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ON THE OCCASION
OF
REPUBLIC DAY 2021
AT
ITANAGAR

Dear Sisters and Brothers of our Arunachal Pradesh,

1. I extend my heartiest greetings and best wishes to all on the joyous occasion of the 72nd Republic Day of India. On the 26th day of January 1950 India adopted its own Constitution and became a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic. This day reminds us of the responsibility we have taken upon ourselves to build a society free from social discrimination and religious prejudices and secure to all our citizens Justice, Liberty, Equality and to promote among them all, fraternity.
2. Last year, due to intense hardships and unpredictability posed by the COVID-19 Pandemic, has been a difficult year. However, despite the challenges, my Government has taken a slew of initiatives on various fronts to build a strong and self-reliant Arunachal Pradesh.

Health

3. At the outset, let me thank every member of 'Team Arunachal', especially the doctors, health and other frontline workers, who for last 10 months have been working tirelessly to protect us from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Four of our COVID-19 warriors have made supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. Today, on behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh, I pay homage to them.
4. I thank the people of Arunachal Pradesh from the core of my heart for their unprecedented cooperation and standing united in these challenging times, fighting against the COVID-19 Pandemic.

5. We are proud of the fact that two 'Made in India' vaccines are now available for COVID-19. We will keep on working hard to ramp up our capacity for covering more and more population for vaccination as per the guidelines of Government of India.
6. However, vaccination does not mean that we lower our guards. I appeal to all my fellow citizens to continue to take precautions such as wearing mask, washing hands regularly, avoiding spiting in public places, and observing physical distancing.
7. I am happy to inform that our Government has taken up a massive Rs. 400 Cr mission for upgrading the infrastructure in the district hospitals. We have also established ICU facilities at 7 locations in the State. We have purchased 78 Ambulances which would provide service in the remote corners of our State. Around 400 staff nurses, 66 medical officers, and 34 specialists' doctors have been recruited during the last few months.

Local body Elections

8. I congratulate the State Election Commission (SEC) and the State Government for the smooth and successful conduct of the Panchayati Raj and Municipality Elections. The newly elected members have a great responsibility of carrying on our democratic values by demonstrating transparent, unbiased, and development-oriented performance.

Connectivity

9. Arunachal Pradesh is located in one of the remotest corners of the country. However, in the last five to six years, we have achieved an unprecedented improvement in communication network in the State.
10. The State Government is actively pursuing the 'CM Comprehensive Road Development Plan' to provide all-weather road connectivity to all the administrative headquarters. We are closely working with all executing agencies for better road connectivity in border areas of Arunachal Pradesh. I am also happy to inform that the preparation of Detail Project Report (DPR) for the Frontier Highway would commence soon.
11. We are grateful to our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji for approving, under the Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan, the Scheme to provide 4G mobile connectivity to 1683 remotely located villages in Arunachal Pradesh by 2022. This will bring welcome change in people's life by providing them the much needed digital empowerment.

Power Sector

12. I am happy to inform that two units of 600 MW of the Kameng Project have already been commissioned and the remaining two units will be commissioned soon. 24 MW 'Dikshi' Project has also been commissioned. The work on Subansiri Lower Project is going on in full speed. We are hopeful that its two units will be commissioned by August 2022. We are also working on various projects to tap the potential of small and micro hydel projects.

13. Government of India has set the target for achieving 24x7 power for all by 2022. Consequently the State Government is putting in all efforts to ensure the electricity connectivity of all the districts with the National Grid. This will ensure that our villages & rural households get electrification. This will improve the power supply system in urban areas and ensure supply of quality power to consumers with ease of transaction.

Water Supply

14. My Government has planned to provide potable tap water connection to all rural households by 2023, one year ahead of the National target, under Jal Jeevan Mission.

Police Reforms

15. Maintenance of law and order has been the top priority of my Government. I am very happy to inform that Kharsang Police Station has been declared as the Third Best in the country by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
16. For Women Safety and to fight crime against women all women police stations have been opened in Itanagar, Seppa, Tawang and Pasighat. We have plans to establish similar Women Police Stations in the remaining districts.

