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Press Communiqué

Governor participates in Poi Phung Phai

As part of the enshrining of the sacred Buddha relics at the main Shrine of the Golden Pagoda (Kongmu Kham), the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), participated in the vibrant and spiritually significant Poi Phung Phai celebrations of the Tai-Khamti community at the Noi Chenam River on 14th November 2026.

State Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein, local MLA Shri Chau Zingnu Namchoom and religious leaders and Tai Khamti and Singpho communities joined the Governor during the celebration.

As part of the age-old ceremonial tradition, the Governor lighted and released illuminated fire balloons into the night sky, creating a spectacular sight and symbolising hope, peace, prosperity and spiritual aspirations. The glowing balloons added a special charm to the celebrations, reflecting the community's deep-rooted Buddhist faith, cultural heritage and reverence for traditional customs.

The Governor also witnessed Poi-Phong, a traditional religious and cultural melodrama of the Tai-Khamti community. The performance showcased the community's rich artistic traditions, spiritual beliefs and cultural expressions, highlighting the importance of preserving indigenous heritage for future generations.

Later, the Governor interacted with the Lamas and Vantes. He exchanged greetings and engaged in meaningful conversations with the Buddhist monks, learning about their spiritual traditions and monastic practices.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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