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Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Assembly,

1. I welcome all the Hon'ble Members to this Eleventh Session of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh. I am privileged to address the Budget Session and take this opportunity to convey my best wishes to all of you.
2. The Annual Budget Session of the Legislative Assembly is of great importance since the Annual Budget is not merely an accounting exercise of receipts and expenditures but reflects the vision of the Government for the welfare of its citizens. As we have seen in the preceding years, I am sure this annual Budget of my Government will also live up to the expectations of our people.
3. Hon'ble Members, India has assumed the G-20 presidency this year, which is a matter of great pride for all of us. Leadership of the most significant political and economic group of nations provides an unique opportunity to strengthen our role in the global order. The theme of our presidency – “One Earth. One Family. One Future” – reflects our core belief of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”. As such, we are well poised to play a pivotal role in finding pragmatic and meaningful solutions to global problems for the well-being of all.
4. The occasion is all the more significant since the G20 Presidency also marks the beginning of ‘Amrit Kaal’ - the 25-year period beginning from the 75th anniversary of our independence leading up to the centenary in the year 2047.
5. To contribute towards a futuristic, prosperous, inclusive and developed society, my Government's vision is aligned to the Saptarishi priorities outlined in the Union Budget 2023-2024.
6. All efforts are being and will be made to reach the last mile and uncap the unrealized potential, especially of the youth. Working in tandem, the ‘Team

Arunachal' has been striving towards excellence in Governance in all areas, be it quality education, better healthcare services, self-reliant agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and fisheries, improving ease of living and doing business, improved connectivity in road, rail, air and digital sectors, water, power, peace and justice, preserving and promoting indigenous traditions, eco-friendly tourism, social and community participation in livelihood generation and climate resilient and responsive green development.

7. Hon'ble members may recall that while addressing the special session of the Assembly recently, the Hon'ble President asserted that Arunachal plays an important role in the social and economic development of the country, and that the "sun of development" is shining over the state.
8. The Hon'ble President, while emphasizing the need to preserve the rich natural resources and traditional culture of the State, lauded the Government for showing commitment to climate change responsive development through the Pakke-Declaration.
9. It is a matter of pride for us that the Hon'ble President noted the vibrant system of self-governance and grass-root democracy which has existed in Arunachal Pradesh for centuries and which is being continued by the active participation of the people of the State in the modern democratic processes.
10. Hon'ble Members, as we are all aware, the Union Budget for the Financial Year 2023-24 has been presented outlining seven priorities or 'Saptarishi' guiding us during the Amrit Kaal i.e., 'Inclusive Development', 'Reaching the Last Mile', 'Infrastructure and Investment', 'Unleashing the Potential', 'Green Growth', 'Youth Power' and 'Financial Sector'.
11. It is a matter of great satisfaction that my Government's six pillars of 'Governance Reforms and Prudent Financial Management', 'Synergy and Convergence', 'Investment in Health Sector', 'Investment in Human Capital', 'Atma-Nirbhar Arunachal Pradesh' and 'Environment Protection and Climate Resilient

Development' are very well aligned to these priorities. Our pillars, aligned to the Saptarishi priorities are the building blocks towards achieving 'happiness' for each and every resident of the State. We are following the mantra of 'SabkaSaath, SabkaVikaas, SabkaVishwaas aur SabkaPrayaas' given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji in letter and spirit.

12. The vision of my Government for accelerating accessible, affordable and equitable development for attaining greater happiness will be reflected in the Annual Budget 2023-2024.
13. Hon'ble Members, the physical infrastructure of the State has progressed by leaps and bounds during the last 7 years under the able leadership of our young and energetic Chief Minister Shri Pema Khanduji.
14. The inauguration of the Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 19th of November 2022 was a historic event witnessed by all of us. The Government put in tremendous efforts besides its own resources to ensure that our capital city of Itanagar is on the national civil aviation map. We now have four functional airports with Itanagar having wide-body jet aircraft connectivity to major cities of the country.
15. In the coming year, 3 more airstrips at Mechuka, Tuting and Vijayanagar will be operational. The central government is considering our proposal for three more Advanced Landing Grounds in Dirang in West Kameng, Anini in Dibang Valley and the third in Upper Subansiri district.
16. Hon'ble Members, the road sector has also seen unprecedented development. In the last 6 years, 2,482 kms of National Highways have been built. This is an increase of 138 % in National Highways network in the State during the period, more than doubling the network. At the same time, 6,755 KM of rural roads have

been constructed providing all weather connectivity to 170 habitations under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

