

**Address of Shri Pema Khandu
Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh
on the occasion of the 76th Independence Day**

My dear fellow citizens of Arunachal Pradesh,

1. On this auspicious occasion of 76th Independence Day, let us all remember the supreme sacrifices made by our Freedom Fighters. Our freedom did not come easy. We must treasure this priceless gift and resolve to work towards honouring this and contribute positively for our great nation.
2. Today, 'Har Ghar Tiranga' ke saath-saath 'Har Dil Me Tiranga' le ke aaj 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' ka din aaya hai !
3. I take the privilege to extend my heartfelt greetings to the people of Arunachal Pradesh. As we usher in the Amrit Kaal of our Azadi, today, we pay homage to all the freedom fighters of our country and draw inspiration from them while remembering their selfless sacrifices and heroic deeds in making Bharat Mata a free country.
4. I express my gratitude to our Army, Air Force, Navy, Paramilitary troops and Police personnel for defending and maintaining the sovereignty of our country through all these years. I also take this moment to thank our Teachers, Farmers, Doctors, Health workers, Leaders, Engineers, Labours, Administrators, and all others who helped shape free India into a robust nation.
5. I take this opportunity to pay homage to all the unsung heroes and unnamed partakers of the freedom struggle, whose contributions were instrumental in the independence of the Bharat Mata.
6. This year we are celebrating 75 years of India's Independence, and to mark the occasion, Hon'ble Prime Minister has launched the '**Har Ghar Tiranga**' campaigns and all citizens are encouraged to hoist the National Flag at their

homes to remember the sacrifices and imbibe the spirit of patriotism that this country is built upon.

7. This year Arunachal Pradesh has reached an important milestone, i.e., **Golden Jubilee year**, marking fifty years of the naming of Arunachal Pradesh and getting a distinct political identity as the country celebrates **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** of India's Independence. This special moment in our state's history provides us an opportunity to celebrate our glorious past and plan for the future ahead.
8. Arunachal Pradesh today is an ideal example of wholesome development. It is the vision of *Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas aur Sabka Prayas* that the State is witnessing development on all fronts, empowering those on the margins. From overhauling of infra facilities, health and education system, good governance to the welfare of children, women and farmers, Arunachal Pradesh is writing a new chapter of progress in the promotion of local values, ethos and ethics. Indeed, Arunachal is witnessing its resurgent and rising phase. All credit for this goes to Team Arunachal for working tirelessly and aligning with our vision for a HAPPY ARUNACHAL.
9. In testimony to the all-around rise of Arunachal, Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi on our statehood day said: *"I firmly believe that eastern India, and especially Northeast India, will be the engine of the country's growth in the 21st century. With this spirit, unprecedented work has been doneto accelerate the development of Arunachal Pradesh."* This is evident from the fact that Arunachal has recorded 10.7% economic growth in the year 2021-22 which has been the highest during the last decade.
10. My dear citizens, today in our development journey we take stock of our achievement and take a pledge to continue the growth trajectory to achieve our Prime Minister's goal of **'No citizen left behind.'**

HEALTH:

11. As further evidence to our performance over the last 6 years, we have been able to reduce our infant mortality rate (IMR) by 10% points (from 22.9 to 12.9 per 1000 live births) and increase our institutional birth by 27% points (from 55.2% to 79.2%) and our percentage of vaccinated children of age 12 to 23 months by 26% points (from 38.2% to 64.9%). It is also a matter of pride to mention here that our IMR is less than half of the National Average of 28.77 per 1000 live births.
12. The challenging days of the Covid pandemic are still fresh in our minds. The lessons learned during this pandemic go beyond health sector and encompasses all aspect of human life and governance. It has completely changed our way of life. Only those who take these lessons seriously and calibrate their future path would be able cope up the future challenges. I am proud to mention here that Arunachal Government has imbibed every lesson of the pandemic to bring in Government Process Re-engineering.
13. The contribution of health professionals during this period deserves all appreciation. I also thank our Community Based Organisations, Public Leaders, Students, Government Employees and all citizens of Arunachal Pradesh for contributing immensely in shaping our responses during the covid pandemic. Together we ensured that we remained one of the best performing States in the covid management.
14. Arunachal Pradesh recorded the second lowest mortality rate in the country during the Covid Pandemic with recovery rate consistently being over 99%. A dedicated Covid Hospital was established in MLA Apartments at Chimpu with the selfless volunteerism of MLAs where 1,538 indoor patients have been treated so far.
15. As many as 49 PSA oxygen generation plants are installed across the state, braving various constraints, including monsoon, terrain and frequent communication disruptions.

16. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji demonstrated visionary leadership with the courageous and generous decision to provide COVID- 19 vaccines free of cost to all eligible categories. The State has administered more than 18.18 Lakhs doses of COVID vaccine so far contributing to the national effort, which is the largest immunization program in the world.
17. Under the new initiative 'Chief Minister Health Emergency Life Protection Service' or **CM-HELPS**, our government will work for upgradation of the health infrastructure for transforming the 'Casualty Rooms' in all general and district hospitals into state-of-art 'Emergency Care Centers' to provide quality, accessible and affordable emergency care.
18. I am happy to inform all of you that Rs. 450 crores have been allocated for upgradation of 18 district hospitals across the state to make the health system robust. Funds were also converged for upgradation of 60 CHCs and PHCs into Golden Jubilee PHCs and CHCs. As I speak today, 4 hospitals are almost ready while remaining are scheduled for completion in next 6-12 months.
19. Moreover, we will not be confined to the district hospitals alone but will also reach out to the primary health centres (PHCs) and community health centres (CHCs). This financial year, 60 identified PHCs and CHCs would be upgraded, one each in every Assembly constituency, into Model Units called **Golden Jubilee PHCs and CHCs**.
20. To minimise the financial burden of the citizens of the state, we are expanding the number of empanelled hospitals from outside the state under Chief Minister Arogya Arunachal Yojana's. Recently, we have partnered with Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai for the same. This will enable cancer patients of our state to avail of cashless hospitalisation of up to Rs 5 lakh per family in the empanelled hospitals. We have enrolled 1.14 lakh families covering 4.91 lakh persons till date. This has been a boon to many suffering families. I urge all to enroll in this benevolent program.

