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1. Beloved people of Arunachal Pradesh,

On the auspicious occasion of the 59th Republic Day, I extend my heartiest greetings to all of you. The land and people of Arunachal Pradesh are very close to my heart and I cherish the days I spent as a Battalion Commander in Tezu almost 25 years ago.

2. Arunachal Pradesh is of strategic importance for India and it has common borders with China, Bhutan and Myanmar. It is endowed with enormous natural resources such as forests, minerals, coal, fruits, exotic flora and fauna and rivers (with immense potential for hydro electric power). Arunachal Pradesh is blessed by God and when the sun rises over India, its rays fall over this State at least an hour before they do on Delhi.
3. Development is the lifeblood for any growing civilization and hence we all must work hard to ensure rapid socio-economic development of the State. I assure you that as Governor of this frontier State, I will devote myself with greatest zeal for its overall development. Today, when the world has already stated reaping the benefits of the modern technology, here in Arunachal we have one of the lowest road density, which requires to be corrected. Infrastructure development, both social and economic, capacity building, human resource development are therefore, the key issues. My goal is to see that we provide quality of life for each and every citizen of this state by concentrating on human and infrastructure development.
4. However, peace and feeling of security is a pre-requisite for modernization and development. Development cannot be achieved when there are law and order problems and terrorism, leading to insecurity in the minds of citizens. It will be my foremost priority to oversee that the state remains peaceful and the areas prone to the problems of law and order and terrorism are brought to normalcy.
5. The Government of India is very keen for the development of border areas and we have to ensure that we take maximum advantage of the Central Government's programmes and policies. My experience of more than 43 years in Indian Army at various capacities will be of great use for me to advise the State Government to chalk out an action plan for the holistic development of this State.
6. Let us take a pledge that in this 59th year of our Republic, that we will work together to achieve our goal of socio-economic development. I assure you that my services will always be available to each and every citizen of this state. We must remember the words of our first Prime Minister, "**We have to labour and work hard to give reality to our dreams**", said Jawahar Lal Nehru.
7. Finally, I take this opportunity to wish all my dear brothers, sisters and children of Arunachal Pradesh peace, happiness and all round prosperity.

Jai-Hind! Jai-Arunachal!!

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