17. The commitment and proactive attitude of the Government is reflected in the fact that road connectivity reached the State's two remotest administrative circles i.e. Vijaynagar on Indo-Myanmar border and Talion Indo-Tibetan border this year. Shri Pema Khanduji's personal leadership ensured that the unrealized dreams of the people were fulfilled 75 years after independence.
18. The increased connectivity has triggered reverse migration in our border areas. My government is going to add 'activity' to 'connectivity' in border areas making them truly vibrant.
19. Despite the backlog created by the pandemic, important projects have seen good progress last year. For instance, the District Head Quarter Township roads at Yupia, Basar, Boleng and Hawaii have been completed.
20. The State has taken concrete steps to improve mobile connectivity for the benefit of the people as well as the security forces guarding our borders. With support from Government of India, 4G connectivity is being extended to an additional 1,903 villages in the State by December 2023.
21. Hon'ble members, the 'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' initiative has now been revamped as 'Seva Aapke Dwar' to ensure that every eligible person gets the benefits of government flagship schemes at doorstep. Under Sarkar Aapke Dwar program, 1051 camps were held across the State along with 26 mega camps reaching out to 12.33 Lakh beneficiaries. The Government has held 66 camps in 239 Administrative Circles covering over 55,000 beneficiaries under the revamped Seva Aapke Dwar program since October-end last year.

22. In addition, Government of Arunachal Pradesh is developing a new integrated 24x7 online portal named CM e-Jansunwai that enables all citizens to lodge their grievances on any subject related to public service.
23. Through e-Governance reforms such as e-Office and e-Cabinet, my Government has ensured highest levels of transparency and accountability. Coupled with the e-Vidhan adopted by the Assembly, our Governance and Administrative reforms have earned accolades.
24. Let me use this opportunity to emphasize that my government has a 'zero-tolerance' approach towards corruption and is committed to take the strictest possible action against those guilty of corruption.
25. Hon'ble Members, to strengthen disaster preparedness, the Government is implementing a Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) sponsored by the National Disaster Management Authority. 700 Volunteers have been trained under the AAPDA MITRA programme to deal with natural disasters like landslides, flash floods and earthquakes. Disaster awareness programs, table-top exercises and mock drills are being continuously conducted across the State.
26. My government is committed to achieve the goal of 'Drugs-free Arunachal' through Supply Reduction, Demand Reduction & Harm Reduction; each of which require not only multi-sector coordination among departments but, more importantly, cooperation from the society and communities.
27. A special anti-narcotics task force has been notified and a 'Narcotic Helpline' is now functional 24x7 at the Crime Branch of Arunachal Pradesh Police to generate intelligence for targeted action.

28. Hon'ble Members, 'Investment in health sector' has been an important focus area of the Government. As you would appreciate, a whole of government approach was adopted to successfully contain the COVID-19 pandemic. With the Health Department receiving unstinted cooperation from the society and elected representatives, a Covid recovery rate of 99% was consistently maintained with the second lowest mortality rate in the country.
29. To further augment critical care in the State, we have begun the work of establishing Intensive Care Units and Paediatric Care units at 11 locations to add to the over 1,500 oxygen beds which were added in only one year on war footing.
30. To improve quality health service, a high end 3 Tesla MRI Unit has been installed in TRIHMS hospital and a state-of-the-art Emergency and Trauma Care Centre built last year.
31. Along with the rest of country, Arunachal Pradesh is working on mission mode to eliminate tuberculosis by the year 2025 under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan. It is a matter of satisfaction that 214 persons have volunteered as Nikshay-Mitras and adopted 381 TB patients for nutritional and care support.
32. I am pleased to inform that the State of Arunachal Pradesh has been awarded for best community engagement in Adolescent Health, reflecting our resolve to provide quality health services to our youth.
33. My government is working on the Chief Minister Health Emergency Life Protection Services (CM-HELPS) initiative under which emergency units of 5 General and District Hospitals are being strengthened and upgraded to provide quality and accessible emergency care.

34. Under the Chief Minister Arogya Arunachal Yojana (CMAAY), dovetailed with the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), more than thirteen thousand patients have been assisted for tertiary care interventions. Together the two schemes now cover more than 6.1 lakh citizens in the State and our effort, going forward, is to cover all the eligible people.
35. Hon'ble Members, 'Investment in human capital' is another important pillar of my Government's Vision. The Government of India has provided a special grant of Rs 500 Cr for the development of 50 model schools in Arunachal Pradesh. Our work of modernizing school infrastructure will receive an immense boost with this support.
36. To further improve school infrastructure, my government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Union Ministry of Education to bring large-scale transformation in school education. The agreement covers establishment of the PM Schools for Rising India and strengthening the infrastructure of existing schools managed by State and Local Bodies. These schools will showcase all components of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
37. A web portal and mobile application have been developed in order to accurately reflect the deployment of teachers and for improving the quality of education. The portal is equipped with innovative modules like 'know your teacher' and 'register grievances'.
38. I am happy to inform that we have established 50 dedicated girl's residential schools called Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) in the State in addition to 38 KGBVs attached with Higher Secondary schools.
39. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has sanctioned total 12 Ekalavya Model Residential Schools for the State. Out of these, 3 have been inaugurated this year and 2 more are on the verge of completion.

