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### MESSAGE

On the auspicious occasion of 'Chalo Loku', I extend my festival greetings to the all Arunachalees, especially to my fellow Nocte brethren of Tirap district. I trust, as tradition, this socio-religious festival of the community will further help in showcasing the cultural mosaic of our State.

The lively colourful dances with the beating of 'Tham' and the rituals exhibit the tribe's vibrant and rich customs and tradition, which has been jealously preserved since time immemorial by the community. In spite of the onslaught of alien culture, the Nocte have been exemplary in safeguarding the age old practices.

On this auspicious occasion, I join all Arunachalees to offer our prayer to Almighty Rang for socio-cultural and socio-economic well being of our people.

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