

***Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu Ji,
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein ji,
Hon'ble Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Shri T. N. Thongdok ji,
Distinguished members of the Council of ministers and members
of Legislative Assembly,
Learned Chief Secretary and the team of officers of Government
of Arunachal Pradesh,
Senior citizens,
Members of the media fraternity,
My beloved children,
Ladies and gentlemen.***

I extend my warm greetings to all of you on the occasion of the 70th Republic day of India. It was on this day, in the year 1950 that the people of India adopted the Constitution that made India a sovereign, democratic, republic, securing to all its citizens liberty, equality and justice. For the last 69 years, we have stood strong as a Nation. Our country has faced numerous challenges, both from within and outside the country, but we have emerged stronger and reinforced our democratic institutions and values. We are today a rising power, with fastest growing economy with lead in science, space technology, innovation, and start-ups. Our economic success is the envy of the world today.

On this momentous occasion, let us also salute the freedom fighters and martyrs, who made the supreme sacrifice for the freedom, unity and integrity of our nation.

Today we also respectfully remember the supreme sacrifice made by our valiant soldiers who guard our borders. The people of Arunachal Pradesh have a special relationship with the armed forces, which reinforces their strength and valour.

In the year gone by our State Government has worked very hard to achieve all round development for the people of our State and today I would like to mention a few of them only for paucity of time.

1. Education

The process of recruitment of Government teachers has been streamlined and all the recruitments are now being carried out transparently through a fair process by Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC). One of the major grievances of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) teachers has also been resolved by indexing their salaries with Dearness Allowances. Further, last year one hike of 22% was provided to teachers serving under SSA and RMSA.

To assess the quality of education imparted, the State Government has also introduced the State Board Examination for Class V and VIII from the year 2017-18 in our State. This year a major step was taken by our Government to procure 27,71,850 books for Classes I-XII directly from NCERT at a cost of ₹ 17,92,87,500.

State Government launched a new scheme "Chief Minister Samast Shiksha Yojana" (CMSSY). Each district has been provided ₹ 4 Crore to fill in infrastructure gaps in schools and higher education institutes. Emphasis was also given on construction of Girls Toilets in all schools.

Another new scheme called Chief Minister Adhunik Pathshala Yojana (CMAPY) was initiated for establishment and strengthening of Model Residential School in which one Model Residential School in each district of Arunachal Pradesh has been established and strengthened.

To promote the talented students in the State, Dronacharya Gurukul Yojana was launched where Talent hunt is being conducted for the students of class VI and IX in Mathematics and English skills on the lines of National Talent Search Examination, wherein scholarships will be provided to the meritorious students.

With the joining of first batch of 60 students, State's first Sainik School in Niglok in East Siang District has become functional. This school would provide opportunities for the youth of the State to pursue careers in the armed forces and other prestigious fields.

My Government has also taken up with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to sanction seven more Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in the State. The schools will not only be a boon for wards of Government Servants but also for the public at large.

We are opening more and more units of National Cadet Corps (NCC), which are instilling nationalism, patriotism and the spirit of 'nation first' among young students. NCC helps in building character, camaraderie and leadership and inculcates self-discipline, obedience, sincerity and determination among the cadets.

A study group for "placement review" in Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), Rono Hills, National Institute of Technology (NIT), Arunachal Pradesh and North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST), Nirjuli has been appointed which has prepared a scheme for enhancing the chances of the students for securing jobs in the Private and Public sectors.

2. Health

One of the major achievements in the health sector last year was commissioning of Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Science (TRIHMS) College. Our state will now be producing own doctors in the years to come. Government of Arunachal Pradesh is providing gap funding of ₹ 100 Crore to TRIHMS every year for strengthening its infrastructure. TRIHMS will be upgraded from 50 bed medical college to 100 bed medical college in the next year.

This year my Government has launched an ambitious scheme, the Chief Minister's Aarogya Arunachal Yojana (CMAAY)- the Universal Health Insurance scheme in convergence with Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (PMJAY) with a medical coverage of ₹ 5 lakh per family per year.

3. Agriculture and allied sectors

My Government has launched 2 new schemes this year "Chief Minister's Sashakt Kisan Yojana" (CMSKY) and "Chief Minister's Krishi Samuh Yojana" (CMKSY). Our aim is to double the farmers' income by 2022.

It is a matter of pride for the State that Kiwis grown by our farmers are now exported to New Zealand, Australia and the European countries. The export of oranges, for the first time, from Arunachal Pradesh to Dubai, in January last year, was the outcome of the 'buyers- sellers-meet-cum-workshop on orange' which had been held at Dambuk in Lower Dibang Valley District.

