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Introduction

1. Jai Hind, and greetings to all Arunachalees on the occasion of the 75th Republic Day!
2. Today, we join the countrymen from the land of the dawn-lit mountains to celebrate the vast expanse of a 'Shashvat' 'Samprabhu', 'Samriddh', and 'Sashakt' Bharat growing from strength to strength under the national tricolor. Republic Day is an occasion not only to celebrate the historic day when the Constitution came into being but also to reflect upon the ideals of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity that define our great nation.
3. On this auspicious morning, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the struggle and sacrifice of our heroes, and freedom fighters against centuries of political, social, cultural, and economic oppression. At the same time, they swell with pride as we recall our collective journey of democracy, stability, peace, progress, and prosperity through the archives of history.
4. I also take this opportunity to salute the brave women and men of the armed forces and central armed police forces who tirelessly and diligently guard our borders and extend civil aid whenever needed. In fact, I would like to highlight today that Arunachal Pradesh is a shining example of collaborative and cooperative partnership between the civilian populace and defense forces.
5. Democracy is not just awareness of our fundamental rights but being conscious of our fundamental duties which is equally important if we are to re-affirm our commitment to the democratic principles that empower each and every citizen and strengthen the fabric of our inclusive society.

6. The ideal of 'Virasat par Garv,' or taking pride in our legacy, demands that we hold dear and steadfast commitment to our abundant cultural, spiritual, and historical heritage. The recent consecration of the 'navya', 'bhavya' and 'divya' Ram Temple at Ayodhya and Pran Pratishtha of 'Ram Lalla' at the hands of the Hon' Prime Minister re-affirms our age-old spiritual and historical heritage, which calls for speaking and moving in unison and, with all our minds of one accord, praying for the welfare of the world.

National Highlights

7. As we bid farewell to 2023, it is with great pride that we reflect on India's remarkable achievements. Our nation has become the world's fastest-growing major economy, surpassing the United Kingdom to become the world's fifth largest economy.
8. The year 2023 also witnessed India's Chandrayaan-3 mission, marking our nation's pioneering journey to the Moon's South Pole, a global first. Simultaneously, our commitment to cutting-edge technology was underscored when we witnessed 'Telecom Kranti' through the fastest 5G roll-out witnessed globally - with the one 5G site installed every minute.
9. We continued making space history when we launched the Aditya-L1 solar mission on September 2, 2023, joining the few nations who have attempted such a feat.
10. In the spirit of "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan, and Jai Anusandhan," 21st-century India is advancing dynamically, driven by globally acknowledged innovative approaches such as UPI system, Made in India – Made for the World campaign, Atma-Nirbhar Bharat, Vishwakarma scheme etc.

11. The next twenty-five years, named as the "Amrit Kaal" of self-dependence, not only chart the course for our nation's journey to 2047 but also signify the most crucial years in our lives. These dual journeys are evolving side by side, emphasizing the collective contributions required to build a "Viksit Bharat".

Viksit Arunachal

12. I am gladdened when I see that our collective efforts, dedication, and determination is helping build a Viksit Arunachal, which is sure to contribute to shaping India's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047 and achieving the vision of a "Param Vaibhav Bharat".

13. The Government of India is leaving no stone unturned to reach every eligible beneficiary under its 'Antyodaya' approach as a profound embodiment of the ideals advocated by Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. In this effort, I am glad to state that my State Government is diligently working towards realizing the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of attaining 100% saturation coverage of eligible beneficiaries under all flagship schemes.

14. We know that emphasizing the well-being of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our society will stand as the true measure of our advancement. Therefore, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all citizens of Arunachal Pradesh who actively participated in 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' and made it a grand success. The goal of the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' was to "reach the unreached", and with over two Lakh attendees, our Yatra reflected widespread engagement and support for the initiative of taking benefits to the doorstep of eligible 'Antyodaya' beneficiaries.

15. During the Yatra, over 1,60,000 people have pledged their commitment through the Sankalp initiative. Over 54,000 individuals have been screened in health camps, and over 9,000 Ayushman Bharat Cards were issued - underscoring the initiative's impact on enhancing public service accessibility for a substantial number of citizens.

Recognitions and Achievements

16. As we delve into the recent accomplishments of Arunachal Pradesh, it is my pleasure to share with you some of the notable milestones the State has achieved.

