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Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Members,

1. I welcome you all to this First Session of the Seventh Legislative Assembly. I congratulate Shri Pema Khandu, our Hon'ble Chief Minister, who has been re-elected for the third time to this august house and is heading the State's Council of Ministers for the second time.

2. I also congratulate Shri Chowna Mein, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, all Hon'ble Ministers, and all Members of this 7th Legislative Assembly of our State for entering upon the duty of representing their constituency and people while bearing true faith and allegiance to 'The Constitution of India' and upholding the sovereignty and integrity of our Nation.

3. Along with the Legislative assembly election of Arunachal Pradesh, we also had the General Election for the Seventeenth Lok Sabha.

We *Arunachalis* extend our best wishes to our beloved and visionary Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji on being re-elected as the Prime Minister of India. We also extend our best wishes to all Hon'ble elected MPs for the 17th Lok Sabha of our Country.

4. Shri Narendra Modi Ji, has a special love for our State Arunachal Pradesh. We Arunachalis cherish his fondness and empathy for us and his assiduous care for our progress.

5. I take this opportunity to congratulate and complement each and every citizen of our State for her and his participation and cooperation in these elections – the great festival of democracy. I also complement the government officials who have diligently, without fear or favour, affection or ill will carried out the enormous task of conducting these simultaneous elections in our State.

6. Arunachal Pradesh shares a large international border with Bhutan, Myanmar and Tibet Autonomous Region of China. Each community, each Tribe of Arunachal Pradesh is imbued with the spirit of patriotism and has carried forward the ethos of nationalism from generation to generation in its true sense.

7. We are the proud inheritors of this rich legacy. We rejoice in our cultural diversity, which manifests itself in rainbow hues. Arunachal Pradesh has always been, presently is and shall always be an exemplary embodiment of Unity in Diversity.

8. My Government has strived and shall continue to strive hard to work for the welfare of our people. We will be collaborative, people centric, pro-poor, participative, transparent and inclusive. My Government under the dynamic leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu Ji, has been and shall be functioning in a perfect Team Spirit as 'Team Arunachal', where everyone is involved and no one is excluded. 'Transparency, integrity and honesty' are our 'key mantras' and 'zero tolerance towards corruption' is our touchstone.

9. I would like to inform this August House that My Government under Shri Pema Khandu Ji, during its last tenure truly abided by the Mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas and was guided by the philosophy of Antyodaya– to reach to the last man standing in the queue.

10. The Government in the past two years worked tirelessly, day and night, towards making our State, the best State of Bharat. And consequently over the last 2 years, the State witnessed accelerated development, greater transparency and unprecedented transformation in all sectors of governance.

11. My Government substantially enhanced and improved the work culture and ethos of Government functionaries, it streamlined and computerised the process of procurement, it rationalised the recruitment process to make it more transparent with a view to restore faith of our people in the Government.

12. The priority of my Government in the coming time will be to make Arunachal Pradesh the happiest and the most prosperous State of India. The guiding philosophy of the Government - 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' will be extended to 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas' in both letter and spirit. The priority of the Government will be to enrich and empower the life of the last person standing in the queue.

13. My Government will put its focus on the sectors of Health, Education, Water, Electricity, Connectivity / Infrastructure and Security so that each and every individual of Arunachal Pradesh is able to unlock her or his potential and is provided with ample opportunities.

14. The achievements of my previous Government have created a solid foundation for my new Government to build upon. The achievements of the preceding tenure, are stepping stones to our vision for our future.

15. The Government was moved out of the confines of Government offices and was made to reach out to all our citizens under 'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' program. These camps generated overwhelming response in all the districts of our State and lakhs of people benefitted from them. The program truly took the Government to the doorstep of people and empowered and enriched the life of our people living in the remotest corners of our vast State.

16. In this tenure of My Government, the popular program of 'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' will be strengthened and its coverage and reach shall be increased further.

Information Technology

17. A mission mode approach was adopted for implementing IT Initiatives under Digital Arunachal Mission with a view to achieve efficiency, transparency, accountability and excellence in Governance. Projects like Automation of ILP System (E-ILP), E-Office, E-Cabinet, Jeevan Praman Portal, Toll Free CM Helpline Number

and CM's Dashboard to monitor all Government Programs were initiated and implemented in a time bound manner. The Digital Arunachal Mission shall be continued with increased vigour as Information Technology is our most potent and effective tool for increasing citizen access, optimum resource utilisation and efficient program implementation.