40. Hon'ble Members, greater focus on building sports infrastructure and supporting sports activities across the State has resulted in our sports persons winning several medals in events like 36th National Games and Khelo India Youth Games. Arunachal was ranked 2nd amongst all North-Eastern States and 16th overall in the National Games. In the recently concluded North-East Olympic Games, the State stood 3rd.
41. To encourage the culture of sports in the State, we have conducted various events such as Mountain Terrain Biking (MTB), Tawang Cycle Competition challenge and annual basic and advanced skill training in adventure sports like River Rafting, Scuba Diving and Paragliding.
42. While talking about human capital, we also need to take care of those who need society's help. In the last financial year, under the National Social Assistance Program (NSAP) the State supported over 42,000 old age beneficiaries, over 6,000 widow beneficiaries and nearly 3,000 disability beneficiaries.
43. Hon'ble Members, the emphasis on 'Aatma-Nirbhar Arunachal' was inspired by our visionary Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, who gave the clarion call of Aatma-Nirbhar Bharat and we firmly believe that we can contribute majorly to this effort.
44. Agriculture is the major livelihood provider in the State. You are aware that a number of front-end credit-linked schemes like Aatma-Nirbhar Krishi Yojana, Aatma-Nirbhar Bagwani Yojana, Aatma-Nirbhar Matsyapalan Yojana, Aatma-Nirbhar Plantation Yojana and Aatma-Nirbhar Pashupalan Yojana have been initiated by the Government to enhance farmers' productivity and income.
45. I am happy to share that till date, the Aatma-Nirbhar Krishi and Bagwani Yojana have benefited more than 6,000 farmers, 581 Self-Help Groups besides Farmer

Producer Organizations. Around 3,000 Hectare area expansion was funded for diversified agriculture and horticulture crops under these innovative schemes.

46. Our country is presently the largest importer of Palm oil in the world. Arunachal is working to significantly reduce this dependency in the direction of Aatma-Nirbharta and is going to receive about Rs 250 Cr private investment for integrated palm oil factories. This sector has great revenue and employment potential in the State.

47. The Government has entered into a tripartite MoU with National Horticulture Board and National Seed Corporation for establishment of a 'Post Entry Quarantine Centre' for temperate fruit crops at State Horticulture Farm, Shergaon.

48. 30 Ambulances have been added to improve veterinary services to farmers at their doorsteps as part of the central government's Livestock Health and Disease Control Scheme.

49. Hon'ble Members, several beneficiary-oriented programs are being implemented by my Government to support and assist self-employment opportunities and increase income generation. This year, vehicles were distributed to 300 Primary Level Federations for providing marketing mobility support to Self Help Groups as and when needed. Additionally, Rs 1 lakh was provided as State support to 500 Self Help Groups.

50. 31 Farmers Producers Companies (FPC) and 50 Farmers Producers Organizations (FPO) have been formed in the State for collaboration, aggregation and ease of marketing, which cater to nearly 16,000 and 5,000 farmers respectively.

51. Hon'ble Members, realizing the untapped potential of the Tourism sector is an area of priority for the Government under the Synergy and Convergence and

Atma-Nirbhar Arunachal pillars. Steps are being taken to transform the employment and revenue-generating potential of the sector.

52. The Government of India has approved two new tourist circuits this year: – Dibrugarh - Deomali - Hukanjuri - Khonsa route in Tirap district and Dibrugarh - Kanubari - Longding in Longding district.

53. Last year, 111 beneficiaries have been supported under our two key tourism related schemes that is the 'Chief Minister Paryatan Shiksha Yojana' and the 'Chief Minister Paryatan Vikas Yojana'.

54. Hon'ble Members, Hydropower is a major strength of Arunachal Pradesh. The Hon'ble Prime Minister dedicating the 600 MW Kameng Hydro Power plant to the nation during his visit to Itanagar in November 2022, Arunachal Pradesh became the second power surplus State in the North-East.

55. The Government is taking concrete steps to realize the full potential of the Hydropower sector and contribute majorly towards fulfilment of the country's commitment to increase the adoption of green energy.

56. Reflecting the Government's emphasis on green energy, about 6,000 solar street-lights are being installed this year in 728 border villages of 13 border districts.

