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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor conveys Nyethrii Dow Festival greetings**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) has conveyed his greetings to the people of the State on the occasion of Nyethrii Dow, the agricultural festival of the Hrusso (Aka) tribe of West Kameng District and offered prayer that the Nyethrii Dow celebrations this year, invoke the kind blessings of Almighty for bumper harvest and security of the crops against damages and natural calamities.

In his festival greeting, the Governor said that since time immemorial, celebrations and rituals have been the key dimension of human culture. It is heartening to see that the Indigenous people have kept their traditional ceremonies and rituals undiluted and alive till date. The festivals in tribal ceremonial life bring together the village folk to intermingle and renew their bonds for mutual cooperation and benefit. Their songs, dances, storytelling, enacting of traditional events, sharing of folklores, community games and tribal martial arts add to the joy, gaiety and festivities of the day. This has helped the indigenous communities in their wellbeing, resilience and capacity building. The age-old celebrations increase individual and community self-esteem, cultural confidence, leadership, initiatives and open creative space for better engagement in their collective needs and aspirations, the Governor underscored.

I join my Hrusso (Aka) brethren in offering prayer to Almighty God for his choicest blessing for happiness and prosperity for each one of us, the Governor said in his message.

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