Education

17. On the first Republic Day in 1950, our State had just 3 schools with less than 50 students. On this 72nd Republic Day our State has more than 4000 educational institutions with 3.5 lakh students. Our State has done a commendable job in propagation of education. Now, we are focusing on improving the quality of education in the State.

18. Our Education Department and the teachers have put in enormous effort for educational improvement. This has been duly recognized by a leading National Daily by declaring Arunachal Pradesh as the Most Improved Small State in Education. Rajiv Gandhi University in the State has received the title of Best Central University during the 3rd Himalayan Educators Summit held recently.
19. Under the Arunachal Pradesh Teachers Transfer & Posting Policy 2020, our government is working to rationalize and provide teachers wherever needed. We have initiated 'Chief Minister's Award for Excellence in Quality Education' to recognize performing teachers. Very recently, my government has allotted Rs. 15.00 Cr for starting of 'Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Centers' in 300 schools across the state.
20. The infrastructure development in the Higher & Technical Education sector has been the top priority of our Government. Our State has also achieved 100% compliance for All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020. Very soon we are going to establish a National Cadets Corps (NCC) Academy in Arunachal Pradesh. Our Sainik School in Pasighat is operational. We are going to induct girl students in the School from the coming Academic session. We are also planning to start a new Sainik School for girls in the State.
21. This year, the prime focus of my Government will be to bring educational reforms in tune with the New National Education Policy.

Social Justice, Empowerment and Tribal Affairs & Women & Child Development

22. Under Tribal Development Plan, 202 projects covering various sectors like Education, Health, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries and Veterinary including the projects under the Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Schemes have been implemented. In addition to this, 112 projects were also taken up under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK).
23. Despite the Corona Pandemic, our Government has continued the 'Supplementary Nutrition Program' and taken it to the doorsteps of each pregnant and lactating mother and children in 0-6 age group. I thank our dedicated Anganwadi workers for this great job.

Entrepreneurship Development

24. Entrepreneurship development has been another focus area of my Government. More than 200 entrepreneurs have been benefitted under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Swavalamban Yojana for taking up various sustainable and employment generating projects. Under Arunachal Pradesh Entrepreneurship Development Program, we have shortlisted 100 Start-ups through IIM, Calcutta Innovation Park. The top 50 winners will be placed under incubation and mentored by IIM, Kolkata

25. To help the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Sector kick start their businesses affected by COVID-19, Rs 70 Cr worth loans have been sanctioned to 3,535 businesses under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme. To help the vulnerable section of society cope with the COVID-19 Pandemic, 769 loans have been approved under Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors' Atma Nirbhar Nidhi scheme.
26. My government is putting in all efforts to attract global investment into the state to harness its enormous economic potential. A Single Window Clearance Portal for obtaining Licenses / Permits / Renewals / Auto-Renewals Clearances / NOC's online has been developed and will be operative soon.

Agriculture & allied sector

27. The lesson which we have drawn from COVID-19 Pandemic is that Agriculture in all situations is the key for both, economic development and self-reliance. Recently, our farmers living in remote district of Anjaw have shown some exemplary achievement by exporting large cardamoms to the international market.
28. My government has also successfully formed 25 Farmers Producers Companies (FPC) comprising more than 8000 farmers and 10 Farmers Producers Organizations (FPO) comprising 1000 farmers. In our effort to increase farmers' income, under Arunachal Pradesh Bee & Honey Mission we have expanded farmer's activities in 10 potential districts. We have also taken up a plan to certify large areas as organic.

29. To cater for the milk requirement of the Capital Region, we have strengthened Arun Dairy Plant at Karsingsa with new machineries. Under the Chief Minister's White Revolution Scheme, we have distributed dairy Cows to 610 selected farmer beneficiaries. Under the Arun Pig Development Scheme 4800 Piglets have been distributed to selected farmer beneficiaries to take up pig husbandry for livelihood generation.
30. Under the Mukhya Mantri Neel Kranti Abhiyan and Blue Revolution in the State we have clubbed together all the activities related to fisheries. State Government has initiated a promising scheme of 'Cluster Farming' thereby creating 60 clusters with 4000 hectares of land which would adopt modern agriculture and horticulture methods and practices. Our scheme for providing 1.5 lakh Nutritional Kitchen Gardens has been a great success.