17. We are proud to announce that Arunachal Pradesh has been adjudged as one of the 'Top-Performing State' among all States with a population below one crore, during the prestigious States' Startup Ranking Awards by Government of India.

18. Our recent achievements include the inclusion of two indigenous commodities, Khaw Tai – Khamti rice (from Namsai district) and Yak milk product – Yak Churpi (from West Kameng district), in the Geographical Indicator (GI) food products list of the Government of India. This takes the total number of GI tagged products to 8, whereas 12 products are in the pipeline for such registration.

19. We have been categorized as the "Most Improved Small State" for two consecutive years, across sectors such as Education, Infrastructure, and Governance by India Today.

20. Arunachal Pradesh has been awarded the “Most Proactive State under RCS-UDAN- Priority Areas” award on the first day of the four-day biennial event “Wings India 2024.”
21. The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Awards have recognized our State's outstanding performance in the 150 Days Challenge, underscoring our commitment to providing affordable housing and ensuring dignified living conditions for all our citizens.
22. I extend my congratulations to everyone who played a role in earning the accolades and I am confident that we will persist in our pursuit of excellence for the betterment of our people.

Infrastructure Development through Synergy and Convergence

(1) Connectivity Improvement – Civil aviation and Roads

23. The State has made substantial investments in enhancing regional and national air connectivity, fostering cultural exchange, boosting tourism, and facilitating trade. In addition to the Greenfield Donyi Polo Airport at Hollongi, Itanagar (Arunachal's first full-fledged airport inaugurated by hon'ble Prime Minister in November 2022), the State now boasts operational airports at Pasighat, Tezu, and Ziro, along with seven advanced landing grounds and 25 operational helipads.
24. In a significant development for aviation in Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar has been granted an all-weather license, paving the way for enhanced operational capabilities. Today, there are direct flights between Itanagar and Delhi, in addition to our direct flights between Itanagar and Kolkata.

25. I am happy to announce that a new Terminal Building with a capacity for 200 passengers has been successfully constructed at Tezu Airport, significantly enhancing the passenger handling capacity compared to the previous Terminal Building, which accommodated only 50 passengers.
26. Over the past seven years, Arunachal Pradesh has witnessed a substantial surge in road infrastructure with 65% increase in road density, 64% expansion in road length, and the construction of an extensive 19,863 km road network. There has been a remarkable 138% rise in the length of national highways in the last seven years, with development of 2,482 km of national highways.
27. Under the Vibrant Village Programme, the Ministry of Rural Development has given approval to proposals to connect 125 unconnected habitations. These encompass 105 roads, covering a total distance of 1,022 km, with an estimated cost of Rs. 2,205 Crores.
28. The Border Roads Organization (BRO) is set to complete the Sela tunnel in Arunachal Pradesh, the world's longest twin-lane tunnel above 13,000 feet that will allow faster deployment of weapons and soldiers to forward areas in Tawang,
29. Another key project for improved connectivity in forward areas, the Nechiphu tunnel has been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Defense Minister. The 500m tunnel has been built at a height of 5,700 ft on the Balipara-Charduar-Tawang (BCT) road in West Kameng.
30. Despite the formidable terrain challenges of our land-locked State, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, led by Chief Minister Pema Khandu ji, has admirably performed to revolutionize road connectivity.

31.(2) Water

32. On April 24, 2022, Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched as part of India's "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" celebrations for the 75th year of independence. Out of the total number of approximately one Lakh and ten Thousand identified sites in the country, the target was to develop 1,875 sites in Arunachal Pradesh. I am happy to state that we have exceeded our target by developing 2,044 Amrit Sarovar sites, which are becoming centers of community and official gatherings and events.
33. Therefore, it has been decided to take up 7 lakes under the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems with a total budget outlay of nearly Rs. 54 Crores.
34. Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, the State Government is committed to achieving its targets by 2024, a year ahead of the national goal set for 2024.
35. Currently, the State has achieved 98.29% coverage of Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) against the total target, with a plan to cover an additional 3,919 FHTCs in the current year.
36. Notably, 4,113 villages have attained the status of 'Har Ghar Jal' villages. To support the mission, 6,307 individuals have been trained in skill development programs related to plumbing, masonry, and electrification works.

