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## **GREETINGS MESSAGE**

I extend my warm wishes to the people of Nagaland, specially to my Chang brothers and sisters on the occasion of Naknyulum festival. The festival is celebrated to signify the triumph of light over darkness.

According to Chang mythology, ancient people practiced home confinement in times of darkness and uncertainty and would come out only on the last day to celebrate the light.

During this festival, our Chang friends also share their produce, exchange gifts and care for one another. Another beautiful practice is the enthusiastic cleaning of the village by the village people.

Through the rituals of the festival, the Naga people for several hundreds of years survived and preserved their culture and philosophy of learning to live in harmony with nature.

Let us celebrate the Naknyulum festival in its true spirit while observing the constraints of the global pandemic COVID-19.

May God bless everybody with good health, peace of mind and prosperity on the occasion of Naknyulum Festival.

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