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PRESS RELEASE

Governor extends Buddha Purnima greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) has extended his warm greetings to the people of the State on the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima.

In his message to the people, the Governor said that the holy occasion of Buddha Purnima commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and Nirvana of Lord Buddha, the fountain acme of Buddhism. Buddha, born as a prince and named as Siddhartha, left his palace, wife and son and all worldly possessions in search of the path for ending the human sufferings.

'Buddha' meaning 'one who is enlightened', was one of the greatest preceptors in the days of yore. In his long quest for the truth of life, he underwent immense hardships and still remained steadfast on his mission to emancipate the human beings of their travails. Buddha's life and mission greatly lifted the social order and became a sublime model of empathy. His profound philosophy of life continues to inspire the world. His enlightened tenets of the Four Noble Truths, i.e. the 'truth of suffering' (Dukkha), the 'truth of the cause of suffering' (Samudaya), the 'truth of the cessation of suffering' (Nirodha) and the 'truth of the path to the cessation of suffering' (Marga), are the quintessence of his guidance to mankind. His preaching of the Noble Eightfold Paths for the welfare of the people, viz., right views, right thoughts, right speech, right conduct, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness and right meditation is ever relevant and perennially benevolent for the human beings to follow, he said.

The Governor expressed his hope that the blessed occasion will continue to propagate the ideals of Lord Buddha and promotes peace, happiness, and amity in the world.

On this sacred day, I join my people of Arunachal Pradesh and the Buddhist community all over the world in offering prayers to Lord Buddha for his blessings to all, the Governor said in his message.

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