TOWN PLANNING & Urban Local Bodies

31. Various State Government projects like Smart Roads, Multilevel Car Parking, Developments of Parks, and open spaces, Street Lighting, Solid Waste Management, River Front Development etc. which will benefit the city dwellers are in the pipeline. These projects are being implemented under the Smart City Mission in Pasighat and Itanagar.

TEXTILE & HANDICRAFT/ INDUSTRIES

32. Arunachal Pradesh has initiated the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi ji's 'VOCAL FOR LOCAL' campaign. State Government offices have been mandated to procure their required demand items from local NGOs, Societies, Self Help Groups, and Entrepreneurs only.

TOURISM

33. Under the 'Chief Minister Skill Advance Certificate Course' Scheme for harnessing the tourism potential of the State, training on adventure sports like Mountaineering, Trekking, River Rafting, Mountain Biking, Paragliding, Search and Rescue etc. is being provided through NIMAS, Dirang. We have also conducted series of tourist attraction events like Namdapha Butterfly Meet 2020, Arunachal Open Paragliding Accuracy Championship 2020, Siang Rush, Signature Motorcycle Rallies, Trans Arunachal Drive, Brahmaputra Aamantran Abhiyaan etc..
34. In order to promote tourism activities in the State in post COVID period, we have launched Dekho Apna Pradesh campaign to promote intra-state tourism among the people of the State.
35. I am glad to mention here that recently, Government of India has approved a major project under 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD)' scheme for development of Parshuram Kund in Lohit District.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

36. Our State comes under Zone-V which is seismically very prone to natural calamities like earthquake etc. We are putting in all efforts to be ready to face such challenges. We have conducted 1st Ever State Level Mock Exercise and conducted the Coordination and Orientation Exercise on Incident Response System (IRS) followed by tabletop exercise in all the 26 districts including the Capital Region. We have also established Regional Disaster Response Centers at 5 places, namely, Bomdila, Ziro, Pasighat, Tezu and Khonsa.

ART & CULTURE

37. For dialect preservation, Arunachal Pradesh government is promoting indigenous languages and indigenous culture. We are also working on Linguistic Survey of Arunachal Pradesh.
38. The Hrusso Literature Team deserves appreciation for their good works in preserving the dying language by developing an excellent Video to teach the kids their native alphabets and the corresponding words.
39. Our Government is taking up construction of Indigenous Heritage Centers including Government of India funded Tagore Cultural Complex in a phased manner covering all our districts which will help in preservation and promotion of Indigenous activities in the State.
40. This year, our State has been selected to showcase its Cultural Tableau in the Republic Day parade at New Delhi.

SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS

41. In our endeavor to train our youth in games and sports, we have set up National Centre of Excellence at Sange Laden Sports Academy, Itanagar. It will have state-of-the-art facilities like International Standard playfields with allied facilities, hostel buildings, administrative blocks, training centers etc. The Sange Laden Sports Academy has also been declared as Khelo India State level Centre of Excellence. Golden Jubilee Higher Secondary School, Pasighat and State Sports Academy, Miao have been approved for District level Khelo India Centres of Excellence for various disciplines in the State.

Administrative Achievements

42. In the last one year, Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) has carried out recruitment drive for about 352 government jobs. 688 posts are under recruitment process at various stages and we are determined to do it in utmost fairness. Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board has carried out recruitment of 849 posts and has also prepared an exhaustive calendar for future recruitments.

43. Dear Sisters and Brothers, our Government stands for transparency and efficiency of the administrative machinery for public welfare and our Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu ji is fully committed to it.

44. We pledge here today to make Arunachal Pradesh a model State of the North East India.

Jai Arunachal!

Jai Hind!