

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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Press Communiqué

Governor extends Shapawng Yawng Manau Poi greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), extended his warm greetings to the people of the State, on the joyous occasion of Shapawng Yawng Manau Poi, the annual ethno-cultural festival of our Singpho brethren. He wished that the vibrant folk dance festival would continue to nurture socio-cultural harmony among all communities and play a meaningful role in preserving and celebrating our rich cultural heritage.

The Governor said that Shapawng Yawng Manau Poi is the most sacred and cherished festival of the Singpho community, observed with deep devotion to express gratitude to Shapawng Yawng, the Supreme Creator, for peace, prosperity, a bountiful harvest, and the well-being of all. This festival is marked by solemn prayers, traditional rituals, and the iconic Manau dance, performed in graceful harmony by men and women in traditional attire, symbolizing unity, discipline, and the rhythm of life. More than a celebration, it is a living expression of Singpho faith, cultural pride, social bonding, and respect for nature, bringing the community together across generations while preserving its rich identity and ancestral traditions, he said.

On this propitious occasion, I join my Singpho brethren in offering prayers to Shapawng Yawng, seeking blessings of peace, progress, and prosperity for all, the Governor said in his message.

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