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### MESSAGE

My dear brothers and sisters of Arunachal Pradesh,

At the dawn of the New Year, I extend my best wishes to every citizen of the State for a happy and prosperous 2011.

The year 2010 was yet another important year in the developmental history of the State. Work on important projects such as Secretariat Building, Assembly Building, Trans-Arunachal highway, Railway link to Itanagar and several important hydro-power projects gained momentum. The remote and unconnected border areas were brought into focus with special programs being designed and conceptualized for them. The capital roads are being given a facelift and several important tourism projects have been initiated to harness the rich potential of the State. The contingency employees of the State also received their long overdue increase in wages and reservation in regular employment.

I was extremely happy to see the enthusiastic response to my call for a **Clean, Green and Plastic Free** Arunachal Pradesh in the year 2010. Almost all District Administrations took very meaningful and concrete steps to achieve this objective and I am sanguine that our efforts towards this noble goal will continue in this year also.

Several parts of the State suffered very heavy damage in terms of life and property due to incessant rains and landslides from the month of March onwards. But the resilience, courage and fortitude shown by the people of these Districts in bringing the life back to normalcy was indeed heart-warming. All the people of the State stand in solidarity and unison with our brothers and sisters of these affected areas. All efforts are being made by the State Govt. to restore the damaged infrastructure in these areas.

In this year, let us also resolve to make concerted efforts to uproot insurgency and lawlessness from the affected Districts of our State and also curb this menace in areas where it is trying to raise its ugly head. Peace is a pre-requisite for development and while this is primarily the responsibility of the State security forces, your cooperation and support in this regard can go a long way in augmenting their efforts.

At the commencement of the New Year, let us commit ourselves towards making united efforts that will secure our future through our collective endeavours as a part of TEAM ARUNACHAL. Today, let us dream about where we want to be in ten years from now. Let us plan for the steps that we need to take to be there. Let us all share the optimism that we will rise above differences and challenges to realize our dreams and give shape to our aspirations. Let us start the year with a clear vision, new strength and renewed commitments towards taking Arunachal Pradesh to new heights of development and prosperity.

Once again, I extend my warm wishes and greetings to all my brothers and sisters of Arunachal Pradesh for a happy and prosperous 2011.

Jai Arunachal. Jai Hind.

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