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ON THE OCCASION
OF
REPUBLIC DAY 2022
AT
ITANAGAR

My Dear Brothers and Sisters of Arunachal Pradesh,

1. On the happy occasion of our 73rd Republic Day, I extend my hearty congratulations and good wishes to you, your families and our youth and children. On this day in 1950, with the commencement of our Constitution, we had resolved to provide Justice, Liberty and Equality to our people. It is heartening that in last more than seven decades, we have been able to ensure these democratic values in our country.
2. Today, I also want to compliment our Armed Forces, Central Armed Police and State Police Forces, who have, with their dedicated vigilance, has ensured internal and external security for the country. Today, I also, with your indulgence, want to congratulate our Farmers, Scientists, Technicians, all Government officials and Entrepreneurs, who have been promoting the development of our country.
3. It is the Diamond Jubilee Year of our Independence and Golden Jubilee Year of the naming of our State 'Arunachal Pradesh'. Let us put in our concerted effort for the development of our Country and our State.

Self Sufficient India (Atma Nirbhar Bharat)

4. Our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's clarion call for Self Sufficient India (Atma Nirbhar Bharat) is paving way for the welfare of our countrymen.

Health

5. Dear friends, in last two years, our country has been fighting the deadly Corona Virus. In this period of critical times, our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji has very effectively managed the Pandemic situation and the healthcare of our people. In our State, despite the onslaught of Corona Pandemic, our Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu ji has continued to lead the State on the path of development.

6. For Corona and its latest mutation 'Omicron', our State Government has set up adequate number of COVID Wards, Oxygen Plants, ICU Units and more than 1000 Oxygen Beds and sufficient number of Oxygen Generation Plants. Additional 77 ICU Beds, 10 Pediatric Care Units and 17 Modern District Hospitals are also under construction.
7. In the previous year, our Government had installed CT Scan Machine in Tawang and Namsai Districts. Itanagar R.K. Mission Hospital has now been provided with MRI Machine. Aalo, Ziro and Bomdila will also have this facility soon.
8. Today, I take the opportunity of complimenting our Health Workers for their contribution towards Pandemic Care and Cure. However, the Pandemic is still not over and therefore, I appeal to all my dear Arunachali people to strictly observe the COVID Appropriate Behaviour.

Clean India

9. It is said that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness". Therefore, it is our collective responsibility to keep our surrounding clean. We should change our attitude towards use of single use plastic items and other pollution spreading articles. Let us get together and make Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's 'Clean India' Movement a grand success by making our State Green and Clean.

Administration

10. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu ji has taken a laudable people friendly step by establishing Staff Selection Board for merit based selection of candidates for the Government Services. Also, our Government has achieved the holding of meetings through e-Pragati. The other automation achievements of our Government are the Know Your Teacher by Education Department, Tele Medicine by Health Department, Self supporting Agriculture and Horticulture by Agriculture Department, e-Abkari by Finance Department and all Lady Staff Police Stations by Home Department etc.

11. Our Government, for the wellbeing of the people living in remote villages, has started working on potable water, electricity, health, education and employment amenities. For proper implementation of these programmes, our Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu ji has been intensively travelling to the remote areas.

12. It is a matter of pride for our State that, on 26th December, 2021, our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji made Special Mention of the "**Air Gun Surrender Abhiyan**" in our State, in which, 1,672 Air Guns, 8 Licensed Guns and 11 Power Chainsaws have been voluntarily surrendered by our people.

13. With a view to eliminate the bureaucratic tangles and delays, the four stages of Budgetary Allocation have now been streamlined and shortened to two stages only.

Drug De-Addiction

14. Our Government has made a Five Year Plan for the Drug De-Addiction amongst our youth. Steps are being taken to control the cultivation, distribution and use of addictive items. Our Government has resolved to ensure Drug De-Addiction in the State.

Jal Jeevan

15. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji has fixed year 2024 for the completion of Jal Jeevan Programme. However, our State expects to complete this mission well before 2024. Integrated Water and Tourism Projects have been started at Jia in Lower Diwang Valley District, Chaukham in Namsai District and similar projects will be launched soon in Tawang, East Kameng, Lepa Rada, Longding and Shi-Yomi Districts.