21. To strengthen the health facility in the State, we will soon be upgrading the Bakin Pertin General Hospital, Pasighat into a 300 bedded hospital equipped with world-class medical facilities. The work on 200 bedded hospital at Ram Krishna Mission Hospital would commence soon.
22. TRIHMS, our only medical college, is our pride. Government has invested significant in building its infrastructure and providing necessary equipment. We would be shortly commissioning one state of art Cath Lab in TRIHMS which would save valuable lives. The work on the Nursing College and Nursing Hostel is in advance stage.
23. Arunachal converted the pandemic into an opportunity to boost the health sector infrastructure in the State. The 108-ambulance helpline service was introduced last year with 88 basic life-saving ambulances has provided services to thousands of patients in remote areas of Arunachal Pradesh. All BLS ambulances are equipped with basic life support system, emergency medicine, trained emergency medical technician and pilot. In one year, it has served 3,417 cases, which includes 805 pregnancy cases; 561 road traffic accidents; 303 non-vehicular trauma cases; and 185 Covid-related cases. The average response time is of 12.52 minutes.
24. In a first of its kind initiative, drones will be used in health supply chains to deliver vaccines and medicines to distant places, in collaboration with the World Economic Forum. The 'Medicine from the Sky' program was launched today morning, with the first sortie of medicines delivered in East Kameng District.
25. The fact that the Human Resource Gap in health sector has been brought down to 6 % from 33 % clearly indicates the priority given by the State Government in reforming the health sector in Arunachal Pradesh.
26. To tackle the growing menace of drug-addiction in the State, the Government has adopted the '**Arunachal Pradesh Policy on Psychoactive Substance**

2021' for coordinated efforts. We will establish state-of-art treatment and rehabilitation centers at Namsai, Itanagar and Bomdila in addition to significantly increasing the allocation of '**Chief Minister's Nasha Mukti Abhiyan**' from Rs. 4 Crore to Rs. 15 Crore

BUILDING HUMAN CAPITAL

27. Developing human resource has been a top priority for us. We have improved our key indicators such as school enrolment, examination results and children with access to textbook and uniforms over the past years. *Mission Shiksha* under the Education Department has ushered in an era of quality education in our State with several projects of improving quality in education taken up along with projects for the upgradation of school infrastructure. We have invested more than Rs.1000 Crore under Mission Shiksha last year.

28. I am happy to mention that since 2014 the success rate of the students in CBSE class XII exams has nearly doubled from 51.23% to 91.73%. We have also improved on the indicator of children with access to textbooks from 77.6% to 94.6% in the last few years. We must jointly work hard to improve the Results of Class-X.

29. We are rationalising our spending on the education sector. In this regard, we have closed about 400 schools with zero enrolments and redeployed the teachers. The infrastructure of these institutions has been put to better use in the districts. I am also happy to inform that Government has taken up a mission for establishing 50 model schools throughout the state with an allocation of Rs.500 Cr. We have invested significantly in building infrastructure for the Sainik School in Pasighat and this year we will invest another Rs. 10 crores to improve the infrastructure of the permanent campus of Sainik School in East Siang.

30. Rs. 500 Cr financial boost from the Central government is being given to 12 Eklavya Model Residential Schools and 8 Model Residential Schools in the

districts such as Lower Dibang Valley, Lower Subansiri, Kra Daadi, Upper Siang, Pakke Kessang, Kurung Kumey, East Kameng, West Siang etc.

31. My dear citizens, to improve the teachers-students ratio for quality education in schools, our government is working with APPSC to fast-track the recruitment process of 94 PGTs and 259 posts for TGTS.
32. Furthermore, to enhance the learning outcome of students across 3000 plus government schools in the state, a tripartite memorandum of understanding was signed recently by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh with the NITI Aayog and the Reach to Teach Foundation.
33. The State has set up 540 **Early Childhood Care Centers (ECCE)** under Samagra Shiksha and is in the process of setting up another 300 ECCEs by September end. We have completed the capacity building of ECCE teachers, and district education administrators on foundational literacy and numeracy. We are also focusing on convergence of education sector with Women and Child Development for better implementation of ICDS and POSHAN 2.0. The State has planned to develop workbooks and graded supplementary materials along with basic concepts in local languages.
34. We have initiated a programme called 'Know Your Teacher' by providing information related to the teachers to the parents to eliminate the problem of proxy teacher and absenteeism.
35. We understand that the quality of education will depend on the **quality and the motivation of the teachers**. To build teachers' knowledge, skills and mindsets, a Teachers' Training Module has been prepared with the guidance, support, and assistance from Azim Premji University, Bengaluru. We have decided that 10% of the teachers in the State will be under training throughout the year in physical or virtual mode.
36. To keep up with the current times we have kept a major focus in the **use of technology in education**. We had earlier started smart classrooms and e-learning studios. And now we are in talks with Gujarat Educational

Technologies Ltd to help us establish Vidya Samiksha Kendra in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. The preparation of digital learning content to be telecast on five anticipated DTH channels from NCERT and BISAG, Gujarat is underway. We are creating a dedicated IT cell to oversee the technology rollouts and teachers will be motivated to develop quality e-content.

37. This year we are going to establish digital libraries in three government colleges. These libraries will provide one-stop access to our students to all the digital sources available online, both on and off the campus.

38. It is very important to **develop 21st-century skills** in the children and reap the benefit of the demographic dividend that India has. We have started two trades, Tourism & Hospitality, and IT under vocational education in our higher secondary schools under Samagra Shiksha. Two vocational education trades are also being introduced in government secondary schools for the academic session 2022-23.

39. Furthermore, for State Engineering College, Toru, Rs 3 Cr have been earmarked for infrastructural development. Grant-in-Aid of Rs 5 Cr has been allocated to our lone State University, Arunachal University at Pasighat, where the academic session will start soon.

40. To cater for the need for higher education in the state, the government has already approved the creation of 65 new posts for Assistant professors.

41. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Arunachal Pradesh government and the Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) for establishing a campus at Pasighat in East Siang district which will open opportunities for the youths to join the armed forces and bolster the defence of the region.