The Chief Minister's white revolution scheme has also been introduced in six milk potential districts of the State with the aim to augment milk production. This shall be implemented in cluster basis emulating the AMUL model of cooperative system through Apex Bank. The 'Arun Dairy' at Kharsingsa is being strengthened with the latest machineries. The '**Arunachal Pradesh Pig Breeding Policy-2018**' has been also formulated to cater for the complete development of Pig Husbandry in the state.

4. Road Connectivity

Today I want to congratulate all concerned for achieving the completion of Bogibeel Bridge over river Brahmaputra which was recently inaugurated by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. Construction of bridges across Dibang and Lohit rivers has also been completed.

Recently, the State has also witnessed foundation laying/ inauguration of so many National Highway projects by the Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways.

5. Civil Aviation

Pasighat and Tezu Airports have been selected in the Second Round of bidding of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS-UDAN-2) for fixed wing aircraft Operation and Naharlagun, Daporijo, Ziro, Yingkong, Tuting, Walong, Tezu and Pasighat for Rotary wing helicopter operation. Alliance Air has already started commercial flight service by ATR-42 aircraft connecting Pasighat with Guwahati.

It is matter of great joy for Team Arunachal that the decades-old dream of having our own airport is going to be realized soon. The Union Finance Ministry has cleared the proposal for a Greenfield Airport in Hollongi at an estimated cost of ₹ 1043 crore.

SPECIAL APPEAL

I appeal to all my Arunachali brothers and sisters, especially the land holders, to cooperate and offer their land willingly whenever required in public interest.

I earnestly appeal to the people to think and act in the larger interest of the people of our State, discarding individual benefits and allow the developmental projects to take off without raising any objections. We must remember that projects like Hollongi Airport are not only for Hollongi but the entire Arunachal Pradesh. We must understand that it was after sustained persuasion by our Hon'ble Chief Minister and his council of ministers to make the Government of India agree to provide, despite there being no such provision, land compensation, in addition to the airport project cost, as a special case for Arunachal Pradesh.

6. Hydro power

Arunachal Pradesh has about 58,000 MW hydro power potential, the highest among all other States of India. At present, we have 70.26 MW installed capacity through 124 Nos. micro, mini and small hydro power stations which are mostly off grid captive, benefiting the remote Administrative Centers of the State.

This year will witness commissioning of two very important Hydro power projects in the state which are Kameng Hydro Power Project and Pare Hydro power Project of 600 MW and 110 MW capacity respectively.

7. Water Supply & Sanitation

The State Government has a mission to provide water to all our citizens by 2022. This year my Government has increased the budget of Public Health Engineering Department by more than 50% by allocating approximately ₹ 500 Crore for providing water to remote villages and habitations. During 2017-18 under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), a total of 163 habitations has been covered with drinking water facilities which is 112% of the targeted habitations of 145 habitations.

With the declaration of State as ODF, the bigger challenge now is the sustainability of the assets created under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen). Management of Solid and liquid Waste needs concerted efforts by all stakeholders including the Govt., NGOs, youth, students, members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI), elected public representatives and the implementing agencies.

During the last one year the State Government has completed construction of 450 Community Toilets, 250 Solid Liquid Waste Management, 10,000 units of reactivated Toilets, 4,924 units of Conversion of Insanitary to Sanitary types under SBM(G).

8. Social Justice & Empowerment and Tribal Affairs

In last 1 year, my Government has distributed more than 7000 nos. of Aids and Appliances to Differently Abled Persons of the State and more than 300 patients have been given free physiotherapy treatment in the State Disability Rehabilitation Centre. With the Chief Minister's Disability Pension scheme has now been merged with the Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), the beneficiaries will get higher pension amount of ₹ 1700 per month as state Assistance instead of ₹ 1000 per month.

State Government has approved constitution of the Autonomous Puroik Welfare Board (APWB) with an objective to accelerate their socio-economic development and for implementation of various developmental schemes in the Puroik inhabited areas. State Government has also allocated fund for the welfare activities of Puroik community during 2018-19 in the form of Corpus fund as well as Livelihood Generation Activities of Puroik Community members.

9. Women and Child Development

My Government has provided Maternity benefits to 6330 pregnant women under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana during 2017-18. 98 ICDS Projects are operational in the state with 6225 Anganwadi Centres covering 1,89,060 children in age group 0-6 years and 24,517 pregnant women & lactating mothers ensuring 100% coverage through ICDS projects and Anganwadi Centres.

