

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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Press Communiqué

Governor extends Oriah festival greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) has extended his greetings to the people of the State on the auspicious occasion of the Oriah Festival of the Wancho community.

In his message to the people, the Governor said, "On the joyous occasion of Oriah Festival, I extend my hearty greetings to the wonderful people of Arunachal Pradesh in general and to my Wancho brethren in particular. I hope the festival strengthens the emotional integration, brotherhood and brings prosperity in our society".

The Governor stated that festivals are the expression of happiness, empathy and benevolence, adding that our Tribal Festivals freshen our memories of age-old legends, traditions and ancient wisdom to the benefit of the succeeding generations for imbibing love, tolerance and assimilation. Oriah festival is essentially celebrated to invoke the blessings of Almighty 'Rangwa' for bumper harvest. It gives us hope and abundantly helps us to preserve the good Wancho customs and traditions. This festival also instils respect in the younger generation for their elders as also in equal solidarity measures for other communities, he said.

"I appeal to Wancho people to work in unison for promotion and rejuvenation of the rich and colourful cultural heritage of the Wancho Tribe", the Governor said, adding, "On this auspicious occasion, I pray to Almighty Rangwan to bless each one of us with his choicest blessings".

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Raj Bhawan,
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