42. Our government is working relentlessly for the upliftment and empowerment of women through various schemes. Vidya scheme for girl students since 2016-17 under which an initial amount of Rs 10,000 is fixed deposited in the name of the student, which is payable on maturity with interest after passing

Class XII examination. Every girl student studying in government schools in the state from Class VI to XII is provided with sanitary napkins. Rs. 52.87 Crore under Vidhya Scheme and Rs.11.73 Crore under Health & Hygiene Scheme has been disbursed so far.

CONNECTIVITY & INFRASTRUCTURE:

43. It is a matter of immense pride for all of us that after 75 years of independence we are getting our own capital airport which we named as 'Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar'. From the state government side, we invested almost Rs. 200 Cr for developing external infrastructure for this airport like road, drinking water, power etc. The first calibration flight was successfully carried out on the 19th of July and I am confident that Donyi Polo Airport would see commercial flight operations very soon.
44. In addition to our existing 6 ALGs, we are working with the Central Government to establish three more airports in Arunachal Pradesh – one at Dirang in West Kameng, second at Anini in Dibang Valley and a third in Upper Subansiri district.
45. Furthermore, to bolster the air connectivity in the remote regions, the Govt of India, has sanctioned development of heliports at Ziro, Daporijo, Tuting, and Walong under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS-UDAN). Advance Landing Grounds (ALGs) like Ziro, Tuting, Mechuka and Vijohnagar have been planned to commence fixed wing operations soon.
46. The State is progressing relentlessly towards better railway connectivity. The State capital became the third among the eight North-Eastern States to be on the railway map when in 2018 the first broad gauge passenger train chugged into Naharlagun station. Three more railway lines- Bhalukpong-Tenga-Tawang (378 km), North Lakhimpur-Bame-Aalo-Silapathar (247.85 km) and Pasighat-Tezu-Parsuram Kund-Rupai (277 km) are also in the pipeline to further improve the railway connectivity in the State. I am thankful to the

people of Pasighat for providing much needed land for the Murkongselek-Pasighat railway line. The work on this line is expected to commence very soon.

47. The development of surface transport in Arunachal Pradesh in the last six years can only be termed 'revolutionary.' From traversing kilometers on foot and crossing multiple rivers on boat ferries and elephant backs to world class road network, the State has witnessed unprecedented growth in road infrastructure. This prompted one of the leading magazines to recognize Arunachal as the most improved State in infrastructure.

48. A major portion of the 1,600 Km **Trans Arunachal Pradesh Highway project** is complete and the small portion remaining is under progress. This will be a great boon for the people of Arunachal Pradesh. At the same time, it is important to understand the significance of building an **1,800 Km long Frontier Highway** to connect the remotest upper reaches along the border. Regarding **East-West Corridor**, the State Government is ready to complete pre-construction activities including Techno-Economic feasibility study and preparation of DPRs from its own resources.

49. Together with BRO and NHIDCL, we are constructing around 2,000 lane-kilometres per year. As per annual report of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Arunachal Pradesh has recorded **27.3%** increase in road density in the last 6 years from 25.74 km to 32.78 km per 100 sq km.

50. Seven highway projects have been completed with a total length of 385.38 kms. The first phase of Itanagar to Banderdewa NH has been completed and works on Package B & C will pick up pace soon.

51. While the Miao-Vijaynagar is motorable now and the Tali Road is nearing completion, we are pushing forward for its successful completion. The strategic Sela Tunnel and Nechipu tunnel are also nearing completion. Road from Sangram to Parsi- Parlo and Radeng to Nayam at Taliha circle and from Pugging to Palling has also been completed.

52. It is also worth mentioning that in the last six years we have been able to connect several unconnected places of the state by building bridges over rivers including motorable suspension bridge over river Siang in Upper Siang district, steel arch bridge over river Yamne at Parak, bridge over river Kabung on Dosing Pareng-Yibuk-Ligging road, RCC bridge over Sille River on Mirem, Mikong, Jonai Road, and over Namchik river to connect Hetlong village. Suspension Bridge over River Siang in Upper Siang district, Steel Arch Bridge over river Yangne at Parak, bridge over River Kabung on Dosing Paring-Yibuk-Ligging Road. We are also investing significantly in improving the capital roads and taking up projects for decongestion of capital roads. The first ever underpass in Itanagar has been commissioned successfully.
53. Capital Road improvement Plan is an important project and we have completed 44.17 KM by July 2022 & 52.33 KM is expected to be complete by March 2023 which is being monitored regularly. Upon completion, the fair riding road network of ICR will increase from 17.74% to 43.47% in 2022, which will further increase to 53.95% in 2023. We will endeavour to increase the same to 60% by 2024.
54. Construction of New Building for High Court in Naharlagun and upgradation of administrative training Institute is going on in full swing and is expected to be completed soon.
55. We are thankful to Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji for approving the scheme for providing 4G mobile connectivity to 1,683 villages that are remotely located in Arunachal Pradesh by 2023 under the Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan. The Govt of India has further decided to include more villages under 4G mobile connectivity. This will bring a tremendous change in people's lives by providing digital empowerment.

56. With the Hon'ble Prime Minister himself providing Gati and Shakti for development of infrastructure, we in North-East are witnessing a revolution in communication infrastructure.

HOME (POLICE)

57. Our government has stepped up its efforts to make Arunachal Pradesh a peaceful society. Our women police stations established recently have received great appreciation and addressing security needs of women population.

58. During the year 2021-22, Rs. 98 Cr was provided to police for construction of police stations, offices, barracks, housing, mobility, weapons etc. Also, during last 3 years we have been able to spend Rs. 155 Cr on TCL action plan for improving the policing infrastructure in the region.

59. Rs 100 Cr Mission has been made to construct housing for the police personnel with initial allocation of Rs 25 Cr has been provided during CFY.

60. Rs. 2 Cr have been provided for the mobility and communication of the Special Task Force.

61. State Government has adopted the Revised Scheme for Surrender cum Rehabilitation of Militants in the NE states (Except Sikkim and Mizoram) for the Rehabilitation of misguided youth to facilitate their leaving the path of violence and coming back to mainstream. An initial allocation of Rs 5 Cr has been made towards this Scheme.

