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THE EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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1. Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Assembly, I warmly welcome you to the Budget session 2025-26 of the 8th Legislative Assembly of our beloved State of Arunachal Pradesh.
2. This is a momentous occasion, and I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all Hon'ble Members of this Legislative Assembly. I thank all Hon'ble Members for their invaluable contributions during the previous sessions of the Assembly. On behalf of all the people of Arunachal Pradesh, I also extend our sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankar Ji, who kindly addressed the previous session of the Assembly and shared with us his vision for building a Viksit Bharat.
3. Today, I stand before you with a profound sense of gratitude and humility to address this Assembly session. This session will also see the introduction of several landmark legislations.
4. The Budget is not just a mere fiscal exercise, it serves as a blueprint for progress, showcasing my Government's dedication to meet the aspirations and needs of its people. It prioritizes initiatives to enhance infrastructure, education, healthcare, and economic opportunities, ensuring state-wide prosperity. The Budget for the Financial Year 2025-26 will not only lay out the strategic direction for the State's development over the next year but will also serve as a blueprint and action plan for achieving our cherished goal of building a Viksit Arunachal by 2047.
5. As Arunachal Pradesh continues to overcome historical connectivity and development challenges, this budget session is an opportunity to effectively allocate resources, encourage sustainable growth, and implement policies that improve citizens' quality of life. Through collaborative dialogue and strategic planning, the session aims to transform the State's potential into tangible realities, paving the way for a brighter and more prosperous future for all.
6. Under the leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu Ji, my state is witnessing transformative growth across all sectors, driven by the dedication and hard work of the government and our people. This progress showcases our dedication in contributing to the nation's ambitious goals, paving the way for a brighter future focused on sustainable development, economic growth, and social equity.
7. We have received exceptional support from the Government of India in all our initiatives, demonstrating the collaborative potential of a "double engine government." I

sincerely thank the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji and the entire Union Government for their dedicated focus on the North-eastern region, particularly Arunachal Pradesh.

8. Recent initiatives, such as the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsava held in New Delhi, the launch of the UNNATI scheme, and the strategic Vibrant Villages Programme in Arunachal Pradesh, along with the support we are receiving in every sector and sphere of governance, truly reflect the Government of India's commitment in addressing the historical neglect and isolation faced by the North-East region.
9. Our economy is growing at a rate of about 11.01%, which is higher than the national average of 6.5%. This shows the commitment of the people of Arunachal Pradesh to continue on the path of development and improvement.
10. Our Government's commitment in bridging the gap between our rural communities has resulted in a remarkable 251% increase in length of rural roads since 2016. This expansion not only facilitates smoother travel and transport but also opens up new avenues for economic growth and social integration.
11. With a 143% increase in the National Highways Network and the inauguration of the Sela and Nechiphu Tunnels, we are ensuring that Arunachal Pradesh is seamlessly connected to the rest of the nation. This enhancement in our infrastructure is pivotal in driving trade, tourism, and overall development.
12. We have provided Functional Household Tap Connections to 2,30,275 households, marking a significant achievement as the first state in the North East to achieve 100% saturation under the Jal Jeevan Mission. We have also completed the construction of 35,000+ houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Grameen), achieving 100% of the target of providing houses to all the rural homeless.
13. The Donyi Polo Airport stands as a proud symbol of our progress, linking Itanagar directly with major cities across India. It is not just an airport, but a gateway to new opportunities, enhancing business, tourism, and cultural exchange.
14. The introduction of commercial air services in Pasighat, Tezu, and Ziro marks a significant leap forward in our accessibility. These services are vital in reducing travel time, fostering economic activities, and bringing the world closer to our vibrant communities.

