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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor graces Solung Festival**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri P.B. Acharya graced the Solung Festival celebration of Adi community at Itanagar on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. The Governor took part in Taku Taabat ceremony at festival altar initiating the festival celebration.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor urged upon the community to preserve their rich cultural heritage and traditions. He advised them to celebrate their festivals with tradition favour and gaiety thereby ensuring the continuity of the inheritance.

The Governor called upon the younger generation to shoulder responsibility to carry forward the age-old heritage. He advised them to sustain the prime essence of their traditions but change some of the methods or systems to blend with time.

Appreciating the community, the Governor advised them to strengthen their essence through projects and not just events.

The Governor, who is the chairman of North East Zone Cultural Centre advised the Adi community to showcase the rich cultural heritage through NEZCC. He asked the cultural troupes to register themselves with NEZCC, which will facilitate them to perform in different parts of the State and abroad. The Governor also highlighted on Guru Shishya Parampara.

The Governor announced a contributory amount of Rs. 1(One) Lakh towards strengthening of the community on the condition that equal amount will be collected from the community members. This, he felt, will inculcate a sense of responsibility towards community welfare projects.

Guest of Honour Shri Parmananda Cheyngiya, Prsident Mising Bane Kebang cum Chief Councillor, Mising Autonomous Council, Assam in his address highlighted the similarity amongst the 'Tani' families, i.e. Adi and Mising and strengthen the goodwill amongst them.

Shri Cheyngiya pointed that the tribal culture, including festivals and traditions is related to the nature. He urged all to preserve the nature for social, culture and linguistic security.

Special guest and President Adi Bane Kebang Shri Kangir Jamoh, President Solung Festival Celebration Committee Er. Tanon Tatak and his general secretary Shri Tapir Tapen also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, the Governor laid the foundation stone Adi Galo Heritage Centre at the Mopin Solung Ground, Itanagar. He also released the Solung souvenir 'Digok Roli'.

Impressed by an extempore on cultural preservation by 9 years old Miss Kentiliya Pertin, the Governor felicitated her.

A colourful cultural programme and community feast on the occasion along with Punung Dance.

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