62. I am happy to announce that the Arunachal Pradesh Police will be celebrating 50 years of its establishment in the month of November this year. In sync with the State's Golden Jubilee Year, the APP recently incorporated 345 vehicles for smooth and effective policing in the state.

DEVELOPMENT OF BORDER AREAS

63. Development of Border Areas has been our primary focus. Arunachal Pradesh takes pride in having excellent civil-military and administration relations. The Maitry Diwas celebrated in Tawang displays this unique bond and trust between the three, which is being replicated in other parts of the state. Our government machinery is sensitized to provide all necessary assistance to the border guarding forces in their duty of protecting our motherland. Further, the proudly patriotic people of Arunachal Pradesh are always more than willing to provide necessary local assistance to our forces. To empower border villages by providing reliable-non-polluting-self sustainable source of power, the ATMA-NIRBHAR Border Village Illumination programme through Micro-Hydels has been launched. Under this, work on 17 micro-hydel projects have been commenced and expected to complete in one year for remote border villages as phase-I. The project will also enable community ownership wherein their operations will be handed over to community or Border Guarding Forces (BGFs).
64. The Vibrant Village Programme (VVP) which was announced in this year's union budget has the potential to bring in all-round development in the border areas. This programme is in tune with the existing border development initiatives in the State. We aim to work by converging the State and Central schemes for overall development of border areas in the State.
65. While envisioning Arunachal @ 2047, we aim to create model villages in the remote border areas with best infrastructure facilities and services to prevent depopulation of these villages.
66. Rs 16 Cr has been earmarked for providing 6,000 streetlights in 700 border villages of Arunachal Pradesh. Solar electrification of 8 remote villages in Tali circle of Kra Daadi district was done in partnership with Sri Sri Rural Development Trust in which one third of the total expenditure of Rs1.5 Cr was contributed by the trust and rest by the state government.

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

67. My fellow citizens, I want to assure you that our government is committed to sustainable development. Hence, this year, we have signed the Pakke Declaration, the first of its kind by any state government in the country, envisaging a multi-sectoral approach towards low emission and climate-resilient development through five broad themes, or the Panch Dharas — environment, forest and climate change; health and well-being of all; sustainable and adaptive living; livelihoods and opportunities and evidence generation and collaborative action.
68. The State has also imposed ban on single-use plastic below 75 microns in compliance with the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules 2021 to bring down the usage of single use plastic.
69. For wildlife conservation, our government has launched 'Air Gun Surrender Abhiyaan' last year. This campaign has been accepted by people of all communities in the State with open heart and so far, 1600 air guns have been surrendered. This unique initiative has also been appreciated by Hon'ble Prime Minister.

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING AND WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

70. The Arunachal government is committed to providing safe and adequate drinking water under the Jal Jeevan Mission and till date, 1,48,321 Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) have been provided. In the last 6 years, we have increased our percentage of households with FHTCs from 9.08% to 66.64% which is a stellar achievement for a geographically challenged State like Arunachal Pradesh. The State Government aims to achieve 100% saturation by 2023.
71. Encouraged by the success of integrated drinking water supply project at Jia and Chowkham, we have approved more such projects for Tawang, East

Kameng, Mechuka and Deomali. Another such project for Basar is in pipeline.

72. We are committed to complete the Jal Jeevan Mission by 2023.

POWER & HYDROCARBON

73. Arunachal has about 40% of India's total hydropower potential and concerted efforts are being made to convert that potential into generation and supply. In addition to Pare and Ranganadi, Hydro power projects, namely, Pare, Dikshi, and Kameng have been successfully commissioned through partnerships between private sector players and CPSUs.

74. I am happy to mention here that during the pandemic months, we commissioned the 24 MW Dikshi hydro project and the 600 MW Kameng project. Due to active intervention of the central government the work on the 2,000 MW Subansiri Lower, the biggest hydro-project in India, is progressing rapidly. Out of the total installed capacity of power generation 1,139 MW, we added 734 MW during the last 6 years.

75. The work on 2,880 MW Dibang projects will also commence very soon. I take this opportunity to thank the people of Dibang Valley District and Lower Dibang Valley District for resolving the long pending land acquisition matter for this project which has paved way for an investment of Rs 30,000-40,000 Cr in this area.

76. The micro-hydel projects constructed by the State government are also contributing immensely in reducing the greenhouse gas emissions. For the 2014 to 2021 period, the State has generated 2.43 lakh Carbon Offset Units (COUs), thereby indicating that in the last six years, we have reduced 2.43 lakh tons of greenhouse gas emissions by producing power through eco-friendly micro-hydel projects.

77. The work on 132 KV Transmission line creating a backbone infrastructure executed by POWERGRID is progressing well. I am also happy to share that we have been able to electrify about 900 more villages in the last 6 years which is about 21% increase from the 2015-16 levels. We have also been able to consistently increase our revenue from power and nearly tripled it from Rs 93 Cr in 2014-15 to Rs 327 Cr in 2021-22.

78. We are working with Government of India to realize the Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 for North East by facilitating Exploration and Production Activities in the State. Recently, we have granted 2 Petroleum Mining Leases and 13 Petroleum Exploration Licenses for the Exploration and Production of Hydrocarbon resources of the State. Itanagar will be connected to the gas grid through the North East Gas Grid (NEGG) project shortly. This will facilitate supply of LPG through pipeline in every household and will be major step forward towards Ease of Living.

AGRI & HORTI SECTOR

79. My dear citizens, agriculture and horticulture is the backbone of our economy.

In 2021, we had launched two path-breaking schemes titled 'Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana' and 'Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojana'. These schemes had marked a major departure from the usual norm of providing back-end subsidy, and instead had adopted a model of front-end subsidy. These were the first of its kind of scheme in the entire country. These schemes have been a great success where nearly 4,000 farmers under Krishi and nearly 3,500 farmers under Bagwani and more than 700 Self-Help Groups have availed the benefits under these schemes.

80. Motivated by the success and overwhelming response from the farmers and Self-Help Groups, in 2022, a quantum jump was made in fund allocation under these two schemes, where funding was increased 66% to Rs 200 Cr from the previous level of Rs 120 Cr.