Connectivity

18. My Government seeks to unlock the vast, unparalleled and yet unexplored and untapped Social, Cultural and Industrial Potential of our State, through backward and forward industry linkages, people to people connectivity, ease of movement of people and goods and by leveraging our rich cultural heritage. Arunachal Pradesh with its unique location, can become the connecting link between India and BBIN & ASEAN. Connectivity is the key to realising this objective. We will connect our entire State via highway, airway, railway, waterway, and i-way. My Government will build infrastructure with a focus on last mile connectivity.

19. Rail and Air Connectivity were given a major boost during the last two years. The Shatabdi Express started operating thrice a week and the Arunachal AC Express started operating Bi-Weekly. Fixed wing aircraft is operating from Pasighat and the foundation stone for our dream project of a Greenfield Airport at Hollongi in Itanagar was laid by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji on 09th February 2019. This Greenfield Airport at Hollongi shall be made operational by 2022, which marks 75 years of Independence and will be dedicated to our people by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji.

20. All villages shall be connected with motorable, all weather roads. The proposed Trans Arunachal Highway shall be completed and all district headquarters shall be connected. East- West Industrial Corridor road project shall connect all foothills with industrial potential. Railway network in the State will be expanded and inland waterways on navigable river systems will be developed to boost tourism and industry.

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. I am sure and confident that our undaunted efforts will usher in a new phase of connectivity in the State that shall be a harbinger of a new era.

Infrastructure, Drinking Water and Sanitation

22. Efficient Project Monitoring and Sustained efforts resulted in the completion of several unfinished projects like the State of Art Civil Secretariat Building, the Iconic Dorjee Khandu Convention Centre and this Majestic Arunachal Legislative Assembly Building. Also the foundation stone for constructing a High Court Building for our State has been laid. My Government shall now undertake all possible steps to complete all infrastructure projects in a time bound manner and shall modernise the archaic

infrastructure in our districts. We are committed to create modern, robust and durable assets for our beautiful State.

23. My Government will provide safe and potable drinking water to all households by the year 2022. Under the great visionary schemes of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, two of our cities, Pasighat and Itanagar are being developed into Smart Cities, for which we are grateful to our Hon'ble Prime Minister.

24. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, in December 2017, the rural areas of Arunachal Pradesh have been declared completely Open Defecation Free. We shall put in all efforts and strive to achieve Open Defecation Free status in urban areas as well. We will implement a comprehensive State wide ranking framework for all major towns on cleanliness and we shall take all possible measures to bring all our major cities, especially the Smart Cities of Pasighat and Itanagar, among two of the cleanest cities of India.

25. An ambitious Solid Waste Management Action Plan has been drawn up under directions of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal. The comprehensive Action Plan of Rs. 325 Crore, entails collection, segregation, treatment, disposal of solid waste and aims to make Arunachal Pradesh one of the leading States in Solid Waste Management.

Education

26. My Government aims to completely overhaul the existing education system to provide quality and modern education in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. We will create modern schooling infrastructure, equipped with latest teaching equipments and smart classes in a phased manner. We will strengthen our pre-elementary and primary education systems, by instituting a robust performance audit and gather real-time information on primary and secondary education.

27. My Government will undertake capacity building and shall strengthen and upgrade the teaching system and capability by training teachers and other school functionaries, evaluating their performance and recognising their excellence. An IT based Smart Classroom program has been operationalised in more than 700 schools of the State in the first phase and 426 schools in the second phase. Five Central Inspection Teams have been constituted to visit and inspect schools, all over the State for identifying the gaps and infrastructural needs of our schools.

28. One Model Residential School has been established in each district under the CM Adhunik Pathshala Yojna to develop them as 'Centres of Excellence for Education'. A Sainik School has started functioning in Pasighat. This Sainik School will be augmented by fresh 60 students each year upto a strength of 300 students.

My Government undertook the implementation of the CM Samast Shiksha Yojna, wherein Rs 4 crore fund provision was provided to each District to fill in critical gaps in schools and higher education institutes. State specific primary school curriculum for

promoting inter tribe harmony and to celebrate our tribal diversity will be developed. Over the next five years, the target of my Government is to achieve the highest pass percentage in class 10th and 12th, in the North Eastern Region of the country.

