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**ADDRESS**

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*Hon'ble Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly*

I have great pleasure in welcoming you all to the 10th Session of the 5th Legislative Assembly of the State. While noting that this session is particularly important as it is being held when the 12th Five Year Plan for the nation is about to be finalized by the Planning Commission, I extend my best wishes for successful completion of the budgetary and legislative business proposed in this session.

2. The last few years have brought about a remarkable positive change in the development trajectory of our State. In 2007, our per capita income was 10% lower than the national per capita income. Today it is almost 10% higher. Our annual growth rate during the 11th Five Year Plan has been 9.4%, which is about 1.5% higher than the national growth rate. It is the first time ever in any five year plan that we have performed better than the national average. This is true for all the three sectors - agriculture, industry and services. Ours happens to be one of the only eight States of the country which could realize higher plan expenditure as compared to the original outlay. We will ensure that we continue with this good performance in the years to come.

3. In my address today I would be presenting a short review of the activities and achievements of my Government during the current financial year and would highlight in brief, its vision for the new financial year that will dawn in fifteen days from today.

4. As regards internal security, it was a matter of satisfaction that our State remained by and large peaceful during the year. However, overall, we had a marked improvement on the law and order front. We have been able to largely neutralize the 'bandh' culture which was threatening to have severe ramifications on the overall law and order front as well as on work efficiency. There has been praise-worthy coordination between Army, para-military and State police forces which has led to the elimination of 13 UGs and arrest of 107 others with recovery of a large cache of arms, ammunition, and explosive material. Another satisfactory development has been the weaning away of influence of certain left wing extremist organizations which had started making forays into the State from the plains of Assam. Through active persuasion of my Government with the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has released an amount of Rs.1.92 Cr. for Civil Defence Training School at Pasighat. Further, the MHA has also released Rs.10 Cr. for logistic support to the existing Paramilitary Forces deployed in the State.

5. Recruitment of police personnel under the Tirap-Changlang-Longding package and for the 4th and 5th IRBN has been successfully completed maintaining the highest standards of transparency and merit. The Government has also sanctioned the raising of a special 200-strong all-women police force, setting up on an all-women police station at Itanagar as well as setting up of a women police cell in each District. Besides, the

setting up of DIG Range offices at Namsai and Pasighat has also been approved by the cabinet recently. During the year, the border with Assam remained largely incident free.

6. On the development front, agriculture is the backbone of the State's economy and accordingly, my Government has given due importance to this vital sector. Our growth rate in this sector during the 11th Five Year Plan period has been three times the national average and if we continue with this impressive performance, we will achieve food security by 2017. I am proud to inform you that our State has been awarded the National Krishi Karman Award by the President of India for praise-worthy increase in production of food-grains during 2010-2011.

7. To harness the advantages which accrue through mechanization of agriculture, the Chief Minister Agriculture Mechanization programme was launched during the year which will provide benefits in the form of subsidies for purchase of power tillers, spray pumps and tractors etc. to more than 1,700 small farmers. The first ever Krishi-expo cum Kissan mela was successfully organized by the Department at Itanagar in December, 2012.

8. A new bee-keeping venture has also been undertaken during the last year to benefit 190 farmers in producing honey, wax and candle etc. To provide a boost to the marketing of surplus produce and to provide facilities for better agriculture marketing network, the department also proposes to construct one Agriculture Shopping Mall at Naharlagun. During the 12th Five Year Plan, the State Government will lay increased stress and focus on intensification of cash crops, double cropping, market linkages and cold storage facilities.

9. My Government is also according high priority to the Horticulture sector as our State, blessed with an agreeable climate and fertile soil types, offers enormous scope for production of various fruits, spices, medicinal and aromatic plants. Today, the total area under various horticulture products stands at 1,08,368 hectares and the total production, at 4,76,573 Metric tonnes. Horticulture sector recorded an overall growth of 87.03% and average annual growth of 17.41% during the eleventh plan period. Such growth rates are unprecedented anywhere in the country. Apart from various developmental schemes under the Central and State Plan sector, the department also sponsored students for undergoing various courses in Horticulture and also conducted various trainings and workshops for farmers and entrepreneurs to create awareness regarding latest trends in Horticulture. Floriculture, large cardamom and ginger and medicinal plants will be focus areas in this year in this sector.

