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PRESS RELEASE

Governor extends Longte Festival greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) extends his heartiest greetings to each and every citizen of Arunachal Pradesh, in general, and to the Nyishi brethren in particular, on the sacred occasion of Longte Festival. He wished that the warmth and amity, which are the integral part of the celebration, strengthen the mutual bonding in the Society.

In his message, the Governor said that Longte Festival is a unique Festival and very different from others. Importantly, during the celebrations of Longte Festival, the rituals do not mandate any sacrifice of any animate objects. Primarily, this Festival is associated with agricultural context and it bestows happiness, prosperity, fertility and proliferation of lives. Connected with the invocation of benevolent spirits for day to day wellbeing of people, Longte Festival is celebrated for making prayers to the Almighty for bumper production of food grains and warding off of natural calamities and protection of crops from animals and of cultivation from the creatures of the wild, he said.

Centuries before, our wise forebears had ordained restrictions of movement during the Longte Festivities. This was a type of self quarantine for body protection from outside infections. The relevance of such isolation, observed during the Longte Festival, has got revalidated against the challenges of deadly Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19). Let us emulate the spirit of Longte Festive traditions and follow the Lockdown Rules and maintain Social Distancing for safety of our near and dear ones against Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19), the Governor appealed.

On this auspicious occasion, I entreat all cosmic powers to protect us and shower their blessings on the people of our State, the Governor wished.

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Arunachal Pradesh
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