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Governor receives Holy Relics of Lord Buddha at Namsai

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) received the sacred relics of Lord Buddha Shakyamuni at Nalung Helipad, Namsai on 14th November 2026 for the last leg of the sacred exposition after Tawang and Bomdila. Along with the State Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein, Cabinet Minister Smt Dasanglu Pull, local MLA Shri Chau Zingnu Namchoom and religious leaders, he joined the ceremonial procession from Nalung Helipad to Golden Pagoda (Kongmu Kham). Large number of people from all walks of life and from various tribes of Arunachal Pradesh lined up the entire 8 km ride to pay respects to the sacred relics.

The Governor also participated in the enshrining of the sacred relics and mass offering of prayers and taking of five precepts, the core ethical and moral guidelines for lay practitioners in Buddhism, designed to minimize harm, foster personal integrity, and cultivate a calm, clear mind.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that it was a profound spiritual privilege and a matter of great happiness to be present on the sacred occasion of the exposition of the Holy Relics of Lord Buddha Shakyamuni at the Golden Pagoda, Namsai. He said that the holy relics symbolize the life, enlightenment and timeless teachings of Lord Buddha, who showed humanity the path from suffering to peace, ignorance to wisdom and hatred to compassion. It marks a significant spiritual milestone for Arunachal Pradesh, strengthening the State's cultural and historical bonds with the Buddhist world, he said.

The Governor expressed hope that the exposition would inspire devotees, students and visitors to carry Buddha's message beyond the sacred gathering and translate it into everyday conduct, building a society founded on dignity, equality and mutual respect.

The Governor observed that Buddha's teachings have special relevance in today's world, confronted by conflict, intolerance, violence and growing materialism. The Four Noble Truths, Noble Eightfold Path and Middle Path offer enduring guidance for ethical living, self-discipline, responsible leadership and social harmony. He emphasised that peace must begin within individuals and find expression through kindness in words, wisdom in thoughts and compassion in actions.

Sharing his experiences of serving in the Himalayan region, from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh, including Bhutan, the Governor said that Buddhist philosophy had enriched his understanding of life. He encouraged the people to practice compassion, promote peace through education, protect the environment, uphold ethical leadership and preserve and share the State's rich spiritual and cultural heritage.

The Governor commended the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, National Museum, New Delhi, International Buddhist Confederation and Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha Darshan Coordination Committee, Itanagar, along with the State Government, district administration and Buddhist organizations, for their collective efforts in making this historic exposition possible.

In his address, the State Deputy Chief Minister said that the arrival of these Holy Relics in Arunachal Pradesh is a rare blessing and a precious opportunity for devotees to offer their prayers and pay homage. He said that Arunachal Pradesh is truly unique with the

peaceful coexistence of Theravada, Mahayana and Vajrayana traditions, united by the common teachings of Lord Buddha. He further said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, renewed emphasis has been placed on preserving India's Buddhist heritage, developing Buddhist pilgrimage circuits and strengthening cultural and spiritual ties with Buddhist nations.

local MLA Shri Chau Zingnu Namchoom and Deputy Commissioner Namsai Shri Lobsang Tsering also spoke on the occasion. Shri Raghav Prasad Bhatnagar, Director General, International Buddhist Confederation highlighted the Buddha's relics and its importance.

A cultural presentation reflecting the pious occasion of sacred relics exposition was presented on the occasion by the Tai Khamti Singpho Cultural Society with artists from Thailand on the occasion.

On the ceremonial occasion, the Governor also inaugurated the International Buddhist Confederation Exhibition on the life and teachings of Lord Buddha. The exhibition also highlights India's civilization contribution to the world and reinforces Arunachal Pradesh's enduring spiritual and cultural connections with the Buddhist world.

The Governor expressed his hope that the exhibition will help the visitors to understand the life of Siddhartha Gautama, his journey towards enlightenment, the historical significance of Buddhism and its universal message of peace, compassion, non-violence and human brotherhood. He said that by presenting Buddhist history and philosophy through an engaging exhibition, IBC is making India's rich Buddhist heritage accessible to younger generations, students, scholars and the general public.

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