the homecoming of legendary King Mahabali and famous for its intricately painted Pookalam, delicious Onasadhya, stunning Snake Boat Race and unique Kaikottikali dance. Festivals like Onam while enriching the diverse cultural landscape of our country help to renew goodwill, friendship, and foster a feeling of togetherness among the people reflecting the strength of unity in diversity of our country.

3. May this auspicious occasion of Onam celebrations bring renewed joy, peace and prosperity to the people of Goa.

**P.S.Sreedharan Pillai**  
Governor of Goa

5<sup>th</sup> September, 2022