81. With Arunachal's immense scope for plantation of crops like tea, rubber and areca-nut, a new scheme titled 'Atma Nirbhar Plantation Scheme' with an allocation of Rs 60 Cr for front-end subsidy has been launched in 2022.
82. Similarly, as animal husbandry has been an integral part of Arunachal's tribal culture, another new scheme called 'Atma Nirbhar Pashu Palan Yojana' with front-end subsidy allocation of Rs 30 Cr was launched in 2022. Further, 'Atma Nirbhar Matsya Palan Yojana' with Rs 20 Cr allocation was also launched for the fisheries sector. These five verticals of Atma Nirbhar Arunachal would have a total allocation of Rs 310 Cr as front-end subsidy which will generate a huge consequential investment of Rs 650 Cr in the State. This is unprecedented and is anticipated to completely revolutionize Agriculture and Allied Sector in the State.
83. Under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi, 99,665 farmers have been covered with an amount of Rs 142.67 Cr released in their accounts. Similarly, 70,204 farmers have been covered under the PM-Soil Health Card.
84. Under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) - Per Drop More Crop, 7,504 farmers have been covered with an amount of Rs 59.34 Cr. Under the Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCD), 15,099 farmers have been covered with an amount of Rs 23.25 Cr released so far. 14,511 Kisan Credit Cards have also been issued.
85. Army-Civilians and administration in Arunachal Pradesh have an incredible relations from time immemorial. The Maitry Diwas celebrated in Tawang displays this unique bond and trust between the three which is being replicated in other parts of the state. We have recently launched 'Mission Krishi Veer', a flagship program through which we aim to deliver fruits and vegetables to the personnel of the Indian Army posted in Arunachal Pradesh. This initiative will play an essential role in strengthening the bond between the indigenous tribal cultivators and the soldiers deployed along the border,

fostering trust and harmony while decreasing post-production and logistical losses, besides increasing the Arunachal farmer's income.

86. Under Mission Oil Palm, we have a target to achieve 40,000 Ha of oil palm plantation which will provide good income to our farmers. This year, we have inked a MoUs for setting up of oil palm manufacturing and processing unit at Niglok Industrial Growth Centre in the East Siang district and Lower Dibang Valley District. These units are expected to be commissioned by September 2023.
87. A mega food park at Dolikoto near Banderdewa in Papumpare district is being established with the assistance of the Ministry of Food Processing, Industries. We are also supporting this project by financing external infrastructure like approach road, water supply and electricity.
88. Under CM's Agriculture Farm Mechanization Programme, 6,714 agricultural implements have been distributed and under Chief Minister's Krishi Samuh Yojana (CM KSY), 50 FPOs have been covered in 22 districts.
89. For promotion of Digital Agriculture, the State is ready to deploy online modules for onboarding beneficiary-oriented schemes. In this regard, we are in the process of soon operationalizing Atma Nirbhar Yojana Portal to avail agriculture-based credit, State Agriculture Portal and Mobile app carrying information related to Agri and Allied Departments, Online Scheme Application System to facilitate online application for all farmer centric schemes and Online Dealer Licensing System for pesticides, fertilizers & seed dealers.
90. Two IT Project proposals of the State for 'Developing a resilient Agriculture /Farm Produce Supply Chain System Leveraging Digitalization in Arunachal Pradesh' and 'Development of Smart Pest Surveillance System cum Geo Spatial Aided Agricultural Information System' are also under consideration.

TOURISM SECTOR:

91. Tourism is a prime driver for employment and economy in the State, and we need to harness it in a sustainable manner. Recently, Government of India has approved opening of two new tourist circuits in Tirap and Longding Districts of Arunachal Pradesh. I am confident that with the rich tourism prospects, the region will attract a lot of tourists and thereby spur a lot of tourism related economic activities. With connectivity improving, in the coming days, we will witness increased flow of tourists. Entrepreneurs must be ready to grab this opportunity.
92. We have launched Chief Minister Paryatan Shiksha Yojana, which sponsors three years B.Sc. and Diploma courses in Tourism, with 56 beneficiaries while the Chief Minister Paryatan Vikas Yojana (CMPVY) encourages people to start home-stays, restaurants for which subsidies are provided. Till date 528 beneficiaries have been covered under the scheme.
93. My dear fellow Arunachalees, the tourism sector can be bolstered only through the participation of the private entities; therefore, I plead the young aspiring entrepreneurs to avail and utilise the government schemes to promote tourism in our state and make it a leading tourist hub of the country.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT:

94. Arunachal is prone to natural disasters, and we need to be ready to face them bravely when the need arises. Like every year, this year also we are witnessing large scale devastation and damage to infrastructure during the monsoon in which many lives have been lost. Given this, the first-ever state-level training of community volunteers on disaster response was conducted, wherein 1200 volunteers participated. These volunteers were trained in basic medical aid and search and rescue operations as first responders to a disaster. The National Disaster Management Authority is implementing the 'Upscaling of Aapda Mitra' scheme and 11 districts of the state of Arunachal

Pradesh are selected wherein a total of 1100 volunteers will be trained on 12 days Disaster Response Course.

95. We are enhancing our level of preparedness for any disaster in the state. Five regional Response centres which are fully equipped are set up at Bomdila, Ziro, Pasighat, Tezu, and Khonsa with a team of State Disaster Response Force for a quick response to any disaster. They have assisted the local administration and the public in search and rescue operations in various districts.
96. For emergency response, we have installed and activated the Disaster helpline number (toll-free) “1070” at the state level and “1077” at the district level.

OUR CULTURE, OUR PRIDE:

97. The proud tribal communities of Arunachal Pradesh have been inhabiting this beautiful land for centuries. No other region in the world would have such culturally rich tribes co-existing peacefully as one. We are indeed one of the biggest repositories of diverse languages and cultures. Serious efforts are required to preserve, document and digitize this rich knowledge for the sake of future generations.
98. Considering this, our government has taken up multiple initiatives including construction of Tribal Culture centres and indigenous prayer centres in all districts, celebration of local festivals, honorarium to the registered indigenous priests and efforts to promote tribal language and scripts. Much of our traditional knowledge, history, social unity and value system is reflected in priestly chanting. I am happy to inform that we have registered over 3,000 indigenous priests.

