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ADDRESS

OF

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HON'BLE GOVERNOR

Of

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

ON THE OCCASION

OF

REPUBLIC DAY 2020

AT

ITANAGAR

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 P.D Sona 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.

1. Today, on this 26th January, I extend my warm greetings to all my brothers and sisters of Arunachal Pradesh on the occasion of the 71st Anniversary of our Republic Day. I also convey my affectionate New Year Greetings to every one of you. On this day, in 1950, we the people of India adopted, enacted and gave to ourselves the present Indian Constitution. This Constitution gives us laudable Fundamental Rights and, equally importantly, lays down Fundamental Duties for each one of us as well. These Fundamental Duties are the key essentials for our Peace, Unity and National development.
2. In Asia, when we look around our Country, we find that none of our far or near neighbouring Nations has succeeded in preserving, protecting and defending her Constitution as we have done. This distinction is a great tribute to our people, our leaders and the cultural heritage of our Country. It gives us the pride of being the biggest and also the most stable Democracy of the world.
3. Now, I shall briefly highlight the initiatives taken by our Government in recent years and the future roadmap for development of the state.

OUR VISION

4. Our Government has set forth its vision, to bring development in the State and bring equitable progress for all.
5. We are seeking team spirit and working hard to achieve Excellence in Governance, quality Education, better Health services, progressive changes in Agriculture & Horticulture sectors, Blue Economy, Employment Generation, Livelihood Activities, Ease of doing business, drinking water to all households by 2024, inter-tribe harmony, perfect law & order, modernization of Police Force, social partnership, uninterrupted power supply, road and internet connectivity, Hydropower generation, attractive Tourism, ecological balance, Green Cover and for becoming the repository of Carbon sink for the Nation. We are following the mantra of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' to make Arunachal Pradesh as one of the best administered and governed states in the country.

CONNECTIVITY

6. Road, Rail, Air Connectivity are the most important factors which facilitate State's development. There is a backlog in Road Communication infrastructure, which our Government is addressing with great care and concern.
7. We have developed a comprehensive plan to upgrade all the roads in districts headquarters over a period of next 4 years under "The Chief Minister Comprehensive State Road Plan 2019-2024". We will improve 150 km of Capital Complex roads, upgrade important interstate and inter-district roads to the specification of State Highway, connect ADC Headquarters with Major District Road category and upgrade approach roads to Circle office headquarters by the year 2024.
8. We are also trying for the sanction of two important projects, namely, Frontier Highway and East West Corridor, by Government of India in this year. While the Frontier Highway shall provide seamless connectivity across our entire border area, East West Corridor shall act as an economic corridor and usher industrial development in the state.

9. After intense follow up with the Government of India, we have been able to revive the Potin-Pangin Highway project. Ministry of Road, Transport and Highway has divided the entire stretch in 9 packages which are under various stages of tendering. But it is very important for us to remember that in the past many projects had been stalled because of problems created by landowners. Therefore, I appeal to all people, especially the landowners to cooperate and offer the requisite land generously whenever required in public interest.
10. The planned construction of Bridges across Dibang and Lohit rivers and completion of Sisar Bridge over Sisar river between East Siang and Lower Dibang Valley Districts along NH 52 are great public amenities. Similarly, the construction of strategic Sela Tunnel will be an engineering feat for our State. This will remove our centuries old hardships for movement of Civilians, Tourists and Security Forces in the times of rains, snow and landslips.
11. After the Foundation Stone laying by our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hollongi Airport and - its auxiliary support infrastructure are now on our work chart and it will be completed in the next three years time.

AGRICULTURE & ALLIED ACTIVITIES

12. We, in Arunachal Pradesh, basically, are agrarian people. We are investing heavily in agriculture and allied sectors. We have resolved to double our farmers' income in consonance with our National Mission, by 2022. We have increased the funding of CHIEF MINISTER'S SASHAKT KISAN YOJANA to Rs. 95 Crores with specific focus on cash crops. We have also launched two important schemes that is 'ARUN PIG DEVELOPMENT SCHEME' and 'MUKHYA MANTRI NEEL KRANTI ABHIYAN' for piscine-production with an outlay of Rs. 20 Crores each. We have also launched the CHIEF MINISTER'S WHITE REVOLUTION SCHEME to harness the dairy potential of the State. In Sericulture, Integrated Large Scale Eri Silk Farming and Integrated Large Scale Muga Silk Farming are other income generating activities of high potential which we have started in various districts of the State.