15. Governance at the district level has seen remarkable progress, with national schemes playing pivotal roles in enhancing infrastructure, healthcare, and job opportunities. Initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Swachh Bharat Mission, and MGNREGA are transforming the lives of our citizens. These efforts are creating a more robust and resilient Arunachal Pradesh, where governance is transparent, accountable, and responsive to the needs of the people. We are committed to building a government that is not only efficient but also empathetic, ensuring every voice is heard, and every need is addressed.
16. In the previous budget, my Government announced several innovative developmental initiatives projects and has worked wholeheartedly for their effective implementation, actively driving the growth and progress of our beloved state, Arunachal Pradesh.
17. As a continuing Government, we have focussed on policy stability and regularity, and invested in long-term projects that would provide dividends for generations to come.
18. Arunachal Pradesh is one of India's youngest states, and that is our biggest strength. The youth of Arunachal are not just dreamers, they are doers, innovators, and change makers. Arunachal Pradesh stands on the brink of a remarkable transformation, poised to seize new opportunities and explore new avenues of growth. Our youth, with their immense potential, boundless creativity, and unparalleled innovation, are the true torchbearers of progress and change.
19. Therefore, we declared 2024-25 as the year of Youth; a year dedicated to our Amrit Peedhi, the generation that will lead Arunachal Pradesh into a golden future.
20. We are committed wholeheartedly in helping our youth achieve their potential in every field of life, whether in sports, education, health, entrepreneurship etc., not just to give them the tools they need to succeed in this 21st century, often called India's century, but also to help them gain the support and impetus they need to contribute their immense energy and dedication to the cause of nation-building.
21. Our youth are not only preserving our rich cultural heritage but are also at the forefront of modern advancements in technology, entrepreneurship, and sustainable development. As a state, we are making significant investments to nurturing their boundless talents and providing them the platforms and resources needed to realize their dreams. We also became one of the few States to have a dedicated Youth Policy, aimed at ensuring every youth reaches their full potential.

22. Through targeted investments in all areas of human development, including education, sports, employment, entrepreneurship, and agriculture, we are committed to nurturing the potential of our people. We aim to ensure they have the opportunities, resources, and support necessary to achieve their dreams and contribute to the progress of both the state and the nation.
23. We notified the landmark Arunachal Pradesh Scheme for Scholarship Excellence, providing financial assistance to our youth gaining admission in Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctoral courses in the top 150 Universities worldwide. We also continued to provide 100% scholarships for all students gaining admission into the prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology and AIIMS.
24. We also became one of the first States to subsidize training and associated fees for our youth to obtain Commercial Pilot Licenses and also to join the merchant navy.
25. The Arunachal Agniveer Abhiyan was launched to prepare youth for careers in armed, paramilitary, and police forces. As a mark of our respect for the stellar service by Agniveers, we provide reservations for retired Agniveers in recruitments to the State Police and Emergency services.
26. We also continued to conduct the Arunachal Yuva Samanvay, a flagship program of the State Government, serving as a vital platform for fostering skills, creativity, and social awareness among youth.
27. Similarly, we expanded the scope of the Chief Ministers' Talent Hunt with annual events such as Mr. Arunachal, Miss Arunachal, Arunachal Idol, Arunachal Got Talent, Quiz Competitions and Spelling Bees.
28. My Government continues to remain steadfast in its commitment to empowering the youth of Arunachal Pradesh by facilitating their aspirations through a comprehensive array of schemes and policies. These efforts are not just investments in our youth but in the future of our entire state. Together, we are paving the way for a brighter, more prosperous tomorrow, where the potential of every young individual is realized and celebrated.
29. Education is very important for youth development; it lays the foundation for building futures and realizing dreams. Through academics, vocational training, and cultural education, we enrich our youth and empower them to contribute to society. We are committed to supporting diverse educational pathways.

30. Therefore, we recently launched the flagship Mission Shikshit Arunachal by 2029 under the banner of "Transformation of education Landscape in Arunachal Pradesh." This ambitious plan aims at building a future ready education system that ensures quality learning for every child by focusing on improving education infrastructure, optimizing human resource, empowering teachers to adopt innovative, activity based and experiential pedagogies through targeted capacity-building programs and strengthening competency-based learning.
31. My Government proudly launched the ARUN Schools for Rising India (SHRI) Mission, aligning with the PM SHRI Mission, to modernize the educational landscape of Arunachal Pradesh and provide state-of-the-art learning environments.
32. We have achieved a remarkable milestone with a 100% Adjusted Net Enrolment Rate in elementary education, ensuring that every child receives the foundational education they deserve.
33. We have successfully reduced the school dropout rate to 11.7% at the secondary level, reflecting our commitment to retaining students in the education system. With 91.2% of secondary-level teachers now trained, we are ensuring that our students receive quality education from skilled educators. As compared to the national level pupil-teacher ratio of 24:1, we have improved the pupil-teacher ratio to an impressive 11:1, allowing for more personalized attention and better learning outcomes for students.
34. We are implementing the "Building as Learning Aid" concept in 118 schools to enhance the learning environment and are establishing 12 Eklavya Model Residential Schools to provide quality education to tribal students.
35. Our investment in Vocational and Technical Training Centres is empowering students with practical skills, while modern labs and experienced teachers are promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education across the state.
36. We are committed to ensure accessible education for all by disbursing significant funds as stipends and scholarships, helping students pursue their academic goals without financial barriers.
37. Investment in the health sector is crucial to building a Viksit, Swasth Arunachal. Therefore, my Government is working towards building a high-quality and affordable

healthcare system for all citizens. As emphasized by our Hon'ble Prime Minister, "Healthcare has to be of good quality, and it must be affordable."