99. We have taken up the project of documenting the cultural heritage of Adi, Nyishi, Wancho, Nocte and Tangsa tribes. We will further strengthen this initiative.
100. As an initiative to promote and preserve the local languages, the State Government has taken up printing books/ souvenirs on folktales and folklores in the indigenous language of different tribes of Arunachal Pradesh.
101. It is a matter of pride for us that Research Institute of World's Ancient Traditions, Cultures and Heritage - RIWATCH, situated in Roing, is emerging as a leading cultural research institute linking vibrant and living 'Cultures' with sustainable prosperity. It has been making remarkable contributions to promote study and research in culture, ethnic life, traditions, mother tongues and sustainability. Our government would continue to partner with such organizations for preservation and enrichment of our culture.
102. There is no doubt that our Community based Organisations (CBOs) are the harbinger of unity and peaceful co-existence. Their contributions in making the Arunachal Pradesh we see today need no emphasis. Let us continue to work in the same team spirit to take our State to newer heights.

NO ONE LEFT BEHIND: SOCIAL JUSTICE

103. Unique ID for persons with Disabilities (UDID) is implemented to create a National Database for PWDs and to issue a Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) to each person with a disability. Under this programme, out of 2907 applications targeted, 2422 applications have been received, out of which 2303 numbers of UDID cards have been generated so far.
104. Our government is constructing two new Juvenile homes at Yupia and Changlang and additionally, sanctioned the construction of 3 more Juvenile homes at Seppa, Hawaii and Aalo.

105. We have decided to bear the insurance premium of all registered building and construction workers under PM Jeevan Jyoti Yojana and PM Suraksha Bima Jyoti Yojana in the State. Under PM Jeevan Jyoti Yojana out of 77,165 eligible beneficiaries 29,531 have subscribed till date and we aim to cover the remaining beneficiaries by December 2023.
106. We have also launched CM Baal Sewa Scheme to support children orphaned due to Covid-19 under which five children were provided cash incentives to continue their education.
107. The Government has decided that an additional Rs 5,000 would be provided as fixed deposit over and above existing Rs 20,000 for the girl child born in Arunachal Pradesh in the golden jubilee year under the 'Dulari Kanya Scheme'.
108. Under the Poshan Abhiyan, a total of 6,812 smart phones were distributed to Anganwadi functionaries. Poshan Tracker dashboard and application training has been provided to 2,839 Anganwadi workers so far.
109. Under the PM Jan Dhan Yojana, 1,64,470 bank accounts of women have been opened. 5,014 women of SHGs have benefited with loans to the tune of Rs 106.01 Cr.

URBAN ARUNACHAL

110. The State is in working on the Master Plan for 13 Notified Urban centres on the GIS platform and has constituted the Local Planning Authority for all the notified Urban Centres of the State.
111. Our government is committed to take all the necessary steps to ensure cleanliness of our cities and towns. As such, we have released an amount of Rs 5 Cr for the procurement of sanitation vehicles and for hiring an additional

workforce for Itanagar Municipal Corporation (IMC) and Pasighat Municipal Council (PMC). We have been also providing Rs 22 Cr per year to other urban centres for management of sanitation activities.

112. We have operationalised the IMC 101 Sanitation mobile app to address sanitation and garbage management grievances. A dedicated control room has been established for redressal of grievances. Toll-free number has also been operationalised for receiving complaints and their redressal.

113. ICT-based payment system (QR code) has been initiated to promote digital payment and ease of business in availing the services that IMC provides (trading licence, birth and death certificate, marriage registration, garbage user free etc.)

114. The State has also given emphasis to technological interventions like launching of e-services by ULBs and providing direct citizen services through mobile apps. The State is determined to further improve delivery of e-services and involving PPP modes of Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of projects in Water Supply Infrastructure, Sanitation and Sewerage Networks.

115. Under PMAY (Urban), 3,014 houses out of the sanctioned 7,393 house have been completed till date and we aim to complete the rest by June 2023.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

116. Self-help groups are essential for women's empowerment and the rural economy. It is thus vital that we support their growth in our state. In this connection, Our government is currently supporting 500 SHGs with Rs 1 lakh each under Arun Shree Rinn Yojana which would be maintained as a fixed deposit in the accounts of SHGs and has provided 300 goods transport vehicles under Arunachal Grameen Express Yojana

117. To provide affordable housing to all, under the Prime Minister Awas Yojana (Gramin), State Government aims to achieve complete saturation of this scheme by September, 2023. So far, against a target of 40,355 number of houses 33, 765 houses have been sanctioned and 4,089 houses have been constructed.
118. Our State has emerged as one of the best performing States in building infrastructure. Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) 13,836 km have been sanctioned out of which 11,786.56 km has been completed and our objective is to achieve complete saturation by March 2023.
119. To strengthen Grassroot level Governance, Our Government has devolved 10% of the state's resources to Panchayati Raj Institutions under the SPICE (Sustainable, Participative, Inclusive, Comprehensive and Empowerment) model. The state govt has allocated an amount of Rs 123 crores from State Own Revenue (SoR) as financial devolution in the current Budget. These will enable the PRIs to take up the developmental project as per the local needs.

INSTITUTIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS

120. Transparency and speed are at the core of good governance. Over the past six years, our government has introduced a number of path-breaking measures, which have made the governance transparent. Through adoption of modern management and technological tools in governance, we are committed towards the mantra 'Minimum Government - Maximum Governance' to improve ease-of-living so that no citizen is left behind. Let me emphasize here that we have taken a zero-tolerance approach towards corruption.
121. We have amended the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Combined Competitive Examination (APPSCCE) Rules, 2019. The physical standards

and physical efficiency tests for both males and females in the Arunachal Pradesh Police Services Rules have been amended to ensure maximum participation and give more opportunities to the youth to join Police service. With this amendment, the long pending anomalies of physical standards for female candidates have been corrected. Further, considering the grievances of the state's civil service aspirants and decided to include regional topics in the upcoming exams. Furthermore, the result and selection criteria for viva-voce shall be aligned with UPSC guidelines.