Electricity

16. Our State plans to spend Rs. 4 lakh crore in next decade for increasing the electricity production. 600 MW Kameng Hydro Electric Project is now functional and Lower Subansiri Project of 2000 MW is under construction and its two Units of 500 MW each will be functional by August this year. We have also sanctioned Rs.50 crore for 17 small Hydro Electric Plants. 20,000 Solar Street Lights and 2 lakh Solar Lamps have already been distributed. For Solar Light, our Government has allocated additional Rs.20 crores. Work has also started on 132/33 KV Transmission lines and 132/33 KV Transmission Substations. These have been funded by Government of India under comprehensive scheme for T&D distribution system.

17. Our Government is paying special attention on construction of Roads and communication arteries. 4-Lane Road from Chandranagar to Pappu Nalah has been completed and 2-Lane Road from Nechipu to Hoj has also been commissioned. 4-Lane Road from Pappu Nallah to Banderdewa, 2-Lane Potin-Pangin, Hukanjuri-Khonsa, Longding-Tissa-Khonsa and Lalpul-Manmao-Changlang has already been started. Balipara-Charduar-Tawang (BCT) Road from Tezpur is also under construction. Sela Tunnel and Nechipu Tunnel in West Kameng District, will soon be functional. Tali Road in Kra Daadi District and Miao-Vijaynagar Road in Changlang District are under construction. These Roads will certainly increase tourism in our State.

Civil Aviation

18. Hollongi, the first Greenfield Airport of our State will be ready by 15th of August, this year. Flights from Guwahati to Pasighat and Guwahati to Tezu will also be functional using ATR-72 Aircrafts. Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has already accorded sanction for two Dornier DO-228 Aircrafts for civil air traffic in our State.

Education

19. For ensuring improvement in Education in the State, our State Government has declared year 2021-22 as the Education Year. In the preceding year, Education Performance Grading of our State has improved and gone up from 570 grade in 2018-19 to 698 grade in 2019-2020.

20. This year, our State Government, due to zero enrolment in various Schools, has closed 400 such Schools. We are also planning for opening Inter village Schools in every District and Modern Schools, with modern education facilities, in each of the 60 Legislative Assembly Constituencies.
21. To impart education in Mother Tongue, our Education Department has made available Books in Nyishi, Wancho, Galo, Tagin, Kaman, Taraon, Idu and Tangsa dialects. In the field of Education, Classroom, Laboratory, Library, Boys' and Girls' Hostels are being provided for, which has made our State 'All India Survey 2020' compliant.
22. Our State Government is also taking help of Azim Premji Foundation, Rotary India Literary Mission and Quality Council of India for the improvement of the standard of education in the State. Our Education Department has also provided a Book entitled "Heroes of Arunachal Pradesh" to the Students.
23. To inculcate a sense of nationalism among our students, 2 Ekalavya Model Residential Schools are functioning. 3 more such Schools will be opened soon and 2 new Schools are under construction and four are under consideration. With these Schools, the total number of Ekalavya Model Residential Schools will be 11 in the State.

Development

24. Our State has made a mark for itself in judicious financial management despite adverse impact of COVID Pandemic. We have not compromised on the continuance of important developmental projects. It is a matter of pride that our Government has met all committed liabilities, such as, Salaries, Pensions, Wages, Debt repayments, etc. Notably, our State Government has maintained high proportion of Capital expenditure than the National average.
25. Our State Government has signed 2 MoU which will enhance North Eastern Space Technology Application and link our State with the National Institute for Smart Governance.

26. The “Sarkar Aap Ke Dwar” Programme started by our Hon’ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu ji has successfully been providing civic amenities to our people in far off places of the State.
27. The National e-Vidhan Application, launched by our Hon’ble Speaker Shri P.D. Sona ji, is a very commendable Programme. This Programme is being introduced in other States in our country like Haryana etc. We have already started Single Window Clearance Portal for ensuring ease of doing Business. Investment Promotion Agency has also been started for our entrepreneurs.
28. Under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Swabhalamban Yojana, 374 young entrepreneurs have already made use of this facility. The Budgetary Allocation for this Programme has already been increased from Rs.15 crores to Rs.30 crores. In this order, Start up Policy has also been strengthened in our State.
29. In the Amrit Mahotsav Year of Independence, to save public life from Climate Change, our State Government has taken a historic step of '**Pakke Declaration**' under Biodiversity in Climate Resilient Development in the State.
30. Under Livelihood Mission, 4227 Self Help Groups of 1318 villages and 38000 Households have been covered. 789 Self Help Groups have received aid of Rs.8 crores. Financial powers have been provided to PRI Members after successful Panchayat Elections under **Spice Model**.
31. It is expected that under the Sustainable Development Goals, our Programme will be getting good results by year 2030.

