

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
ARUNACHAL PRADESH
ITANAGAR**

Press Communiqué

Governor extends Solung Festival Greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) has extended his heartiest greetings to the people of the State on the occasion of Solung Festival. He expressed his hope that the communo-agrarian festival of the Adi Community will continue to showcase the cultural richness of our State.

In his festival message, the Governor said that the Solung Festival is the embodiment of the Adi way of socio-cultural and religious life. The Adi community, since time immemorial, has been celebrating this festival with traditional gaiety and enthusiasm primarily to propitiate their deities, and beseech them for bumper harvest of crops, wellness of domestic animals, peace, prosperity and happiness of the people. The Solung celebration keeps alive the ancient traditions of the community. It's most important adjunct is its intended extension to the younger generation for creating awareness and empathy amongst them for the endowed universal human bonding. Equally importantly this festivity promotes the benevolent relationship between man and nature. I am sanguine that our Adi elders will continue to urge the younger generations to follow the excellent traditions prevalent in their community, he said.

On this auspicious occasion, I offer my prayers to 'Kine Nane', the Goddess of crops and prosperity, 'Dadi Bote', the God of Animal kingdom, 'Doying-Bote', the God of Wisdom and all other benevolent deities to shower their blessings to the entire mankind and herald a long period of peace, progress and prosperity for one and all, the Governor wished in his message.

I also take this opportunity to urge my dear people of our State Arunachal Pradesh to observe all precautions against the COVID-19 pandemic by strictly adhering to COVID Appropriate Behaviour of effective use of face mask, frequent washing of hands, social distancing, i.e. 'Do Gaz Ki Doori' and taking the COVID protection vaccine, its two doses, at the earliest, without any apprehension of any kind, the Governor appealed.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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