122. I am proud to announce the efforts undertaken by our Government in reforming the recruitment process of Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board (APSSB). We have completed the recruitment process re-engineering it to a transparent merit-based model. Recently, APSSB got ISO 9001-2015 certification for fairness, transparency, promptness and merit in the recruitment which is historic.

123. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modiji, we are providing accessible and responsible governance; therefore, to deliver government services to the doorsteps of the citizens of the state, the Arunachal Pradesh government has organised 1051 Sarkar Aapke Dwar (SAD) camps across all the districts till date which benefitted around 12,33,765 people of the state in remote Arunachal. In addition, 26 Mega SAD camps were organised as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations benefitting more than 5000 people. We will continue to conduct such programs in the future for the convenience of the public.

124. We have entered into MoUs with multiple knowledge partners to increase its internal capacity and preparedness in all fields. The MoU with NESAC Shillong for use of space technology is one such step which will enable the State to explore the markets related to space technology. MoUs with NISG Hyderabad and IIM Shillong are aimed at increasing capacity for e-governance and citizen friendly service delivery and to build managerial and leadership capabilities in government employees. MoU with IIM Kolkata will help the State to develop its budding entrepreneurship and startup

ecosystem. MoU with NID Ahmedabad is aimed at boosting the traditional textiles sector.

125. Aligned to the vision of vibrant Arunachal Pradesh @ 2047, we recently launched the course planner at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie, to create a robust Arunachal Pradesh Civil Service (APCS), which is in sync with the best practices of the world and is equipped with top administrative skills to take the state to next level of growth and overall prosperity. “Guided by ‘Mission Karmayogi’ programme of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we are looking forward for synergy with LBSNAA to build capacity of government machinery at all levels, and promote good governance by having a professional and responsive civil servants in a caring, ethical and transparent administrative ecosystem,
126. We have established the ‘Satellite Center” of IIM Shillong at Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh, kickstarting a venture in capacity building of State Government officers, especially in management skills and necessary policy interventions.
127. Improving ‘Sustainable Development Goals’ or SDG score is synonymous with improvement in development. Therefore, the State Government has announced a SDG trophy to create healthy competition amongst the districts. We have also launched the District Good Governance Index to monitor the percent of the districts on various parameters of governance.
128. Arunachal Monitoring Portal is a satellite-based Monitoring system through which we can monitor progress of various projects and detect the mismatch of funds sanctioned. Arunachal Monitoring mobile application has also been launched in 2021 to make the process of monitoring of projects easy.

129. Under One Nation One Ration Card, Fair Price Shops in the State have been automated with ePoS (electronic point-of-sale) device, which enables NFSA beneficiaries from any State on board the national portability system to draw their entitlements from Arunachal Pradesh. At the same time, NFSA beneficiaries from the state of Arunachal Pradesh can now avail their entitlement from any FPS all over the country.
130. Prudent fiscal management is our hallmark. In the last six years, not even once did our state default in any of its commitments despite serious shortage of resources due to Covid-19 pandemic. We take pride in mentioning that Arunachal Pradesh has been able to maintain more than 30 % share of capital expenditure in total expenditure outlay, which is the best in the country.
131. It is a matter of pride for us that the state has almost reached Rs 30,000 crore GSDP mark, out of which Rs 10,000 crore was added to the GSDP only in the past five years. The annual budget size of the state has doubled from Rs 12,553 crore in 2015-16 to Rs 26,111 crore in 22-23.
132. To improve **administrative structure and Citizen-Centric Governance**, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh has delegated funds, functions and functionaries as per 12th Schedule of 74th Constitutional Amendment Act to Municipal Bodies. Provisions on taxes and charges have also been given to ULBs for their sustainability and independent governance. The State conducts periodic training and capacity building exercise for the ULB officials. It is also considering further administrative reforms like creation of Municipal Cadre of Services for Municipal bodies and having a single nodal department to look after issues of Urban Governance.

DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE & ITS APPLICATION IN GOVERNANCE:

133. Arunachal Pradesh has been a pioneer in adopting e-Governance modules. It is perhaps the only State in the country to have implemented 100 percent e-Office in Civil Secretariat since 01.04.2021. Since then, over 8,38,350 files moved electronically and 1,22,287 e-Receipts created in one year. 427 offices across Civil Secretariat, Directorates and District offices have been on boarded so far. All districts/directorates/Chief Engineers are scheduled to be on 100 percent e-Office from October 2022.
134. Apart from e-office, e-Assembly and e-Cabinet modules are also fully commissioned. Similarly, the e-Pragati module facilitates meticulous review by CM with DCs and line departments. Till date, we have conducted 17 meetings reviewed and fast tracked more than 200 projects and schemes.
135. The State Government is also closely Monitoring 13 Centrally Sponsored sector schemes to achieve 100% Saturation. We will also review our State Flagships to achieve 100% Saturation.
136. Based on the previous successes, State Government has decided to observe the year 2022-23 as Year of e-Governance. State will take up 22 e-governance projects to commemorate the year 2022. These projects covering Government-to-Government and Government-to-Citizen interfaces, once implemented, would bring in Total Quality Management in governance.
137. The State Remote Sensing Application Centre, Itanagar and the monitoring division of Finance, Planning and Investment Department together worked on the satellite-based Monitoring system. Using Satellite imagery, the state planning department monitor progress and send right report to the state government regularly. This portal helps to detect the mismatch of funds sanctioned for any project. Geo-tagging of projects is made mandatory.
138. To promote private investment in the State, we have taken many path-breaking steps to facilitate the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) including the passage of EoBD Act in March 2021. I say with pride that, we have emerged as one of the top performers in the investment pillar in the North-Eastern and Hilly States category with the score of 17.12 in NITI Aayog's India Innovation

Index-2021. The state has scored the highest on indicators like expenditure on science, technology and environment as the percentage of GSDP.

139. Out of total 184 State Wide Area Network (SWAN) sites, 165 government offices are successfully connected including, 18 DC offices; 19 Treasury offices; 14 General Hospitals and DMO offices; 16 SP Offices; and 10 Government Colleges. Video conferencing facilities are now available at 17 District HQs.

