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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma has conveyed his warm greetings to people of the State on the festive occasion of Chindang and expressed hope that the festivity will usher-in good harvest, prosperity and happiness for all.

In his festival message to the people, the Governor said that indigenous festivals have always brought the people closer to nature. During these festivals, offering prayers and performing rituals are made towards the mountains, rivers, Sun and Moon, while seeking their blessings for the well-being of humankind and for good harvest. The indigenous communities also offer prayers to resist the evil spirits from entering the villages and causing harm to the people and the domestic animals, which are the source of villagers' livelihood. This way, the gift of nature is maintained. The Governor wished that the indigenous communities continue to maintain the age-old practice of preserving the green environment for themselves and for the future generation. Festivals like Chindang, he said are the medium through which such rich traditions propagate.

On this joyous occasion, I join my Sajolang brethren in offering prayers to Almighty for welfare of mankind, the Governor said.

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