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Governor conveys Pongtu Festival greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri P.B. Acharya has conveyed his warm greetings to the people of Arunachal Pradesh on the festive occasion of 'Pongtu,' He expressed his hope that the festivity will herald in new dawn of peace, happiness and prosperity for the community and the State.

In his message, the Governor said that Pongtu, an agricultural festival of the Tutsa tribe of Changlang and Tirap Districts is observed on the eve of rainy season. The festival is celebrated after the harvesting of millet crop to welcome the symbolic New Year, which follows it. He wishes that prayers and offerings on the occasion invoke the blessings of Almighty for a bumper harvest and ensure security of the crops against natural calamities.

It is the time that we identify and motivate every 'Kishan' and reach them with the Central and State Governments' welfare programmes like Kishan Credit Card, Crop Insurance, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), Prime Minister Crop Insurance Scheme, Prime Minister Agricultural Irrigation Scheme, Farm Mechanization Mission, National Agricultural Marketing, Rural Storage Scheme and Soil Health Card Scheme etc. Pongtu is 'Kishan Day'. He is the 'Annadata' Let us pray and congratulate our 'Kishan' who are the real assets for the society, the Governor further said.

Along with all my Tutsa brethrens, I offer my prayers to Supreme God Rangkathok for his choicest blessings, the Governor said in his message.

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