

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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Press Communiqué

Governor extends Podi Barbi greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) has extended warm greetings to the people of the State on the festive occasion of Podi Barbi, being one of the main festivals of Adi Community, showcases the magnificent history of the tribe and presents a mosaic to the composite culture of the State. He expressed his hope that the festival, which heralds the onset of new agricultural season, will bring bumper harvest, and usher-in contentment and prosperity.

In his message to the people, the Governor said that festival celebrations relate to cultural and ethnic services of the people and motivate them to remain connected to their roots. Festivals also cement the social cohesion. It gives an occasion to community elders to share their knowledge and experiences, which set the templates for maintaining unity in the Fold. The ethnic rites, rituals, beliefs and practices get reinforced in the tribal festivals. Festivals constitute the vibrant traditional legacy, which has survived as an integral part of the cultural metrics of the State. I am confident that the grand celebrations of Podi Barbi festival will continue with fervour under the guidance of the community elders, in years to come as well, he said.

On this occasion, I join my Adi brethren in offering prayers to Almighty Donyi Polo for their choicest blessings on each one of us, the Governor said in his message.

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