29. My Government will strive to guarantee higher education for all students of Arunachal Pradesh. We shall assist UPSC / APPSC aspirants in their preparation for Civil /Police services exams, by providing monthly financial stipend for meeting their basic expenses, to those who clear preliminary examination.

30. Beti Bachao – Beti Padhao campaign for saving the girl child and educating her will be strengthened. We will develop a comprehensive scheme to encourage positive attitude amongst families towards the girl child.

Health

31. My Government will strive to provide quality health facilities to every citizen of Arunachal Pradesh. We will make all possible efforts to replace the ageing NEFA days Health Infrastructure with modern health infrastructure in a phased manner. My Government has started Free Chemotherapy Scheme for cancer patients. Facilities of Trauma Centre, ICU, Emergency units and dialysis machines have been set up. Tomo Riba Institute of Medical Sciences with a medical college has started functioning in the State and its first academic session is already in progress. A comprehensive health assurance scheme, the CM Arogya Arunachal Yojna, dovetailed with Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojna has been launched to provide access to quality healthcare services to the citizens of our State. My Government shall promote indigenous and traditional medicines, the rich legacy of our Tribal way of life. We will spread health awareness to every nook and corner of the State and make health and hygiene a mandatory part of the school curriculum.

Power & Electricity

32. Our target is to make Arunachal Pradesh an energy self reliant State. For utilising the vast Hydro Power potential of our State, our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji dedicated the 110 MW Parre Hydro Power Project to the Nation. All necessary steps will be taken to operationalise and commission the 600 MW Kameng Hydro Power Project and 24 MW Dikshi Hydro Power Project this year itself. It is heartening to mention here that the legal hurdles in setting up of 2000 MW Lower Subansiri Hydel Project have been settled and NHPC is going to start the construction shortly.

33. The Government will focus on small Hydel projects as well. We will also be developing and implementing a comprehensive policy to harness solar and wind energy. My Government will ensure 24x7 assured and reliable power, without any load shedding to all households. We will ensure street lighting in all district headquarters. We will install Smart Meters and shall improve the transmission and distribution infrastructure, so as to ensure uninterrupted power supply to all our citizens.

34. It is a matter of great pride to tell this august house that, My Government has achieved 100% electrification of all villages under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojna and 100% electrification of all Households (Rural & Urban) under the SAUBHAGYA scheme.

Revenue

35. Chanakya in his treatise 'Artha Shastra' has said 'कोषमूलोदंडः' which means 'treasury is the source of all strength'. Following this great dictum, I am glad to inform you, that there is an exponential growth of 31% in State Tax Revenues this year. This steady growth over the last two years is a direct result of our clear objective of increasing State's Own Resources and reducing the State's financial dependency. The State's Own Resources which were at Rs 919.77 Crore in 2014-15, have reached a record new high of nearly Rs. 2000 Crore in this financial year. These concrete steps towards fiscal self reliance are a result of proactive plugging of revenue gaps, a comprehensive check on leakages and an efficient tax administration. Our Government is resolved to make further improvements in our State Revenue Growth.

Industry & Investment

36. My Government shall strive to bring in Private Investment to Arunachal Pradesh. A flourishing private sector with a diversified portfolio of industries is the key to job creation, resource generation and sustained prosperity. We will make Arunachal Pradesh an attractive investor destination by instituting industry friendly framework of simplified procedures and attractive policies. A new 'Industrial Policy' to unlock our latent industrial potential shall be implemented at the earliest. A robust 'Single Window Clearance' system is being instituted in the State, with the Department of Industries as the Nodal Agency for all approvals and necessary compliance assistance. All clearances and approvals shall be given in a time bound manner and all projects will be given seamless hand holding by the Nodal Agency. The land laws which were hitherto restrictive in nature have been duly amended, liberalised and rationalised to suit needs of the industry.

Administrative Transparency

37. An all out war against corruption has been launched. My Government has adopted a policy of zero tolerance towards corruption by any public servant, irrespective of rank and status. Recruitment across Government departments is being made absolutely transparent, free from any kind of manipulation and solely based on merit. Staff Selection Board has been set up for conducting recruitment for all regular and contractual Group 'C' & 'MTS' posts.

38. My Government has ensured that Procurement of goods and services by all Government departments be made, on a central, transparent and online platform, the GeM Portal, thereby removing all leakages and wastage in the whole system.