10. In the health sector, the Government continued with its objective of providing quality and timely health services to the people. The project for upgradation of Naharlagun State Hospital is currently underway and this will be followed by the setting

up of a medical college. The State Government has forwarded a project for providing residential facilities to medical and para-medical staff in far-flung areas of the State for sanction under the TFC (Thirteenth Finance Commission) grants. To detect and provide counseling to HIV +ve people in the state Arunachal Pradesh State Aids Control Society (APSACS) has established 35 Integrated Counseling and Testing Centers at General Hospitals, District Hospitals and CHCs. After a long gap this year, the State Government also provided sufficient funds for purchase of essential medical equipment and supplies to all District Hospitals. An amount of Rs. 11.00 Cr. was provided for purchase of medicines and distribution to poor people at various health institutions across the State. The Government of India has also approved setting up of two nursing schools at Naharlagun and Pasighat with an investment of Rs. 10.00 Cr. each. Under the Arogya Nidhi Fund, financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 2.00 Cr. is provided to patients suffering from serious diseases. Further, the modalities for CM Health Insurance Scheme are at the final stage and we will be able to provide a comprehensive and universal health care to all the needy citizens of the State from the coming financial year onwards.

11. Education - By the end of the 12th Five Year Plan period, it will be our endeavour to raise the literacy rate in the State to 80% from the present 66%. In addition to the existing 13 functional Government degree colleges, my Government has already approved opening of 7 new model degree colleges. For the first time in many years, adequate funds are being provided for upgradation of college infrastructure with earmarking of sufficient funds for Government colleges at Deomali, Changlang, Itanagar, Pasighat, Doimukh, Nyapin and Daporijo. Besides this, the opening of a new State University at Pasighat has also been approved, in addition to universities in the private sector. In the coming years, these developments will have a major positive impact on the higher education scenario in the State.

The State Government is contemplating to start 5 polytechnic colleges (Dirang, Laying, Namsai, Pasighat and Roing) in the academic session from 2013-14 in 4 disciplines i.e. Civil, Electrical, Mechanical and Computer Science. Foundation stone for construction of campus of the National Institute of Technology was laid by Hon'ble Minister, Human Resource Development, Government of India at Jote in February 2013.

12. The RTE Act is being implemented in the State since April 2010 with an objective of providing free and compulsory education to children upto elementary education level. For effective implementation of this scheme the Government has provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 4.00 Cr. and Rs. 5.00 Cr. under TFC grants during the last two years respectively. The existing rates of stipends to school and college students have also been enhanced considerably. Last year, the State Government provided

funds to the extent of Rs. 5.00 lakhs for purchase of furniture and Rs. 2.00 lakhs for purchase of sports equipment for schools to each Deputy Commissioner.

Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) the national programme for universalization of Elementary Education, 48 (forty eight) KGBV and 20 NPEGEL centers have been opened to promote girls education. The Saakshar Bharat Mission programme is now being implemented in 12 districts of the State to increase the literacy rate by reducing the number of adult illiterates. A targeted 1.56 lakh adult learners are enrolled under the programme.

However, the low training level of our teachers continues to be a cause of concern which we will try to address through suitably designed training modules. Teacher absenteeism will be strictly dealt with and a master plan will be developed for ensuring regular attendance of teachers and students, especially in remote villages. We will also develop a comprehensive computerized database of all the school students during the year.

13. The Department of Industries is striving hard towards promoting industrialization in the State since its inception. 100 boys and girls underwent a fully sponsored six months training on Beauty Care and Spa Therapy at Noida of which, 85 got employed at prestigious institutions within two months of the completion of the training. The department has set a target for skilling 50,000 youths in different sectors by 2022. Special steps were also taken by the State Government for reviving the dilapidated District Industries Centers and also the Industrial Growth Estate by providing sufficient funds in the AOP. Overall, it is the commitment of my Government to provide 1 lakh additional jobs during the 12th five year plan in the public, private or self-employment sector. I am happy to share with you that going by our performance in the 1st year of the plan, we are on track to achieve this target.

14. The Department of Trade & Commerce has continued to play an important role towards strengthening the State's economy. Through active persuasion with the Central Government we have been able to get the project for opening of Border Trade and setting up of Border Haat at Pangsau Pass approved. This will be the first step towards linking of our economy with that of South-east Asia. The first Border Liaison Officers (BLO) meeting between India and Myanmar was held at Jairampur last year. This Department is also the nodal

Department for the flagship tea and rubber cultivation programme of the State Government and will provide benefit to more than 500 small farmers for taking up these activities during the current year. It has been assessed that Arunachal tea is superior to Assam tea in quality and flavor and that our potential for cultivating rubber is almost as

high as that of Tripura. Together, these two flagship programmes can prove to be a game-changer in improving the socio-economic condition of our rural masses.