REVENUE GENERATION

13. There is considerable scope in the Mining Sector for augmenting the revenue of our State. Recently we have handed over Petroleum Exploration Licenses (PEL) to Oil India Limited for exploration in seven new blocks. Part of the royalties received through such projects will be utilized on development and welfare of the local population of the area. The State has already generated Rs 60.34 Crores from the Mineral sector.
14. The New Year 2020 has brought us a very happy news in Revenue Generation. As per the reports of Ministry of Finance, Government of India, our GST collection ending December 2019 has recorded 124% jump in GST collection which is highest in the country.

HYDROPOWER

15. Hydropower sector has great potential for enhancing our State's Revenue. This sector has the capacity to take us from an Economic Resource Constraint State to an Economically Affluent State in the Country. Dibang Multipurpose Project (2880 MW) with an approved expenditure of Rs. 28,080 crores is a major step in this direction which will be completed in next nine years.
16. In the context of the Hydropower development, I want to assure one and all that our State Government, under our popular-progressive Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu ji, is fully empathetic and alive to the requirements of the environmental preservation and the best rehabilitation of the dislocated people, if any.

TOURISM

17. For development of tourism in our State, through digital platforms, we are planning to tie up with 'Airbnb', 'Make My Trip' and other organisations for registering home-stays, on their platform. Our Government is bringing out a comprehensive Tourism Development policy for the State to harness the State's tourism potential. We are also taking up development and beautification programmes, duly harmonized with nature, for Indira Gandhi Park and Gekar Sinyi Lake. We have made a request to Government of India to help in expediting early finalization of the Parshuram Kund project. This will substantially enhance the spiritual tourism in the State and will economically benefit the people of the area.

INVESTMENT INITIATIVES

18. State Government has approved Arunachal Pradesh State Industrial & Investment Policy 2019 to make our state investment-friendly by promoting ease of doing business here. We will have a single window system to create conducive business environment and will provide attractive incentives and subsidies for setting up industries in our State.
19. We are also conducting a Social Innovation Competition on 30th and 31st January to usher an environment of social innovation and entrepreneurship in the State.

SOCIAL SECURITY

20. Under Social Security, we have enhanced the Monthly Pension given under Old Age Pension, Widow Pension and Disability Pension schemes. We have also enhanced the salaries of Anganwadi workers.
21. To bring down inequalities in the state, we will ensure that in all the beneficiary-oriented schemes, at least 50% of the beneficiaries are widows, marginal farmers, SHG, FPO and families having annual income less than Rs 2.50 lakhs. I am also very happy to see that Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) and Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society are actively working to spread awareness on women's rights.
22. In view of the large number of users of opium, cannabis and narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in the state, we have constituted "Control, Awareness, Monitoring and Enforcement" (CAME) teams to combat the drug menace and destroy illicit opium and cannabis cultivation in the districts.

HOUSING

23. We are committed to provide Housing For All by 2022. In order to achieve this goal, we have introduced a new scheme namely "Chief Minister Rural Housing Scheme" under which we are providing a top up of Rs. 50,000 to each household being constructed under PMAY (Gramin). This will ensure that the landless villagers and people living below poverty line come forward and take benefit from this scheme. During the year, we have a target of 7500 beneficiaries to be provided housing under the PMAY (Gramin) in the State.

EDUCATION

24. I am convinced that the youth of our State have tremendous inherent skills, talents and potential to become successful scientists, engineers, doctors, teachers, sportspersons and achievers in other fields of life. Providing quality education, therefore, is our top priority.
25. To invoke excellence in academic performance, we have introduced State Board Examination for class V and VIII and done away with No Detention Policy. Shortage of teachers was one of the impediments in achieving quality education, for which we have created 1100 posts for teachers and regularization of SSA teachers is also under process. To overcome book shortages in the schools, we have initiated procurement of schoolbooks directly from NCERT. This has ensured timely delivery of books in all the districts.
26. To promote academic interest of the students and to ensure need based distribution of teachers in all the schools of the state as also to optimize job satisfaction amongst the Teachers in a free and transparent manner, we have approved the Arunachal Pradesh Teachers Transfer & Posting Policy 2020.

HEALTH

27. We are committed to improve the health care system in our state. We have been able to operationalize our first medical College “Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences” (TRIHMS). During this year, we have kept a provision of Rs 180 Crores for strengthening, upgradation and purchase of equipments for “Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences” (TRIHMS). Further, we have created 208 posts of Specialists and 108 posts of GDMOs to overcome the shortage of doctors in the Health Centres across the State.
28. We are committed to upgrade the infrastructure in health facilities in a phased manner. We are planning to upgrade 5 Zonal Hospitals at Bomdila, Ziro, Aalo, Tezu and Khonsa with all modern health care facilities. State Health Department is preparing a blueprint for the same.
29. We have decided to establish a 200-bedded government hospital and a dedicated maternal, child and eye-care facility in Itanagar which will also function as a satellite and a feeder hospital to the Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (TRIHMS).