(3) Power

37. In a noteworthy initiative, the installation of 6,093 solar streetlights has illuminated 712 villages across the 13 border districts of Arunachal Pradesh, including Tawang, West Kameng, East Kameng, Upper Subansiri, Shi-Yomi, KurungKumey, KraDaadi, Dibang Valley, Anjaw, Changlang, Tirap, Longding, and Upper Siang. The project has enhanced safety and security for villagers during night hours, particularly women and girls.
38. A significant milestone has been achieved with the installation of a 100 KW Off-grid Solar Power Plant at Anini, the headquarters of Dibang Valley district. This solar facility is currently supplying power to the Government Higher Secondary School and the Mini Secretariat building.
39. We have implemented Online Billing & Payment System that has been rolled out in 25 towns of the State with more than 1 (One) Lakh consumers onboarded onto the platform.

(4) Waste Management

40. The State's first Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) with a capacity of 200 Kilo Liters per Day (KLD) for rejuvenation of the Yagamso River was set up in a record time of 5 months.
41. In a significant achievement, Itanagar Capital Complex towns have been made legacy waste free with the entire quantity of legacy waste, estimated at 44,117 cubic meters at Karsingsa and Chimpu sites being 100% extracted and processed with Trommel facility.

42. A policy for comprehensive development of the Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) has been instituted to improve the performance of the existing MRFs to increase our waste processing capacity to 47 Tons Per Day (TPD). A proposal for developing an additional capacity of 14 TPD has been approved by the Government.

(5) Border Areas

43. Under the Vibrant Village Programme, 1,452 villages have been systematically mapped, identifying 455 priority villages for development. The State has connected 252 border habitations through the construction of 2,506 km of roads, to improve ease of living in remote rural communities in border areas.
44. The Vibrant Villages Programme has been designed to address depopulation in 455 border villages through Community-led District Action Plans, with a proposed budget of Rs. 1,353 Crores. The initiative targets tourism, skill development, festivals, ecosystem projects, and homestays to boost entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities.

Governance Reforms and Prudent Financial Management

45. On the economic front I am glad to announce that, the State has shown a significant increase of 136% in Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) - from Rs. 20,373 Crores in 2015-16 to Rs. 48,028 Crores in 2023-24, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.
46. In the same 7-year period, the per capita income has surged 104%, reaching Rs. 2,39,770/- from Rs. 1,16,985/- in 2015-16. This means an additional Rs. 1,25,000/- disposable income per person on average.

47. The State Annual Budget has seen substantial expansion, increasing by 137% in the last seven years. And it is a matter of pride that Arunachal Pradesh's States Own Resource (SOR) has increased from Rs.1,253.61 Crores to Rs. 3,412.81 Crores - or nearly 172% increase in seven years.
48. I congratulate the citizens for their enterprising spirit, as the number of GST taxpayers has increased from 7,365 in the fiscal year 2016 to 17,391 as on date. This surge indicates a growth of 136.13% during the given period.

Investment in Health Sector

49. My government is aware of the need for augmenting critical care in health infrastructure. In this direction, we have begun the work of establishing Intensive Care Units and Pediatric Care Units at 11 locations which will further increase the ICU, Pediatric ICU, High Dependency Units and Oxygen beds in the State.
50. The State is actively engaged in the mission to eliminate tuberculosis through the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan. Currently, 214 volunteers, known as Nikshay Mitras, have adopted 381 TB patients—a commendable effort. I urge more people to become Nikshay Mitra volunteers and help to eliminate TB from the state by 2025. Your participation is vital in achieving this public health goal.
51. Our government has launched Chief Minister Health Emergency Life Protection Services (CM-HELPS) initiative. In the current financial year, emergency units of 5(Five) General and District Hospitals are being strengthened and upgraded into Emergency Care Centers to provide quality and accessible emergency care.

52. I would like to appeal to all citizens of our State to get their Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) cards made. It is satisfying to note that till date, more than 3 Lakh and 30 Thousand ABHA cards have been created and ABHA can now be opened in all district hospitals of the State including TRIHMS hospital.
53. Government of Arunachal Pradesh is implementing Chief Minister Arogya Arunachal Yojana (CMAAY) to provide tertiary health care assurance to the indigenous community of Arunachal Pradesh, which is dovetailed with the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).
54. Chief Minister Arogya Arunachal Yojana (CMAAY) covers 1,39,724 families with 5,94,420 individual members and Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) has so far enrolled 44,963 families with 1,19,687 members. Together the two health assurance schemes cover more than 6.1 Lakh citizens in the State
55. Nearly 30,000 patients have availed tertiary health care benefits benefited under the two schemes so far, with a cumulative disbursement of about Rs. 68 Crores.