140. A total of 781 VSATs, out of 882 allotted VSATs have been commissioned successfully in Arunachal Pradesh.

141. Space Applications have immense utility in Arunachal Pradesh as majority of our area is remote, mountainous and difficult to access. Remote sensing can be used for effective planning of resources in such areas. Under guidance from Hon'ble Union Home Minister, we have signed MoU with NESAC for effective use of space technology applications. We have also developed a Three Year Action Plan 2021 – 24 with 38 projects to achieve this goal.

EMPLOYMENT & SKILL DEVELOPMENT :

142. You are aware that our government is giving utmost importance in promoting investment and start-ups in the State. We are determined to make Arunachal an investment hub in the long term. Therefore, we have established a state-of-art Arunachal Pradesh Innovation and Investment Park (APIIP) which is spearheading investment promotion and startup activities in the State.

143. My dear citizens, it gives me great pride to state that, our State Arunachal Pradesh has been adjudged as 'Leaders' in its maiden participation in the latest 'States' Start-up Ranking 2021' exercise conducted by Government of India's Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). The 'Leaders' category is right next to the 'Top Performer / Best Performer' category, which is an extraordinary achievement for a State which had begun its Start-up journey only a year back.
144. To boost the start-up ecosystem of the State, my government has developed our own start-up policy and have brought in IIM Calcutta Innovation Park as knowledge partner. We have incubated 31 start-ups through APIIP and raised about Rs 1 Cr funding for start-ups from various sources. I urge all the young entrepreneurs of the State to take advantage of this facility and participate in the Arunachal Pradesh Entrepreneurship Development Challenge Phase 2 which is being launched today.
145. 'Deen Dayal Upadhyay Swavalamban Yojana' has emerged as a popular flagship scheme for the State with 526 beneficiaries till date reaping the benefits of credit linked front-end subsidy provided by the Government to kickstart their entrepreneurial journey. The State Government has released subsidy amounting to Rupees 75 Crore to the beneficiaries involving total investment of Rupees 186.94 Crore. The scheme has been able to promote entrepreneurship and encouraged number of unemployed youths to come forward and take up their own ventures.
146. I believe skill development is essential for people's employability and earning potential. In this regard, Industrial training institutes are providing much-needed training.
147. The Chief Minister Yuva Kaushal Yojana (CMYKY) and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) are being implemented to impart job-specific skills to the youth. Under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), 15,809 persons have been trained and 10,561 provided placement in 18

sectors. Under the Chief Minister Yuva Kaushal Yojana (CMYKY), a total of 300 persons have been trained; 228 persons have been placed, 175 persons are undergoing training and a further 164 persons are working in different sectors like aviation, tourism and hospitality with starting package up to Rs 45,000 per month.

148. Four new Industrial Training Institutes are established at Sagalee, Manipolying (Ziro), Pangin, and Kanubari. While ITIs at Sagalee, which is for women only, and Manipolying have begun training, the other two ITIs will be functional shortly.

YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

149. We are extremely proud of the youth of the State and their sporting abilities. The recent achievements of the State athletes have encouraged our government to go extra miles. Since 2016, our players have bagged 314 gold, 212 silver and 277 bronze medals in various recognized international, national and zonal games.
150. Our government will provide the required support for the productive engagement of youthful energy and building healthy citizens. For this, we are building necessary infrastructure like indoor and outdoor stadiums. The Golden Jubilee Stadium Yupia is one such asset that is dedicated to enabling and nurturing the sportspersons in the State.
151. Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy which is the lone sports academy in the State has produced world-class players and our youths have brought national as well as international laurels. Another Sports Academy is being made functional in Eastern Arunachal.
152. This year we have approved construction of stadium in Tirap district. The works of stadiums at Aalo, Tezu and Chimpu is being reviewed regularly for early completion.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

153. Before concluding, I would like to share that our Government will take up all tough reforms which are necessary for a Vibrant Arunachal. We will not hesitate to take on legacy problems and strive sincerely to reach a solution for a better Arunachal. Our Vision for Arunachal @2047, when we will celebrate 100 years of our Independence and 75 years of naming of Arunachal Pradesh, is to achieve highest standards in the Six pillars- 1. Governance Reforms & Prudent Fiscal Management, 2. Healthy Arunachal, 3. Future ready Human Capital, 4. Atmanirbhar Arunachal, 5. Synergy and Convergence and 6. Climate resilient environment. These six pillars are built on a singular goal of **Happy Arunachal**. I call upon all of you to work towards this VISION and leave behind a Better Arunachal for our children.
154. The long pending vexed issue of Assam-Arunachal Border dispute is also in the right path of arriving at an amicable solution. Both Assam and Arunachal Pradesh are working and approaching the issue with open minds and clear intentions. We are hopeful that this issue will be resolved sooner than later. I would like to express gratefulness to Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Union Home Minister for guiding both Assam and Arunachal Pradesh in this honest endeavour. The Namsai Declaration is the decisive step in this direction.
155. Let us resolve and reiterate our duty to strive for a peaceful, vibrant and prosperous Arunachal Pradesh that takes all the members of the state into its fold. In this hour of gaiety, I thank all the achievers across different walks of life who have won plaudits. I would also extend my gratitude to the cultural troupes, schools, various departments, district administration, and all the individuals who have participated at different levels to celebrate our **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**.
156. As we have entered the Azadi ka Amrit Kaal period, it has become imperative that efforts within and across States for overall development of the

nation be scaled and speeded up, in keeping with the aspirations of the people. We are committed to walk the extra mile with Gati and Shakti towards attaining the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Vision of an Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

157. Arunachal Pradesh would charter its journey of achieving its Vision 2047 of a modern and prosperous State deeply rooted in indigenous traditions, bridging the development gaps in border areas, happy and prosperous farming rooted in tribal eco-friendly and organic traditions, contributing to our commitment on increasing non-fossil energy through hydropower, increasing the share of tourism in GDP with carbon neutral tourism and sustainable harnessing of rich natural resources.

158. Dear Citizens, today on the glorious occasion of completing 75 years of our Country's Independence, it is important to remind ourselves that we have a moral duty to strive for a better and brighter Arunachal. So, let us all rededicate ourselves to achieve this goal while safeguarding the sovereignty and integrity of our country at all cost.

159. I once again convey my best wishes to all the citizens on this happy and august occasion.

Jai Hind! Jai Arunachal !