15. The Department of Textiles & Handicrafts made several notable achievements during the year 2012. It participated in India International Trade Fair from 14th to 27th November 2012 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi where it bagged the bronze medal and special commendation certificate. Besides this the department also participated in the 11th India International Mega Trade Fair at Kolkata from 14th to 24th December 2012. The department is also continuing with training programme of unemployed youth in various fields like carpentry etc. and stipend @ Rs. 550/- per month is paid to the trainees. This year, to promote self-employment amongst rural masses, the Chief Minister's Loin Loom Grant scheme with an estimated outlay of Rs. 2.00 Cr. has also been implemented by the department.

16. Arunachal Pradesh has the highest "Very Dense Forests" (VDF) and "Moderately Dense Forests" (MDF) in the country for which we have recently been awarded with the 'Greenest State' award. The Department of Environment and Forests continued its activities for protection, promotion and preservation of our forest and wildlife wealth. Under the National Tiger Census programme, Tiger census in Pakke Tiger Reserve and Namdapha Tiger Project is in progress. Besides, a special Tiger Protection Force is being raised. Recognizing the importance of forests in the overall economy of the nation, the allocation of the Department under Thirteenth Finance Commission grants has witnessed substantial enhancement. The revenue-sharing with Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) was also implemented during the last year. Besides, several new proposals for community forests and village forests under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) funds were cleared. The Department is also implementing the project for upgradation of Itanagar zoo and Forest Guest Houses at seventeen locations in the State to promote eco-tourism and wildlife tourism.

17. My Government accords high priority to providing safe and potable drinking water to all habitations in the State. Under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), an amount of almost Rs. 220.00 Cr. will be spent by the Department during this financial year. The prestigious 11 MLD Itanagar water supply project is almost complete and will be inaugurated in a short period. We expect to cover all the habitations in the State with clean drinking water supply by the end of this plan period. Also, the project of providing drinking water supply to schools (including toilets) is being taken up on highest priority. All the villages are also being provided toilets under the Total Sanitation Campaign and Nirmal Bharat Abhiyaan.

18. A number of irrigation projects have been taken up by the Water Resources Department. The Command Area Development and Water Management Programme

conceived by the Ministry of Water Resources is a holistic programme addressing the needs of water management and organizational frame work to regulate the water distribution and post-project maintenance activities. The department has on-going schemes covering cultivable command area of about 57 thousand hectares to be completed within 12th plan period. For implementation of Flood Management Programme under AIBP, an amount of Rs. 60.00 Cr. has been earmarked by Planning Commission and has been distributed schematically for 10 ongoing schemes with a physical target of 6000 Ha. An amount of Rs. 43.50 Cr. has been released by the Government of India for minor irrigation schemes under this programme in this year.

19. Power Sector - Power will be the future engine of growth of the State's economy. Under the PM package project for illumination of 2121 border villages, more than 1,700 villages have been provided power connection or solar home lighting systems till date. Works under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana are nearing completion in most districts. Several mini and micro-hydel projects will be commissioned during the year thereby increasing our own generation and helping us save on precious resources. The 110 MW Pare hydroelectric project is targeted for completion by 2014. We will also ensure sanction of a project for 'Strengthening of High Voltage Power Transmission and Distribution Systems' in the State through Ministry of DoNER under NLCPR-Central funding for a cost of almost Rs. 1,500 Cr. Beginning with the State Capital Complex Automatic Electronic meters will be installed in the State in a phased manner to check distribution and commercial losses. However, the high Transmission and Distribution Losses are a big cause of concern and this is an issue that we will try to address through a series of measures during the next year.

20. Rural road connectivity is a key component of rural development for the far-flung areas of the State as it promotes access to economic and social services, thereby generating employment and augmenting rural incomes. Under the national flagship programme PMGSY, during the year 2012-13, 18 road works comprising 80.54 km road length have been completed benefiting 12 habitations. Further, under the PM package special PMGSY programme, 3 road-works comprising 43.79 km road length and providing connectivity to 15 habitations have been completed. Under the State Plan Programme, a sum of Rs. 41.41 Cr. has been allocated under roads and bridges sector for RWD Department. I am extremely happy to share with you that recently, the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has approved taking up of PMGSY roads in 126 clusters of population below 250 in 10 international border districts of the State at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,200 Cr.