Investment in Human Capital

56. As Swami Vivekananda said - 'Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man.' My Government envisions a future with accessible and quality education and learning available for all.

57. We are upgrading 50 government schools to Golden Jubilee schools where all facilities will be available, with a combined investment of Rs.500 Crores which has been specially allotted by the Government of India.
58. 12 Eklavya Model Residential Schools are being set up with a budget of Rs. 217 Crores to improve educational outcomes. Additionally, we are establishing 50 exclusive Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) for girls and connecting 32 KGBVs to higher secondary schools.
59. Arunachal Pradesh is the first State to have released the scholarship and stipend of students of a State Scheme by integrating the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and Public Financial Management System (PFMS).

Peace and Justice

60. In its commitment to maintain law and order, My Government has significantly strengthened the policing and judicial infrastructure. With the induction of 15,285 personnel and the addition of 418 new vehicles, the Arunachal Pradesh Police Force is now better manned and equipped for efficient and effective policing.
61. The police network has been expanded significantly with the establishment of 68 police stations. Our focus on gender-sensitive policing is evident through the notification of 21 Mahila Police Stations, with seven being operational. Ziro and Seppa now host ISO-certified women police stations, as a pioneering step in gender-inclusive law enforcement.

62. I am happy to state that the Ministry of Home Affairs has selected Rupa Police Station, West Kameng District as the best Police Station of Arunachal Pradesh in the Annual Ranking of Police Stations for 2023.
63. In terms of crime against women, we stand at 44.5 per Lakh crimes of population, which is below the National average at 66.4. Since safety of women is high on our priority, as is evident from the measures and initiatives undertaken by the State.
64. Justifying the phrase about ‘The Long Arm of Justice’, the Itanagar Police successfully apprehended the main accused and proclaimed fugitive wanted for a 2008 brutal violence and murder case of twin sisters, who had evaded authorities for over a decade. The arrest followed months of surveillance and marked the end of 11 year-long evasion from justice, showing that we do not forget or forgive crimes against women.
65. The judicial landscape has witnessed substantial progress, marked by the establishment of 32 new Courts — a substantial increase from the meagre two in 2010. The District Court building, constructed at Khonsa, is now functional. Additionally, construction of Court buildings at Aalo and Ziro as well as residential buildings at Aalo and Anini have been taken up with nearly Rs. 36 Crores, including 90% central share assistance from Government of India. Besides this Vulnerable Witness Deposition Centers are being developed at Khonsa, Namsai, Pasighat and Tezu.

66. Creation of a new District and Sessions Court in Seppa, East Kameng District has been approved by the Government for which the posts of one district and sessions judge along with supporting staff have been created. Also, a new Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) along with supporting staff have been created for Tawang District. Additional posts of Technical Officers are being created for the Itanagar Bench of Guwahati High Court as well as District and Session courts.

Aatma Nirbhar Arunachal Pradesh

(1) Agri & allied

67. Friends, agriculture is the primary livelihood in our State, and the government is actively working on increasing the income of farmers.
68. Our unique initiatives, the 'Aatma Nirbhar Yojanas' have proved to be effective and popular among the farmers as we are providing much needed front-ended credit-linked subsidies to beneficiaries.
69. Till date, we have been able to reach out and support 9,862 beneficiaries under the Aatma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana, 6,500 beneficiaries under the Aatma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojana, 1,058 beneficiaries under the Aatma Nirbhar Matsya Palan Yojana, 1,600 beneficiaries under the Aatma Nirbhar Plantation Yojana, and 1,096 beneficiaries under the Aatma Nirbhar Pashupalan Yojana – with the aim to enhance farm productivity and income, fostering self-reliance in these sectors.

