

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
ITANAGAR**

**Press Communiqué**

**Governor extends Pongtu Festival greetings**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) has extended his warm greetings to the people of the State in general and to the Tutsa brethren in particular on the festive occasion of Pongtu Festival. He expressed his hope that the celebration will usher-in a year of peace, happiness and progress for all.

In his message, the Governor said that Pongtu, an agricultural festival of the Tutsa tribe of Tirap and Changlang districts, is celebrated to welcome the New Year after the harvesting period, at the beginning of the rainy season. The festival is celebrated to invoke the blessings of Almighty God for bumper harvest and security of the crops against natural calamities in the new agrarian season. I am sanguine that the sanctity of Pongtu Festival will positively bring harmony and amity in the society, he said.

On this occasion, I join my Tutsa brethren in offering my prayers to Supreme God 'Rangkathok' for his choicest blessings to all of us, the Governor said in his message.

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