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Press Communiqué

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), graced the 40th Statehood Day celebrations as the Chief Guest at Indira Gandhi Park, Itanagar, on 20th February 2026. The Governor unfurled the National Flag and took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

Addressing the people on the occasion, the Governor extended his warm greetings to the people of Arunachal Pradesh on the historic milestone of four decades of statehood. He said that Statehood Day is more than a celebration and a moment for introspection, renewed determination, and collective planning for the future.

The Governor called upon the people of the State to reaffirm their commitment to preserving Arunachal Pradesh's rich culture and heritage, safeguarding the environment, ensuring equal opportunities for youth and women, and eliminating corruption and opacity in public life. He said that the decisions taken today will shape the destiny of future generations and exhorted all citizens to unite in writing a new chapter of peace, prosperity, and progress. He emphasized that a 'Developed Arunachal' must be an integral part of a 'Developed India'.

Reflecting on the journey of the past four decades, the Governor said that despite challenging geographical conditions, Arunachal Pradesh has made remarkable strides in education, healthcare, connectivity, digital development, and cultural preservation. He observed that the State has successfully embraced modern development while protecting its tribal heritage, languages, and traditions.

Highlighting the achievements and initiatives of the State Government over the past year, particularly in infrastructure, hydropower, digital progress, women's empowerment, sports, and youth development, the Governor congratulated the Chief Minister, Pema Khandu, the Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein, and all members of the Council of Ministers for their citizen-centric governance and visionary leadership. He also expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, under whose guidance Arunachal Pradesh has witnessed unprecedented progress.

The Governor underscored that Arunachal Pradesh is vital pillar of India's strategic strength. Its geographical location significantly enhances national security and positions the State as a key hub of India's Act East Policy and a gateway to Southeast Asia. He noted that under the clear, practical, and people-centric leadership of the Chief Minister, the State is steadily advancing towards the goal of a 'Developed Arunachal'.

Sharing his vision of a 'Viksit Arunachal', the Governor emphasized the need for transparent, accountable, and technology-driven governance to ensure timely and equitable delivery of services to every citizen. He highlighted that initiatives, such as digital land surveys would enhance transparency and accelerate development.

The Governor further stated that the Vibrant Border Villages Programme would be strengthened by creating sustainable livelihood opportunities. Emphasizing that the youth of Arunachal Pradesh must be empowered to become job creators rather than job seekers, he added that balanced and responsible use of natural resources would ensure harmony between development and environmental conservation, thereby realizing the vision of a truly developed Arunachal Pradesh.

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Arunachal Pradesh
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