21. The Directorate of Supply & Transport is responsible for arranging dispatch of ration items to remote and inaccessible CPO locations lying along the international borders of the State through air sorties. At present, Taksing and Thingbu circles are

being fed by Head Load carriage. The remaining seventeen CPO centers are fed by air dropping. Out of these, 4 are fed by AN-32 Aircrafts and 13 are serviced by MI-172 helicopters of Indian Air Force. I am glad to share that after repeated persuasion of my Government, the Ministry of Food, Government of India has agreed to the proposal of air-lifting of PDS commodities at Vijaynagar and Taksin on pilot project basis and if found successful, the same will be extended to other unconnected border villages of the State.

22. In order to strengthen the functioning of Public Distribution System in Arunachal Pradesh, the Department of Food & Civil Supplies has completed construction of 51 godowns with a total capacity of 5300MT across the State. In addition, 25 new godowns are under construction. The department is also planning to launch end to end computerization of the entire distribution process to ensure complete transparency in the functioning of PDS. The e-PDS pilot software project is proposed to be replicated at 18 locations in 8 districts during the year.

23. The Department of Animal Husbandry, Veterinary and Dairy Development contributes significantly towards supplementing the income of small and marginal farmers and landless labourers and in generating gainful employment opportunities for self-employment. For this, the department has implemented various beneficiary oriented schemes by providing subsidy for dairy units, piggery units and backyard poultry units under RKVY and other State Plan Schemes. For better health coverage of livestock and poultry birds, the Government has approved creation of 18 veterinary dispensaries, 62 veterinary aid centers and 2 cattle upgradation centers during 2012-13. Besides, a comprehensive proposal for upgradation of existing pig-breeding farms has been submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture under RKVY.

24. Considering the tough and challenging physical terrain of the State, air connectivity continues to be one of the highest priority areas of my Government. Under the PM package project, Vijayanagr ALG has already been re-operationalized and atleast 7 others are at various stages of implementation. We also propose to develop a STOL (Short Take Off & Landing) airport at Naharlagun by extending the existing heliport for facilitating operation of small fixed wing aircrafts for civil passenger flights. The DPR for Itanagar Greenfield airport project is under finalization by Airports Authority of India and the estimates on approach road, power and water supply and land acquisition have already been forwarded by the State Government for incorporation in the proposed DPR. After a considerable gap, the helicopter services between Naharlagun and Mohanbari and Naharlagun and Guwahati have been resumed.

25. Works on Trans-Arunachal highway are at different stages of implementation in different stretches. Overall, works for almost 85% of the total length of the highway have been awarded till date. Works are also on in full swing for the 21 km long 4-lane



Itanagar-Hollongi highway and it is expected that almost 8 km of this length will be four-laned before March 2013. This year, we have provided adequate funds for completion of all pending 11th Plan schemes in the AOP of Public Works Department. In 2012-13, we have earmarked funds to the extent of Rs. 100.00 Cr. for building Cement Concrete roads in District headquarters. This is a flagship project of the Government and we will cover all Districts in a phased manner. Besides, to improve work efficiency and delivery of services to citizens under a single roof, we have also taken up construction of mini-secretariats in Districts and ADC headquarters in a phased manner to cover the entire State. In order to ease the traffic congestion on the Itanagar-Naharlagun highway, Rs. 12.00 Cr. have been provided for the Naharlagun bye-pass road through Jully under SPA.

26. The Department of tourism has prepared the master plan for infrastructure development in the State. The number of tourist circuits has increased from 7 to 11 and new tourism information centers have been opened at Delhi, Kolkata and Guwahati airports. Besides, a code of safe and honourable tourism has been framed and the Clean India campaign has been launched in all the districts of the State. Inflow of tourists has increased from 93 thousand in 2007 to 3.22 lakh in 2012. I am also happy to share with you that Outlook Traveller, India's leading travel magazine has carried out a survey poll where Arunachal Pradesh has been voted as the favorite upcoming tourist destination.

27. The State Transport Services which had its humble beginning in the State with 2 buses in 1975 is now rendering service with its fleet strength of 229 buses (including 23 newly procured JnNURM buses) operating on 113 routes. Thirty three buses have also been procured under SPA and an amount of Rs. 2.00 Cr. has been provided to the department this year for purchase of six additional buses under its plan schemes.