30. To provide better health services to patients and cashless health insurance coverage of Rs 5 lakhs per family in a year under the Chief Minister's Arogya Arunachal Yojana (CMAAY) and the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), State Government has empanelled Ramakrishna Mission Hospital (RKMH) Itanagar and is in the process of empaneling key hospitals outside the state like CMC Vellore, Apollo Hospitals Delhi etc. As on date, we have been able to enroll 90,722 families under the CMAAY out of which 3,893 individuals have already been benefitted.

WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION

31. We aim to provide 24X7 availability of Piped Drinking Water to all habitations under its Flagship Programme "Jal Jeeven Mission". We are working tirelessly towards Swachhta Abhiyan. Our project "Swachh Swabhimaan Arunachal ki Shaan" is creating a social change amongst our people and community for sanitation awareness. Recently, West Kameng district has been adjudged the best District in Arunachal Pradesh and secured second position in the country in the "Swachhta Darpan – Open Defection Free (ODF) Sustainability 2019" contest conducted by the Jal Shakti Ministry.

SPORTS

32. Our State has been able to secure approval from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India for a Centre of Excellence in 3 sports disciplines, viz. Boxing, Weight Lifting and Martial Arts. This Centre will have residential school for 100 students in each discipline and will be set up in Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy. We are taking up creation of Sports infrastructure at various levels to produce future champions and generate a feeling of sports culture in Schools and Colleges. Our sportspersons are already bringing laurels to the State. In the 13th South Asian Games held in Nepal last year, Miss Rupa Bayor and Mr Gangphung Gangsa won Silver and Bronze medal in Taekwondo. Our youths have admirably shone in the recently concluded "Khelo India Youth Games-2020" held at the Saru-sajai Stadium, Assam and won 3 gold, 5 silver and 4 bronze medals for the State.

TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNANCE

33. To bring transparency and curb corruption, we have developed Arunachal Satellite-Based Monitoring and Geo-Tagging Tool and it is now compulsory for all Government departments to geo tag all the developmental projects. Our state has been awarded India Geospatial Excellence Award at recently held Geo Smart India Conclave in Hyderabad.
34. For ensuring free, fair, merit based and transparent public services recruitment process now all Group-A and B recruitments are being conducted by the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission. We have established the Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board for recruiting all Group-C posts. So far, we have successfully completed the recruitment of 797 candidates for various categories of Civil Police including Constables (Male & Female) and Constables under IRBN and also recruited 40 Candidates under UDC, Storekeepers and Junior Inspectors and Junior Auditors of Co-operative Societies. The recruitment for 125 posts of LDC/JSA/Stockman/Record Keeper etc. is proposed to be conducted in the first week of February 2020 by Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board. It is reiterated that all posts under district quota will be filled up from the respective districts only.
35. We have made the Lok Ayukta functional from this year. We have also decided to take up construction of offices for Lokayukta, State Human Rights Commission, Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, Information Commission etc. along with a common complex for all the Directorates in Capital Complex with an aim to provide professional work environment for our Government staffs.
36. For making the state budget preparation more inclusive, we have decided to include the members from local Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in the pre Budget consultation exercises and also include the CBOs in the District Level Monitoring Committees to ensure proper identification, selection and implementation of the developmental projects.

CALL FOR CITIZENS' SUPPORT

37. My dear Arunachali brothers and sisters, in LOKTANTRA, all the powers and prerogatives lie with the people, that is you. It is, therefore, very essential that your unstinted support is always available to the Government in all developmental works. I call upon each and every one of you to join hands for the sake of development of the State, with our Government headed by our Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu ji to fight the hydra headed monster 'CORRUPTION'.

ROLE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

37. For continued contact with the people and pursuit of their ongoing welfare programmes, our Government has been trying to have Arunachal State Cadre of IAS, IPS and IFS officers. From this platform I, with all conviction at my command, call upon all the Government officials, high, middle and cutting edge levels to take pledge today to be transparent, accountable, honest, regular, audit and review open. All our officials must, with full responsibility, apply mid course corrections, in their field of work, wherever necessary. In public interest, it is essential that all our officers attend their offices regularly, on time, meet every citizen and pay regular field visits. Let every officer devote a minimum of 80% days of a year, that is 292 days, in his/her office and field.

39. Before I conclude, I would like to commend the State Police, the CRPF, the ITBP, the NCC, the Scouts and Guides, the Cultural Troupes, the School Children, for their enthusiastic participation in today's Republic Day Celebration.

40. I, once again, wish you all a very Happy Republic Day.

Jai Arunachal

Jai Hind