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### NEW YEAR MESSAGE

At the dawn of New Year, I extend my best wishes to every citizen of Arunachal Pradesh for a Happy and Prosperous 2010. It is the time of new beginnings in life. This festive occasion brings new expectations and hopes. Let us start the year with a clear vision, new strength and renewed commitments towards taking Arunachal Pradesh to new pinnacles of development and prosperity.

The year 2009 has been a promising phase in the development history of our Frontier State. Never in the past had the President, the Vice-President, the Prime Minister, Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission visited the State within the same year. The successful and peaceful conduct of both the Assembly Elections and the Parliamentary Elections is a proof of the belief of the people of Arunachal Pradesh in the strong democratic traditions of the country. The completion of Siang Bridge, conquest of Mount Everest by our very own ace climber Shri Tapi Mra and progress of the works on The Assembly Building, the Secretariat, Itanagar Greenfield Airport Project and the Harmuti-Itanagar rail link are other significant achievements of the year. The State has witnessed a strong development thrust with the increase in pace of implementation of various projects of PM's package.

In the year 2010, several new exciting projects are in the pipeline in the State including the setting up of National Institute of Technology, Medical College, Law College, Institute of Hotel Management and National Institute of Mountaineering. While Health and Education shall continue to be priority sectors, special focus will be laid on harnessing the energies of the youth in motivating them towards self-employment.

We have many challenges before us, but I am confident that with hard work, commitment and perseverance, we can all ensure that social and economic progress continues. With dedication and single-minded commitment, we will be able to usher in an era of sustainable development and prosperity for all Arunachalees. Hence, it is incumbent upon all patriotic and devoted citizens of the State, irrespective of tribe, religion or linguistic difference, to strengthen the hands of the government at this juncture to realize these greater objectives. Let us, therefore at this the dawn of the New Year commit ourselves to making the efforts that will secure our future through individual and collective efforts as part of 'Team Arunachal.' Let us share the optimism that we will rise above differences and challenges to realize our dreams and give shapes to our aspirations.

I, once again extend my warm wishes and greetings to all my brothers and sisters of Arunachal Pradesh for a happy and prosperous 2010.

Jai Arunachal! Jai Hind!

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