38. I am pleased to share that significant healthcare reforms in Arunachal Pradesh are resulting in improved health indicators. With our Government's dedicated efforts over the past three years, the percentage of fully immunized children in our State is increasing by 11.41%. Previously, this rate was a cause for concern at 68%, but we are now achieving a significant improvement, reaching 79.41%.
39. Our goal is remaining to achieve 100% immunization in the next 4 years, and we are committing to continuing our efforts to ensure the health and well-being of all our children. We are continuing to support families through Direct Benefit Transfers for the timely completion of vaccinations.
40. In this third term, my Government's target is to build a robust and inclusive health system, promoting the well-being and happiness of its citizens and positioning itself as a model for healthcare development in the region.
41. We are providing cashless health insurance cover of ₹5 Lakh to over 7 lakh people from Arunachal Pradesh. We are also aware of the immense responsibility placed on us for enhancing the access and quality of healthcare services to our citizens, as well as the need to move towards universal healthcare access in a phased manner.
42. We have made provision of CMAAY and PM-JAY cards to all eligible beneficiaries and are increasing scope and coverage of Free Diagnostic Scheme, ensuring 24x7 availability of free ambulance services for medical emergencies and including at least one ALS Ambulance in each basin followed by each District.
43. We are continuing to provide grant-in-aid to TRIHMS along with providing free chemotherapy at TRIHMS. In addition, a Renal Care Centre of Excellence has been set up at TRIHMS in collaboration with Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi. We are continuing our efforts to upgrade Bakin Pertin General Hospital in Pasighat to a 300-bed facility. TRIMS has also been provided permission for tie up with the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO).
44. In 2023, the first batch of 50 MBBS students from Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIMS) graduated with a 100% pass rate. This is a notable achievement for the institute. Additionally, the number of MBBS seats at TRIMS was increased from 50 to 100 the previous year, indicating an expansion in their capacity to

- educate and train more medical students. This growth reflects the institution's commitment to advancing medical education and addressing the healthcare needs of the region.
45. Cancer is becoming one of the top five leading causes of death in Arunachal Pradesh. The Government of India has sanctioned funding of ₹217 Crore for the establishment of a State Cancer Institute at Midpu, Itanagar, for which construction work has already started.
 46. The Mukhya Mantri Rogi Kalyan Kosh and the Mukhya Mantri Mansik Swasthya Yojana are significantly contributing to the well-being of our people. We are committed to continue our support for these valuable initiatives.
 47. In the past 8 years, we have established 28 Jan Aushadhi Kendras. We are establishing more such Kendras in the State to ensure the availability of essential medicines at affordable prices to all our citizens.
 48. One of the key problems the State is facing is the prevalence of drug abuse and HIV infections. I urge Hon'ble Members to sensitize people regarding these challenges and encourage people to inculcate healthy habits and active lifestyles. Together, we are aiming to fight against the drug menace in our State.
 49. Aligning with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji for a "New India" where women are strong, empowered, and equal partners in the country's development, Arunachal Pradesh is proudly standing at the forefront of empowering women through transformative initiatives.
 50. We are one of the few States where almost 50% of Panchayat members are women. We are also committed to full-fledged implementation of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023, ensuring at least 33% members in the next Legislative Assembly are women.
 51. We are also mobilizing, skilling, and training over 1,10,000 women into more than 13,000 Self-Help Groups in the state, resulting in more than 3,400 SHGs securing almost Rs. 75 Crore as bank credit.
 52. Our efforts are yielding significant outcomes, impacting over 1.8 Lakh pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children through our network of 6,225 Anganwadi Centres. My Government is committed towards the implementation of Saksham

- Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, ensuring the nutritional well-being of adolescent girls, pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children.
53. Recognizing the invaluable contributions of ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers and helpers to improving outcomes in health and nutrition, we have already increased their monthly honorarium.
 54. In a novel initiative, we are constructing Pink Toilets in all districts, marking a significant step towards improving sanitation facilities for women.
 55. In our commitment to sustainable agriculture, we are actively promoting the cultivation and export of organic and natural products from Arunachal Pradesh, ensuring our farmers access global markets while preserving the environment.
 56. We are offering front-end subsidies through the Atmanirbhar Krishi, Bagwani, Pashu-palan, Matsya-palan, and Plantation schemes to empower our farmers, promote self-reliance, and generate more self-employment opportunities in the agricultural sector. A total of 40,000 citizens have benefited from these schemes.
 57. We have also launched the Catch Them Young Programme to inspire and train the next generation of farmers, encouraging more youth to engage in agriculture and contribute to the sector's future growth.
 58. Our commitment to animal husbandry includes the establishment of cattle upgrading centers and the enhancement of veterinary hospitals, dispensaries, and aid centers to provide comprehensive support to livestock farmers.
 59. We are supporting the apiculture industry by focusing on packaging, processing, and branding initiatives for Arunachal Honey, helping it reach wider markets and enhance its reputation for quality.
 60. Harnessing technology, we are also working towards providing farmers with real-time information on market prices for various agro products, empowering them to make informed decisions and maximize their profits.
 61. My Government had launched Phase II of the Chief Minister's Comprehensive State Road Development Plan focusing on building and upgrading crucial road infrastructure and constructing Central Divisional Headquarters and District Headquarters in various locations to facilitate better District administration and public service."
 62. We are extending electricity distribution infrastructure to the remotest areas under the Vibrant Village Programme, covering 1,683 households, implementing the

- 'Downstream Connectivity to upcoming Sub-Stations in Comprehensive Scheme,' participating in the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijlee Yojana to provide free electricity by installing rooftop solar units for eligible households.
63. We are harnessing our hydropower potential of 58,000 MW to drive economic growth and support India's net zero targets, expanding our installed hydropower capacity, already achieving a 213% increase, benefiting from major projects like the Kameng Hydro Electric Project, nearing completion of the Lower Subansiri Project, and reviving 13 stalled Mega Hydro Projects in collaboration with CPSUs to enable investments of almost Rs. 1.3 lakh Crore.
 64. Arunachal Pradesh, with its breathtaking landscapes, is a treasure trove of natural beauty and diverse ecosystems. My Government is committed to the growth of high-end, niche tourism in the State keeping in mind the ecological carrying capacity of the high-tourism potential locations.
 65. Significant investments are being made to upgrade roads, expand airport facilities, and modernize the railway system. These efforts are aimed at supporting the growth of the tourism industry and boosting economic development.
 66. Initiatives are underway to showcase sustainable lifestyles and practices of indigenous communities, with specific projects like GyakarSinyi and Daying Ering Wildlife Sanctuary being developed for ecotourism and conservation.
 67. Industries are vital for regional development, driving economic growth, job creation, and innovation. They also promote skill development and entrepreneurship, enabling individuals to contribute to the economy. A strong industrial sector is essential for sustainable development and improving quality of life.
 68. My Government's commitment to the preservation, protection, and promotion of our indigenous legacy is unparalleled. The recent GI festival held in Delhi, where we displayed 20 of our GI tagged products to the world was a landmark initiative in the promotion of our rich indigenous history, heritage and products.
 69. The youth of Arunachal Pradesh are a source of pride for the state, showcasing exceptional talent and achieving remarkable success in sports at national and international levels.
 70. Hon'ble Members, the tales of grit, determination, and glory achieved by our youth in the recently concluded 38th National Games need no repetition. Our athletes brought

home a total of 13 medals, including 4 gold, 3 silver, and 6 bronze, securing the second position among the northeastern states. To build on this success and ensure even greater participation in prestigious events, we have launched the Arunachal Olympics Mission. Our goal is to secure a strong presence from Arunachal Pradesh in the 2028 and 2032 Olympic Games. We are supporting high-potential sportspersons by providing them access to the best-in-class coaching and mentorship facilities.