We have also constituted Juvenile Justice Board, Child Welfare Committee and District Advisory Board-cum-Inspection Committees under Child Protection Schemes. In addition to the Juvenile Home at Pasighat, two more such Juvenile Homes one each in Papum Pare and Changlang Districts are expected to be made functional in the coming year. My Government is also contemplating to establish a Destitute Home for women and a Working Women Hostel at Chimpu during 2018-19.

10. Sports:

We have completed the laying of football turf and hockey astro-turf at Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy Sports Complex, Chimpu.

We have been conducting events like "Sports for Peace & Development" which is one of the most important components under **Khelo India** scheme with an objective to bring the youth into the mainstream through sports in Left Wing Extremist region including North-Eastern part of India where underground elements are active.

Hanganpan Dada Memorial Trophy matches for Football & Volleyball (Women & Men) are being conducted every year. A total number of 4399 players participated in Hanganpan Dada Memorial Trophy during 2017-18. Students of Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy Chimpu, have brought laurels to the State by their achievements in Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Judo, Karate, Taekondo, Wushu and Weight Lifting competitions in the North East, national and international events.

11. Strengthening of Police Force and Public Security

For improving security scenario in the insurgency affected regions, foundation stone of new Police Station buildings at Longding in Longding District and Khatang in Tirap District were laid by Hon'ble Chief Minister under the Tirap, Changlang and Longding Action Plan with an outlay of ₹155 Crore.

Pakke-Kessang and Tato Police Stations have been made functional to operationalise the newly created districts. Women Police Station at Seppa was also made functional to improve the Women Safety in the State.

Our Government had organized a 2 day annual Conference of the Directors General of Police, Inspectors General of Police and Heads of the Central Police Organizations of the NE Region for strengthening the information-sharing mechanism and the security apparatus.

We have effectively addressed the problem of stagnation and lack of promotional avenues of Police Constables. Our Police force was given the biggest ever Special Grade promotion in the history of the state. 1535 Constables who have served for more than 20 years have been promoted to the rank of Head Constable.

12. Law and Order

I would like to appreciate the various tribal bodies and civil society organizations that have provided support and assistance to the law and order machinery of the State. I would like to congratulate entire government machinery for its concerted and effective steps to put an end to the menace of 'Bandh Culture' in the Capital towns of Itanagar and Naharlagun.

13. Developmental Activities

We have successfully conducted the **ATAL** (Arunachal Transformational and Aspirational Leaders) Conclave to deliberate on the issues, ranging from urban infrastructure, smart cities, hopes and aspirations of the Youth of the State. This would facilitate the State, deliberate to Plan and Act on the Opportunities and Challenges of the State to achieve Vision 2040.

To ensure that the benefit of all important flagship programmes reach the last person in the queue, the state Government holds review meetings with all Deputy Commissioners through **UNNATI**- video conferencing to monitor implementation of various schemes and projects.

As on 31st December 2018, we have distributed free LPG connections to 26818 beneficiaries under the **Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana** out of the State's target of 75,558 beneficiaries as per Socio-Economic Caste Census-2011.

For providing easy and better service at the doorstep of our people, Jan Sunwai Sammelan, also known as "**Sarkar Aapke Dwar**" are being held regularly. This initiatives has showed an overwhelming positive response wherein more than one lakh beneficiaries have availed of the benefits. State Government has also been successful in its endeavour to resolve public grievances by holding grievance redressal camps.

The Government's 'Team Arunachal' is making all sincere efforts to make our departments efficient and corruption free. Arunachal is the sixth state in India to sign MoUs with GeM. Several departments have already started making public procurement through the GeM portal. My advice to local entrepreneurs is that they must take the advantage of the scheme in handicrafts, handlooms and textiles products so that they can sell their products worldwide by using digital technology.

To bring in complete transparency in the conduct of examinations and selection of candidates for appointment to the subordinate services/ Group-C posts in the government departments, organizations and autonomous bodies, the State government has passed the **Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board (APSSB) Bill, 2018**.

My dear fellow citizens, the significant achievements of our Government and our people are praiseworthy. We would certainly succeed in making Arunachal a developed State in every respect.

In this New Year 2019, I would like to recall a poem written by the Great Urdu Shayer, Mirza Ghalib,

"है यकीन अब न कोई शोर शराबा होगा....
जुल्म होगा न कहीं खून खराबा होगा....
ओस और धूप के सदमे ना सहेगा कोई.....
अब मेरे देश में बेघर ना रहेगा कोई.....
नए वादों का जो झाला है वो जाल अच्छा है....
रहनुमाओं ने कहा है कि अब हाल अच्छा है.....
देखिये पाते है उश्शाक बुतो से क्या फ़ैज़
एक बरहमिन ने कहा है कि ये साल अच्छा है।"

**Thank you
Jai Arunachal
Jai Hind!**