57. Our government is committed to facilitate and promote development of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) in the State. Under the e-registration system called Udyam Registration (UR) introduced by Govt. of India, more than 5,000 MSMEs have been registered so far.

58. Under the 'PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme,' about 1,500 SHG members were assisted at the rate of Rs. 32,000 per member in the current financial year.

59. 221 new projects have been sanctioned under the 'Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme'. The employment generated under the scheme is estimated to be 1,500.

60. Hon'ble Members, preserving and promoting our rich indigenous tribal culture is a high priority of my government. To this end, I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Art & Culture has signed MoU with Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) under Ministry of External Affairs.

61. We are constructing Tribal Culture and Indigenous Prayer Centres across the State for promoting local tribal festivals, languages and scripts. The Government has also taken the initiative for documenting our cultural heritage as well as printing books and souvenirs on folktales and folklores in the indigenous language of different tribes of Arunachal Pradesh.

62. As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, nearly 500 celebratory events were conducted across the State. Our cultural troupes also participated in important events in other parts of the country showcasing the rich and pristine traditional culture of Arunachal Pradesh.

63. Hon'ble Members, the Government undertook the very commendable initiative of recognizing and honouring the immense contribution of the people of Arunachal Pradesh India's struggle of Independence. But for this laudable effort of the Government, the history of our Heroes, including 'Unsung Heroes', Martyrs and 'Freedom Fighters', would have remained confined to the indigenous oral history. The painstaking field and academic research, firmly supported by the Government, has resulted in proper documentation on their lives. The legends of their struggle and bravery will now be known to the people of the State and country. Honouring the memory of our 'Unsung Heroes' has been a singularly important endeavour of the Government during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in the 75th year of our Independence.

64. The names of 220 war heroes from Arunachal Pradesh, which include 18 unsung heroes, 76 martyrs and 126 freedom fighters, were recorded and documented this year and these unsung heroes were posthumously awarded with a citation and medallion on 37th Statehood Day.
65. Hon'ble Members, my Government is committed to sustainable and green development. We have a large forest cover, rich bio-diversity and several acclaimed national parks and sanctuaries.
66. Maintaining a clean, green and healthy environment is important in the context of ecological stability of the Himalayan region while strengthening the forest-based economy of the State.
67. For scientific waste management, sites have been identified for setting up solid waste processing facilities. Sewage treatment plants are being set up in Itanagar and Pasighat.
68. For protection of wildlife, Air Gun Surrender Abhiyaan has caught the imagination of the people and has been appreciated by Hon'ble Prime Minister. More than 2,000 Air Guns and Guns have been surrendered by the people and many more people are following suit.
69. For scientific management of biological resources with people's participation, 1,806 Biodiversity Management Committees have been constituted in various districts of the State.
70. Hon'ble Members, in conclusion, I would like to thank all of you in discharging your role and responsibility for the peace, prosperity and progress of the State.

71. The people deserve special appreciation for the excellent state of civil-military relations seen in the State. The cooperation and collaboration with which our local populations and armed forces live is an example to be followed.
72. The same spirit should be reflected in our civic lives with adoption of the way of dialogue and discussion and not bandhs and strike calls. Law and order problems result in untold hardships, especially to women and children. The adverse effects on trade and commerce, travel and tourism, health services, educational institutions, daily wage earners, small shopkeepers etc are avoidable to say the least.
73. It is my earnest desire that exalted members of this august house as well as senior administrative officers make regular visits to remote and far-flung areas in their districts to interact with the citizens and physically ascertain that the central and state government programs have benefitted the population. Spending time with our people in remote areas will help connect with them and repose trust in the administration. Creating such accessible space will strengthen integration besides addressing their grievances.
74. The Land of the Rising Sun is synonymous with the 'Land of Peace' due to the harmonious and peaceful co-existence of our tribal communities. My Government is committed to maintain law and order to ensure peace and tranquillity, which is a pre-requisite for equitable, non-discriminatory, sustainable and accelerated development.
75. In this respect, all of us must contribute towards the overall development of the State, placing special emphasis on maintaining clean & green environment, eradicating corruption & poverty, promoting health & education, empowering the vulnerable sections of society and maintaining unity & peace.

76. Let us all join hands in contributing to 'Aatma-Nirbhar Arunachal' and 'Aatma-Nirbhar Bharat'. In conclusion, I would like to recall the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of keeping the 'Nation First' in all we do.

77. Once again, I convey my best wishes to all of you and express confidence that this Budget Session would be utilized productively by Hon'ble Members in the interest of the all-round progress of the State.

**Jai Arunachal,
Jai Hind!**