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PRESS RELEASE

Governor conveys Sangken Festival greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) has conveyed his warm greetings to the people of the State on the auspicious occasion of Sangken. He expressed his hope that the occasion will inspire all to follow the path shown by Lord Buddha.

In his message, the Governor said that on the Sangken Day, the images of Lord Buddha are taken out of the Shrines, given a ceremonial bath and placed in the 'Kyongfra' to the accompaniment of drums and cymbals. People pray, offer sweets and food in the temples and then by pouring water over each other express goodwill and distribute sweets in the community. Water is also poured over all the holy objects, including the Bodhi tree. Water is also poured on the hands of Bhikkhus (monks) to invoke their blessings for good luck and good health throughout the year.

During the festival, people renounce their animosity and seek fraternity by coming together in groups and visit temples in and around their villages to promote amity amongst the people, he said.

On this Sangken Day, I join my Khampti and Singpho brethren in offering prayers for universal peace and harmony, the Governor said in his message.

In our joint endeavour to defeat the spread of COVID 19, I call upon all our Khampti and Singpho brethren to observe this celebration of Sangken festival individually at home. Let us take all precautions in letter and spirit, maintain social distancing and remain safe from the deadly corona virus infection, the Governor appealed.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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