

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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Press Communiqué

Governor extends Solung Festival greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General K.T. Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) has extended his warm greetings to the people of the State on the festive occasion of Solung. He expressed his hope that the festival of the Adi Community will continue to showcase the cultural richness of our State.

In his message, the Governor said that the Solung Festival is the embodiment of the Adi way of socio-cultural and religious life. The Adi community, since time immemorial, has been celebrating this festival with traditional gaiety and enthusiasm primarily to propitiate their deities, and beseech them for bumper harvest of crops, wellness of domestic animals, peace, prosperity and happiness of the people. The celebration keeps alive the ancient traditions of the community. Its most important adjunct is its intended extension to the younger generation for creating awareness and empathy amongst them for the endowed universal human bonding. Significantly this festivity promotes the benevolent relationship between humans and nature. I am sanguine that our Adi elders will continue to urge the younger generations to follow the excellent traditions prevalent in their community, he said.

On this occasion, I join my Adi brethren in offering prayers to 'Kine Nane', the Goddess of crops and prosperity, 'Dadi Bote'- the God of Animal kingdom, 'Doying-Bote'- the God of wisdom and all benevolent deities to shower their blessings on the entire mankind and herald a long period of peace, progress and prosperity for one and all, the Governor said in his message.

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