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Governor graces Buddha Purnima celebration

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Governor**

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd) attended the 2562nd Buddha Purnima celebration at Theravada Buddha Vihara, Itanagar on 30th April 2018. The Governor, accompanied by First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra and State Home Minister Shri Kumar Waii paid obeisance at the Vihara on the occasion.

Conveying his greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion, the Governor said that the teachings of Lord Buddha are relevant in equal measures even today. His messages of peace, knowledge, non-violence (Ahimsa), upliftment of downtrodden and freedom from superstitious are the promoters of the modern welfare societies.

Quoting a message of Lord Buddha, i.e. Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship, the Governor said that Lord Buddha's teachings cover all aspects of life and cares for the last individual in last social rung of the society. He said that there is the truth of suffering, the truth of cause of suffering, the truth of the end of suffering, and the truth of the path that leads to the end of suffering comprise the essence of Buddha's teachings of Four Noble Truths. The eight parts of the path to liberation are the essential elements of Buddhist practice, which include moral conduct, mental discipline, and wisdom, which is the promoters of the human deliverance, the Governor said.

The Governor, while sharing his association with Buddhism which started at early age quoted Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who says that India is blessed to have given to the world the invaluable gift of Buddhism, which has today spread throughout the world.

The Governor also inaugurated the Blood donation initiative jointly organised by Arunachal Vivekananda Yuva Shakti, Arunachal Voluntary Blood Donor Organization and Indian Red Cross Society, Arunachal Pradesh State Branch on the occasion. Former minister Shri P. W. Sona, Venerable A. Pannasara and Sahitya Academy Awardee and former Commissioner, Shri Y.D. Thongchi along with the guests, invitees, Monks and Bikus and devotees were present on the occasion.

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Arunachal Pradesh
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