28. The Department of Geology and Mining is responsible for geological survey, investigation, mineral exploration control, monitoring and production of major and minor minerals and collection of revenue in terms of royalty for the State. Since inception, it has collected revenue of Rs. 425.00 Cr. including Rs. 34.00 Cr. for the current financial year. For effective monitoring on movement of minor & major minerals, the department has constructed 31 mineral check gates at various locations throughout the State.

29. The Panchayati Raj department of my Government is implementing a series of schemes, including construction of Zilla Parishad offices in ten districts of the State. My Government has constituted an expert committee for effective devolution of powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions. Besides, the 2nd State Finance Commission has also been constituted to work out the quantum and modalities of transfer of funds to Panchayati Raj organizations from the State Government.

30. My Government's efforts towards enhancing fish production have continued to yield satisfactory results. Special projects for integrated fish farming, trout culture and installation of portable carp hatcheries with nurseries and construction of new fish ponds were undertaken by the Department.

31. The Department of Art and Culture is implementing projects amounting to Rs. 27.2 Cr. for construction of community halls at various locations across the State. It conducted 6 events under Inter-State cultural exchange programme where youth of our State got an opportunity to interact with their counterparts from others. The department also organized a State Level Folk Dance Festival at Tuting.

32. The Department of Women and Child Development has been implementing various schemes, both State funded and centrally sponsored for the protection and all-round development of women and children. During 2012-13, under the flagship Supplementary Nutrition Programme and Integrated Child Development Services, 93 ICDS projects with 6,028 anganwadis were functional in the State covering more than 2,20,000 children, 27,000 mothers and 29,000 adolescent girls. A new programme - Integrated Child Protection Schemes (ICPS) launched by the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India is also being implemented in the State.

33. For improving the standards of service delivery to the people, my Government has created a new department - Social Justice & Empowerment and Tribal Affairs and is implementing various welfare schemes of Ministries of Rural Development, Tribal Welfare and Minorities Affairs, Government of India. Under the grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution, an amount of Rs. 9.72 Cr. has been allotted to the State during 2012-13. A total of 630 students have been provided post-matric scholarship under the Ministry of Tribal welfare programmes. We propose to enhance this number to 1,000 during the coming year. In addition, an amount of almost Rs. 40.00 Cr. has been released for undertaking infrastructure projects in seven minority concentration districts in the State. Further more than 30,000 persons are getting benefit under the Old age Pension Scheme and 1,849 widows are being provided widow pension.

34. The Directorate of Research is engaged in scientific exploration of a series of high potential Archaeological sites which include Yomcha in West Siang district, Esco-Lebok of Geku in Upper Siang district, Fringzz of Thrizino in West Kameng district, Borduria and Kanubari in Tirap district and Kamcham Mud Gompa and Megaliths at Shergaon in West Kameng district. The department is also constructing the 2nd World War-Memorial Museum at Nampong in Changlang District and also adding new galleries in the J.N. State Museum at Itanagar. Besides, it has continued to come out with several of its in-house publications of highest quality of literary content.

35. The Directorate of Information & Public Relations re-launched the fortnightly newspaper - 'The Arun Information' as a multi-colour eight page english weekly newspaper. It further procured 1,027 community listening sets for distribution to remote rural villages. The Directorate of Printing is today equipped with latest machinery like Colour offset machine, Digital Colour printing system etc. and is in the process of setting up of a modern printing press. The construction of Soochna Bhawan is progressing well as per schedule and is likely to be completed in the coming year.

36. The Department of Urban Development & Housing is the nodal department for creation of urban infrastructure. The department is also monitoring the implementation of various poverty alleviation programmes like Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana etc. Under the department of Town Planning & Urban Local Bodies the Arunachal Pradesh Urban and Country Planning Act, 2007 has been extended to 10 priority towns of Arunachal Pradesh and first interim development plan for Itanagar Capital Region has been prepared. Under JNNURM, the department has been entrusted with the preparation of twenty three major Urban Reforms for good Urban Governance which include implementation of 74th Constitutional Amendment, e-Governance, Property Tax, Municipal Accounting and Rent Control Act etc. and has completed 90% reforms. The elections to the first two Municipalities of the State - at Itanagar and Pasighat will be conducted during 2013-14.

Besides several projects under JNNURM, the department of Urban Development is also implementing several prestigious projects under the State Plan sector which include the construction of convention center, MLA Apartments and Officers Housing Complex. It is also implementing schemes for urban sanitation, storm-water drainage, parking places and foot over-bridges in the town areas. The first Solid Waste Treatment and Management Plant was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister this month which is a major step we have taken towards providing quality sanitation facilities to our citizens.

