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PRESS RELEASE

Governor conveys Pongtu Festival greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) has conveyed his to the people of the State in general and to the Tutsa community in particular on the festive occasion of 'Pongtu'. He expressed his hope that the celebration will harbinger a year of peace, happiness and progress for all.

The Governor in his message said that Pongtu, an agricultural festival of the Tutsa tribe of Tirap and Changlang districts, is celebrated to welcome the New Year after the harvesting period, at the start of the rainy season. The festival is celebrated to invoke the blessings of Almighty God for bumper harvest and security of the crops against natural calamities in the new agrarian season. I am sanguine that the sanctity of Pongtu Festival will positively bring peace, amity and harmony in the society, the Governor said.

On this occasion, I join my Tutsa brethren in offering my prayers to Supreme God 'Rangkathok' for his choicest blessings to all of us, the Governor said in his message.

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