70. I am happy to note that we have done well with central sector schemes in the agriculture sector in Arunachal Pradesh. As on date, more than 96,000 farmers have been granted access to pre-authorized Kisan Credit Cards, reaching about 99% of the eligible beneficiaries. More than oneLakh Soil Health Cards have been issued, covering over 93% of all beneficiaries. And, with about 93% saturation rate, nearly one Lakh farmers have received financial support through the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.
71. The impact of the schemes could be estimated with the results our State has achieved. During the fiscal year 2022-23, the total food grain production reached an impressive 5,20,777 metric tons, showcasing the increasing robustness of the agriculture sector.
72. Additionally, the State achieved a total pulse production of 14,831 metric tons and a total oilseed production of 38,919 metric tons, underlining the success in diversified crop cultivation.
73. The State also made strides in oil palm area expansion, covering 4,600 hectares, demonstrating a commitment to diversify crops and explore new avenues for agricultural development.

(3) Hydropower

74. We have signed agreements with 3 central PSUs for kick-starting 12 stalled Mega Hydro Projects of 11,523 Mega-Watt (MW) capacity. These projects entail a cumulative investment of close to Rs. 1.4 Lakh Crores and will generate an annual revenue of Rs. 10,000 Crores, when completed.

75. The commissioning of the 600 MW Kameng Hydro Power Project has significantly contributed to the State's progress. Two new projects have been sanctioned, and the Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project is nearing 90% completion. Additionally, approval has been granted for the 2,880 MW Dibang Multipurpose Project, marking further strides in the State's energy infrastructure development.
76. The State has commissioned total 17 Projects till date under the Golden Jubilee Border Village Illumination Programme. 5(five) Hydel Stations were commissioned in the month of January,2023 under the State Government Flagship Programme of '365 Projects in 365 days,' adding to the installed electricity capacity of 1,635kW(1.635MW) through Small Hydel Projects for Illumination of the Border areas of State.

(4) Food & Civil Supplies

77. To ensure nationwide uniformity of the National Food Security Act, 2013, the Central Government has decided to continue providing foodgrains rice free of cost to NFSA beneficiaries i.e. Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households and Priority Households (PHH) under revamped PMGKAY, for a period of 6 years beginning from 01st January 2023 up to 31st December 2028. My Government has successfully implemented the revamped PMGKAY scheme and a total of 8,40,312 beneficiaries have been covered as on date.
78. The Central Government has also initiated distribution of fortified rice under phase III i.e. April, 2023 to March,2024 across the country. In the State of Arunachal Pradesh, fortified rice is being distributed in 25 districts presently and we will achieve 100% coverage by end-January 2024.

Art, Culture, and Indigenous Affairs

79. To safeguard and celebrate Arunachal Pradesh's cultural diversity, Tribal Culture Centers (TCC) have been established in all district headquarters with funding of Rs. one Crore each. These centers play a pivotal role in preserving and promoting indigenous faith systems.
80. To promote mother languages, we are publishing books, including folktales, hymns, prayer songs, proverbs, and sayings in the native languages of various tribes. This initiative celebrates and preserves the linguistic heritage of each community, emphasizing the cultural significance of mother languages.
81. The government spent Rs. one Crore for the grand celebration of Indigenous Faith Day on December 1. In a bid to nurture our cultural roots, financial assistance of Rs. 5 Crores is provided for the celebration of local festivals across Arunachal Pradesh.
82. The government allocates Rs. 10 Crores annually for the construction of prayer centers. This year alone, 50 new prayer centers are being constructed across the State, providing space for spiritual practices and cultural gatherings.
83. Recognizing the pivotal role of priests in our tribal societies, the government has increased the honorarium fund from an initial Rs. 3 Crores to Rs. 8 Crores in the year 2023-24, with priests receiving Rs. 2,000/- and assistant or prayer center priests receiving Rs. 1,500/-. Currently 3,333 registered priests are eligible for this honorarium.

84. In February this year, an indigenous folk music festival is being organized to highlight the essence of the State's indigenous culture and to promote our rich tapestry of folk songs and music. The folk music festival will showcase Arunachal Pradesh's folk heritage.
85. Additionally, My Government has decided to host an annual competitive folk songs and music festival with participation of all States and UTs in a bid to boost tourism and branding of the State as a promoter and supporter of folk songs and music. The broader vision of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' will take our indigenous folk songs and music to a larger audience outside the State. At the same time, our artistes and people will be able to interact with the traditional culture, language, folk songs, and music of the other States and UTs of India.
86. My Government has undertaken the task of building State Memorial Parks in 13 locations to honour the memories and sacrifices of our unsung heroes and to serve as a reminder of our past for generations to come. A war memorial dedicated to Late Neelam Tebi is being built in Nyelam village of Deed circle, Lower Subansiri district to commemorate his supreme sacrifice during the 1962 Sino-India war.

