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PRESS RELEASE

Governor conveys Sangken Festival greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri P.B. Acharya has conveyed warm greetings and good wishes to people of the State on the auspicious occasion of Sangken. He has expressed his hope that the occasion will inspire to follow the path shown by Lord Buddha.

In his message, the Governor said that on the auspicious occasion, the images of Lord Buddha are taken out of the shrine, given a ceremonial bath and placed in the 'Kyongfra' to the accompaniment of drums and cymbals. People pray, offer sweets and food as offerings in the temple and then distribute sweets and goodwill amongst all by pouring water over each other. Water is also poured over all the holy objects, including the Boddhi tree. Water is also poured on the hands of Bhikkhus (monk) to invoke their blessings for good luck, good health, peace and harmony throughout the year.

While joining the Khampti Community in offering prayers for universal peace and harmony, the Governor further said that during the festival, people do away with ill feelings and seek togetherness by coming together to form groups and visit temples in different villages, pray, pour water over the idols and relics and distribute sweets. As it symbolizes, I hope that the occasion will promote amity amongst the people, he wished.

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