Law & Order

39. A few days back, there was the dastardly killing of our own MLA Shri Tirong Aboh Ji and 10 of our other brethren. We strongly condemn this brutal act of violence. To bring the perpetrators to justice in a swift manner, the case is being investigated by the National Investigation Agency.

40. Law & Order and Security remains the top priority of My Government. Modernisation of Police Force, an efficient and robust intelligence system, prompt investigation and swift prosecution are the pillars of effective Law & Order Administration. My Government is committed to give our citizens a safe, secure and violence free Arunachal, for which we shall deal all law & order violations with an iron hand. My Government shall undertake a massive overhaul and modernisation of the security apparatus of the State, to ensure that all our citizens live in a fearless atmosphere, wherever they may be in the State.

41. Narcotics Substance Abuse is a menace which is tearing families apart in our beautiful State. Lives are being destroyed and generations are being lost. The need of a specialised Nodal Agency has been long felt, therefore My Government will soon create a State Narcotics Control Bureau with necessary wherewithal to fight the demon of drugs.

Housing

42. My Government is committed to providing 25,000 houses to our citizens.

Financial Inclusion

43. The Government shall strive for covering every citizen residing in Arunachal Pradesh, under the banking network. The banks are being requested to provide Customer Service Points (CSP) in all selected villages across the State.

Skill Development & Employment Generation

44. Our objective is to make, Arunachal Pradesh a State where our Youth are not job seekers but job providers. We want to make Arunachal Pradesh a hotbed of entrepreneurship. A New Start-up and Skill Arunachal policy shall be introduced in the State. Start Up Incubation centres shall be created across the State to encourage and hand hold all potential entrepreneurs. We will involve youth of the State to build a feed back mechanism to improve governance in the State.

45. Rajya Sainik Board of the State will be made functional. Appropriate opportunity will be provided to the ex-service men for their rehabilitation and welfare.

Agriculture

46. Farmers are the backbone of our society and the pride of Arunachal Pradesh. My Government will work towards doubling farmer's income by 2022 and shall undertake all possible steps towards achieving this objective. Sources of Non-Farm Income such as Animal Husbandry, Sericulture, Piggery etc shall be our focus areas. Our farmers shall be provided assistance to acquire modern farm equipments, manure, seeds and access to market linkages.

Forest & Environment

47. Our forests are our biggest natural resource and beyond that, our pride and our identity. We the people of Arunachal Pradesh worship and celebrate nature and rejoice in its beauty and grandeur. We will not only retain and sustain but improve the Forest cover of Arunachal Pradesh, with a developmental model which will be in sync with our ecology.

Tourism

48. Tourism is the life breath of our economy and our sunshine sector. Keeping our fragile ecology in mind, we will focus on high value –low impact tourism, which shall generate revenue but not trample the ecological fine balance. Arunachal Pradesh will be offered to the world as a high-end wellness destination nestled in the lap of pristine beauty.

Sports

49. Sports infrastructure in the State remains in a dilapidated state. We will upgrade the infrastructure of both the sports academies of our State. A 'Mission Olympics-2024' for talent identification and nurturing of potential sportsmen shall be launched shortly.

Local Self Government

50. My Government is committed to strengthening the Democracy at grassroots level and, therefore, we shall ensure that Municipal and Panchayat elections are held at the earliest.

51. It is with the belief to make a 'New Arunachal' that my Government wants to work in this term. The Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji in his recent speech talked of two castes, one "the poor" and the other "working towards eliminating the poverty". My wish is that my Government and my MLAs muster all their energy and resources to develop our State and eliminate poverty from Arunachal Pradesh. The slogan of 'NARA'-"National Ambition/ Regional Aspiration" will be strengthened from the State of Arunachal Pradesh. I sincerely call upon you, in this State Assembly to become a shining reflection of it. In this August House, let us have greater deliberations and intense discussion on all Government policies and Legislations with a view to streamline our State plans and actions.

52. My government takes this opportunity to express gratitude to all the Ministries of Government of India which have been pro-actively supporting the State in developmental projects and welfare measures in various sectors of the economy. Union Government during the past years, allocated sufficient resources and also constantly guided us on the progress of the projects. I am sure and confident that the vibrant Act East Policy of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji, shall make Arunachal Pradesh, an engine of growth for the entire nation.

53. I conclude with reassertion of the commitment of our Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu and his council of ministers that they will tirelessly work for the growth, prosperity and welfare of the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

Jai Arunachal,

Jai Hind.