Sports and Youth Affairs

87. Arunachal Pradesh has made significant strides in sports infrastructure, boasting 20 multipurpose indoor sports halls, a 15,000-capacity Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium, seven new national-level stadiums, a 20,700 square meter DK Badminton Academy with 14 two-hall badminton courts, and a National Centre for Sports Science Research – one of only six in India.

88. During the last 2 years, Arunachal Pradesh has hosted many sports events such as the South Asian Youth Table Tennis Championship, the fifth Junior Boys National Boxing Championship, the National Senior - Junior Youth weightlifting Championships, the first North East Zonal sub-Junior Boxing Championship and the 2nd National Floor Curling Championship, to name a few.
89. I am happy to note that Arunachal Pradesh will be hosting the Final Round of 77th Santosh Trophy National Football Championship 2023-24.
90. In the last seven years, we have won a staggering collection of 375 gold, 259 silver, and 266 bronze medals in esteemed national and international competitions, which stands as a testament to our prowess in the field of games and sports.

Environment Protection & Climate Resilience

91. Environment Management Plans for all the 25 Districts have been notified and uploaded on the website. These plans are under implementation by the concerned Deputy Commissioners in the Districts.
92. Mission LiFE, envisioned by the Hon' Prime Minister, with 75 easy to implement individual and citizen centric actions was celebrated along with the World Environment Day 2023 in the Arunachal Pradesh State Legislative Assembly in a befitting manner with the collaboration of the legislators, public representatives, and young citizens.
93. The Arunachal Mission LiFE campaign saw massive participation of 55,961 Pro-Planet People (which is 4.04% of the State's population against the recorded National average of 1.3%).

94. The Green India Mission was implemented in the Forest Divisions and Forest Development Agencies of Tawang, Bomdila, Aalo, Yingkiong, and Longding, to enhance quality of forest cover and to improve ecosystem services.
95. The projects included 2,822 hectares forestry plantation in the degraded patches of moderately dense forest cover, Eco-restoration of degraded open forests covering an area of 1078.75 hectares, Rehabilitation of shifting cultivation in 1276.75 hectares, Plantations in Urban and Peri Urban areas covering 5 hectares, Agroforestry and Social Forestry interventions to increase biomass and create carbon sink in 49.60 hectares, Plantations along Highways, Rural roads, Canals, and Tank bunds covering 214 hectares, Restoration of 12.40 hectares of Wetlands.
96. In our pursuit of environmental stewardship, we have made significant strides in the development of Non-Timber Forest Products. This includes the establishment of the Ayurvedic Park at Tawang, creation of medicinal plantations of Ginseng at Bomdila, Biodiversity Conservation in Development Area (BCDA) in Ziro, and in situ conservation of medicinal plants under Shergaon Forest Division.
97. In our dedication to environmental conservation, compensatory afforestation has been carried out in various Forest Divisions, covering a total area of 1,737.14 hectares. This initiative underscores our commitment to balancing development with environmental protection.

Conclusion

98. Friends, in conclusion, I would like to remind you of the pivotal times we live in; the country is entering an epochal age of transformative economic growth as well as social and cultural awakening, shunning age-old shackles.
99. The Panch Prans of 1. A resolve of developed India; 2. Removing any trace of the colonial mindset; 3. Taking pride in our legacy; 4. Our strength of unity; and 5. Fulfilling the duties of citizens with honesty, enunciated by the Hon' Prime Minister, are a roadmap for all of us contribute to achieve our collective aim of peace, prosperity, and progress for all.
100. Let us all join the clarion call of Hon' Prime Minister of 'Nation First' in all we do. I am sure, with our collective effort, we will not only become Aatma-Nirbhar, but also play our part in the country becoming the 'Vishwaguru' in all respects.
101. Once again, I convey my best wishes on the 75th Republic Day to all brothers and sisters of Arunachal Pradesh, brave soldiers of the armed forces guarding our borders as well as our country men on this auspicious day.

Jai Arunachal, Jai Hind, Jai Bharat!