Employment

32. The first women ITI has started in Sagalee in Papum Pare District of our State. ITI in Manipolyang Town in Ziro will be started from next year. Under Jal Jeevan Mission, 6307 Youth have been trained in Plumber, Domestic Electrician, Carpentry, Mason and Driving.

Public Distribution System

33. The Public Distribution System of our State, under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana even in the difficult situation of Corona, has been successful in delivering ration items to every nook and corner of the State. Under One Nation One Ration Card, 1 lakh 77 thousand Ration Cards have been made and automation has been done in 1622 Fair Price Shops.

Art and Culture

34. It is our endeavor that our youths should remain connected with their past. In this era of modernity, let our Indigenous community adore its traditions and culture. Arrangements are being made to appropriately train the gurus of our Indigenous faith and provide them with authenticity. Being aware of the urgent need to document our rich cultural heritage, our Government has started a project on documenting the culture of Adi, Nyishi, Wanchoo, Nocte and Tangsa Tribes. Efforts are on to include many more other tribal documentation in this project. Recently, a documentary on the rich cultural heritage of Adi Tribe, prepared by RIWATCH under the aegis of Department of Indigenous Affairs has been released.

Tourism

35. To make the heritage of our tribes attractive, Siang River Festival was celebrated on 20th December 2021. Our Tourism Department Organized a 15 day Trans Arunachal Drive 2021, which concluded after covering a distance of 2500 kms through 16 Districts. Our Government is planning for Caravan Tourism. This Tourism circuit will cover places like Tawang, Ziro, Mechukha, Anini, Namsai, Kibithoo, Kaho etc.

Information Technology

E-office is now being used by all the Departments of our Government. This year, the e-office program will be extended to the District level as well. Optical Fiber Network is being installed under the Digital Connectivity Scheme. For this, 149 4G Airtel Towers have been installed and 410 VSAT Towers will be installed this year. Work has started for providing connectivity facility to 1683 villages by installing 980 4G Mobile towers in border areas.

Agriculture

37. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Yojana, our State is giving an annual grant of Rs.6000 to every landholder farmer in three installments. 98,206 farmers have been registered in this program. In order to double the income of the farmers, our Government has run “Atma-Nirbhar Krishi Yojana” and “Atma Nirbhar Horticulture Yojana”. This program will help our farmers to increase their production. Under the Oil Palm Production Scheme of the Government of India, our Government is taking forward this program in the interest of our farmers.

38. Today, I want to give you a good news. Our Government is making sincere efforts to resolve the long pending interstate boundary dispute between the States of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. Under the guiding directions of Honourable Prime Minister and Honourable Union Home Minister, both the States are sincerely working for a permanent solution. I am confident that this Boundary Dispute shall get resolved in the near future. On 24th January 2022, our Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu ji met Chief Minister of Assam Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma in Guwahati and the Boundary resolution talks are progressing in the right directions.

Tax and Excise Department

39. Project 'e-Abkari' of Tax & Excise Department in our State has been awarded ‘Award of Excellence 2021’ for its efficiency. India Today Patrika Group has given the status of most improved small State in the States of States Survey on the basis of increase in the facilities of transport in our State.

Bandh Culture

40. I have been here with you, in our State, for the last 4 years and 4 months. One thing, which has troubled me maximum, is the frequent Bandh calls. In most of the cases, these Bandh calls are misplaced. The impact of these Bandh calls have caused great sufferings to the common man, the poor, the daily wage earners, housewives and school going children. Most of the times, the Bandh calls, unfortunately, have turned violent and public property, bought from our people’s money, worth crores of rupees, have been destroyed.

Our administration, now, has resolved to handle these Bandh calls firmly and no unlawful activity will be allowed and the people indulging in unlawful activity, causing damage of any kind, forcing shop keepers to pull down their shutters, will be brought to book. State administration will now have 'zero' tolerance towards lawlessness. I urge every dear citizen of our State to cooperate and defeat the unlawful malicious Bandh calls at all cost.

41. Dear Brothers and Sisters, our Government, under the leadership of our popular Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu ji is striving to work sincerely on the principles of transparency and administrative integrity. I am sure, in this endeavor, our Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu ji will continue to receive continuous support of all our Arunachali brothers and sisters.

42. I am sanguine that with the cooperation of all of you, our State will definitely become the most advanced State in the North-Eastern Region of India.

Thank you

Jai Arunachal

Jai Hind!