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### **MESSAGE**

On the occasion of National Press Day, I extend my warm greetings to all the members of the media fraternity of A&N Islands. I hope that the occasion inspires all of them to maintain highest standards of professionalism and constructive journalism.

Media is the nerve of the society. It plays a vital role in dissemination of information to the masses based on facts and truth. Being a proactive partner in developmental programmes, media has been motivating people to work towards achieving a just and corruption free society. It has safeguarded free expression, which is the soul of democracy.

Media in A&N Islands has shown its commitment to the pursuit of democracy through truth, fairness and objectivity. It has ensured that the happenings in society are correctly reflected and important issues involving the vulnerable sections are provided the required attention. I wish that media in the UT and in the country continue their excellent service towards Islands and the Nation for a better and progressive tomorrow.

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