37. The Department of Tax & Excise was created in the year 1994 to enable the Government to implement the A.P. Excise Act 1993. The department is one of the highest revenue earning departments in the State contributing more than 60% of the State's own revenue sources. The department has earned total revenue of almost Rs. 150.00 Cr. during the current financial year upto December 2012. Besides, it is also implementing a mission mode project for end-to-end computerization of tax administration in the State.

38. To uplift the rural economy and enhance rural incomes, the Rural Development Department is implementing all important flagship schemes of Government of India like Indira Awas Yojna (IAY) & Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) etc. Under Indira Awas Yojna, the target release during 2012-13 is Rs. 40

Cr. with corresponding physical target of 8339 houses. Under NREGA, for the current year, the target has been fixed at Rs. 86.05 Cr. and 39.28 lakh mandays respectively. The Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), a health insurance scheme for BPL families was launched in the State on 19th December, 2012.

39. The Department of Science and Technology through Arunachal Pradesh State Council for Science & Technology (APCS&T), State Remote Sensing Application Centre (SRSAC) and Arunachal Pradesh Science Centre (APSC) has been extending services to various State and Central Government departments and organizations for all-round sustainable development of the State. My Government is conscious of the need of developing scientific temper among the people of the State. Under the sponsorship of Government of India the A.P. State Council for Science & Technology is implementing a project for 'Scientific Evaluation of Water in twenty selected schools of Arunachal Pradesh'. During 2012-13, the Remote Sensing Application Center has completed projects like Wasteland Change Analysis, remote sensing for sericulture development, snow cover and glacial mapping and spatial assessment of soil carbon pool. The department will also set up a 3d movie hall, a dinosaur park with sound and light show and an astronomical telescope at Arunachal Pradesh Science Center in the coming year.

40. Sports - State-of-the-Art indoor/outdoor stadia will be constructed at each District Headquarter and other important locations. This year, we will release funds to the extent of Rs. 30.00 Cr. (as phase-1) for this purpose and also identify the left-over locations to be covered. A comprehensive Sports Policy for the State will be announced whereby there will be a significant enhancement of benefits, including job reservations, to our sportsmen and women bringing laurels for the State at national and international levels. We have done remarkably well in sports like weightlifting, badminton and mountaineering and we will continue to strongly support our sportspersons in all such fields. A project for up-gradation of infrastructure at Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy will also be undertaken. The National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (NIMAS) has been sanctioned by the Central Government at Dirang.

41. My Government is implementing several development and welfare schemes for the people of the insurgency affected Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts. Since its inception eight years ago, the department of Tirap-Changlang and Longding has taken up around 4000 development projects and schemes under different sectors.

42. The Department of Law has set up 3 regular Courts of the Additional District & Sessions Judges at Pasighat, Bomdila and Basar. Also another 5 Courts of the Chief

Judicial Magistrate-cum-Judge Senior Division and five Courts of the Judicial Magistrate-cum-Civil Judges, Junior Division have been approved by the Government

for establishment at Yupia, Tezu, Pasighat, Bomdila and Basar. The separation of judiciary from the executive is also being implemented on a fast-track basis.

43. My Government continues to give high focus and priority to monitoring of implementation of projects. Towards this, the third party monitoring systems in the State have been further strengthened. The use of GPS enabled cameras, which have automatic latitude and longitude stamps on the photographs has been made mandatory during third party monitoring. Further, a senior officer of the rank of Commissioner/Secretary has been made in-charge of monitoring all major development schemes in a particular district.

44. I am also very happy to share with you that two very important projects of the Prime Minister's package - the new Civil Secretariat and the railway line to Naharlagun will also be functional in a few months from today. The railway link from Rupai to Parashuram Kund via Namsai has also been announced during this year's rail budget. These will indeed be major achievements for the State Government.

45. Dear members, the people of the entire State look up to you as you sit down for this session and take decisions which will have a lasting impact on their lives. I am hopeful that you will never lose sight of this noble task that they have so expectantly entrusted to you.

46. As I conclude, I recall Mahatma Gandhi who said - *'The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others'*. Hon'ble ladies and gentlemen, if you follow this maxim, I am sanguine that you will find many of your doubts melting away and your spirit of selfless service re-kindled.

47. My best wishes are with you for successful completion of the business proposed in this session. I wish you all well, and the ensuing deliberations, success.

**Jai Arunachal. Jai Hind.**