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PRESS RELEASE

Governor extends Solung Greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri P.B. Acharya has extended his heartiest greetings to the people of the State on the occasion of Solung Festival. He expressed hope that the socio-agricultural festival will continue to showcase the cultural richness of the State.

The Governor in his message said that the Solung Festival is the embodiment of Adi way of socio-cultural and religious life. The community celebrates the festival with traditional gaiety and enthusiasm since time immemorial primarily to appease many deities, for bumper harvest of crops, welfare of domestic animals and peace, prosperity and well being of mankind as a whole. Ponung dance is an integral part of Solung celebration. The celebration keeps alive the ancient tradition of the community and at the same time helps the younger generation to have better appreciation not only of the relationship between man and nature, but also in promoting universal bonding and bonhomie to today's world, which is the need of the hour. He wished that the elders of the community along with the younger generation continue the excellent tradition.

On this auspicious occasion, I join my Adi brethren in offering prayers to Almighty Donyi Polo for peace and socio-economic wellbeing of all, the Governor said in his message.

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