71. We are committed to developing a vibrant sports tourism ecosystem by partnering with the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports. This initiative offers certificate courses designed to equip our youth with valuable skills and open doors to exciting career opportunities in adventure sports and tourism.
72. Good governance plays a crucial role in development by establishing a framework of transparency, accountability, and efficiency in public administration. It ensures that resources are managed effectively and that policies are implemented fairly, fostering trust between citizens and the government. By promoting the rule of law, protecting human rights, and encouraging public participation, good governance creates a stable environment conducive to economic growth and social progress.
73. My Government, in the first meeting of the State Cabinet held on 13th June 2024 had approved 24 action points as the highest priority, with the view of enhancing ease of living and quality of life for our citizens. I am proud to inform this august House that most of these action points are already under implementation.
74. Finally, towards a massive effort towards job creation for our youth, our Government is ensuring the timely filling of vacancies in Departments, providing Rs 50,000/- to Every Girl of Arunachal enrolling in Graduation or Professional Courses by revamping the Dulari Kanya Yojana, targeting 21,000+ women as Lakhpati Didis and providing 25,000+ Employment and Self-Employment Opportunities for Youth by 2029.
75. We are advancing digital governance with the e-Office system, handling over 40 lakh files online, and launching 22 new citizen-centric initiatives. Additionally, we are enhancing the Chief Minister Dashboard with AI-based tools for real-time data analytics and insights. In line with our digital goals, we are notifying a new Data Centre Policy to establish large-format data centers, positioning Arunachal Pradesh as a global data hub.

76. Our highest priority in the field of governance is our mission to ensure saturation coverage of all flagship schemes amongst all eligible beneficiaries. As part of this, citizens receive benefits and entitlements right at their doorsteps. We are revamping the Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 initiative to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries can be benefited. Under Seva AapkeDwar1.0 and Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 we have covered more than 13 lakh beneficiaries till date. Hon'ble Members, I request your support in this. Your support and active cooperation is essential for identifying all left out beneficiaries and ensuring they receive scheme benefits and entitlements as per their eligibility.
77. My Government has begun a new era of governance by holding meetings of the State Cabinet throughout the State under the Cabinet Aapke Dwar initiative. The 1st such meeting of the current tenure was held at Nyapin, Kurung Kumey District. In this historic meeting, a record 38 agenda items were approved, setting a new benchmark in Arunachal Pradesh's administrative history. By bringing the cabinet directly to the people, we are ensuring the voices of every community, and every village are heard and respected.
78. I also reiterate my Government's commitment to effective and full-fledged implementation of the three new transformative criminal justice laws passed by the Government of India.
79. As a further enhancement to the effectiveness of our Arunachal Pradesh Police, my Government has recently granted Special Grade promotion to 3,558 personnel from Arunachal Pradesh Police, AAPBn, IRBn and Fire and Emergency Services.
80. Hon'ble Members, you are the embodiment of the shared dreams and aspirations of all people of Arunachal Pradesh. You are also the fountainhead of all our developmental activities. I therefore enjoin Members to faithfully and tirelessly work for the holistic and inclusive development of every citizen of Arunachal Pradesh, and indeed the nation. Your efforts must focus on inclusive development, ensuring that no one is left behind. It is your duty to ensure the well-being of our citizens and to create opportunities for all, irrespective of their socio-economic background.
81. The successful implementation of various schemes announced by the government hinges significantly on the pivotal role played by our esteemed Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs). As the elected representatives of the people, MLAs

serve as the vital link between the government's vision and the grassroots realities of our communities. Their deep understanding of local needs and challenges enables you to effectively champion and advocate for the schemes that promise to enhance the quality of life of all people of Arunachal Pradesh.

82. I request each of you to harness this unique position to its fullest potential. Your active engagement with citizens, facilitation of dialogue, and commitment to transparent communication are crucial in tailoring these initiatives to address specific community requirements, thereby maximizing their impact. By identifying beneficiaries and ensuring that every eligible individual receives the support they are entitled to, you play a key role in making these programs truly transformative.
83. The holistic development of a state is intricately linked to the advancement of key sectors such as education, health, tourism, infrastructure, and youth empowerment. By investing in these areas, my Government is ensuring sustainable growth that benefits all citizens, enhances quality of life, and positions the state as a model of progress and innovation. Our collective efforts in these sectors will pave the way for a brighter future, fostering economic prosperity and social well-being.
84. My Government will present its Budget for this financial year, highlighting various policies and schemes to build a Viksit Arunachal. Through strategic allocations, we aim to address the state's multifaceted needs, fostering inclusive growth and sustainable development. By prioritizing the critical sectors, we will be setting the stage for a transformative era in Arunachal Pradesh, ensuring development benefits reach all corners of our society. This budget will reaffirm our commitment to building a prosperous and progressive Arunachal, where every citizen can thrive.
85. Before I conclude, I would like to thank the Hon'ble Speaker for allowing me to address this august House. I look forward to a productive session of the Assembly.

Jai Arunachal! Jai Hind!