

Address of the Governor of Nagaland to the 12th Nagaland Legislative Assembly during its 9th Session on 21st July, 2015

Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Members,

1. It gives me immense pleasure to once again address this August House for the second time this year. As I had mentioned in my first address to this House on 5th February, 2015, I now take this opportunity to address this August House about my Government's policies, achievements and visions in more detail during this Budget Session.

2. The past one year has been very eventful in many fields. As I had stated in my first address, the Hon'ble Members of this August House may belong to different political parties, having different political ideologies; yet together, they behold the trust of the people for running the affairs of the State. Good governance can be brought about only if all the Hon'ble Members, regardless of the party colours, can arrive at a consensus for the common good of the people. Today, I am very happy to say that we now have an inclusive Government that enjoys the trust and confidence of all the 60 members of the House, which presently does not have an Opposition Bench. This is the first time in the history of Nagaland Assembly, and perhaps also in the country that the Government has been joined by all members of the House on a common agenda of peace and development. I am hopeful that through this unique arrangement, all the Hon'ble Members will be in a better position to contribute their wisdom and talent to take the State forward on the road to peace and development. I am also happy that the Hon'ble Speaker had formed the Nagaland Legislators' Forum, as well as the Parliamentary Working Committee of the said Forum on the Naga Political Issue. I am confident that through the collective and harmonious efforts of all the MPs and MLAs of Nagaland, the Naga peace process will receive a renewed thrust and the importance it deserves. The first priority of my Government has always been to usher in peace and development in the State; and towards this end, my Government has been persistently requesting the Government of India to expedite the Naga peace process, so as to bring about early solution to the protracted Naga political problem. My Government will continue to make ceaseless efforts to facilitate the same.

3. On the law and order front, the over-all law and order situation has been by and large peaceful. The dispute over ownership of Dzukou and Kezoltsa between the Southern Angami and Mao people flared up recently, which is a matter of serious concern. But at the same time, it is heartening to see the church and apex tribal organisations at various levels promptly initiating reconciliation efforts, thereby aiding the law enforcing agencies in containing the highly volatile situation. Let good sense prevail, so that the situation can be resolved through peaceful dialogue as per the Naga customary practices. Further, on the basis of the tripartite agreement made between the State Government, the Chang Khulei Sethsang and the Yimchungru Tribal Council for amicable resolution of the land dispute between Chentang village and Yakor village, the State Government had recently appointed a three member team of mediators to work out a formula for the amicable resolution of the land dispute. The NSCN (K), which had been in ceasefire agreement with the Government of India since 2001, had unilaterally abrogated the Ceasefire in the month of March 2015. Post abrogation of ceasefire by NSCN (K), there has been sporadic attacks on security forces by the NSCN (K), resulting in the death of several security force personnels. This has brought about a very uneasy situation in the State. I appeal to both the NSCN (K) and the Government of India to keep the security and welfare of the people paramount, and try to re-build the ceasefire in right earnest. The unprecedented Dimapur incident of 5th March this year, in which a violent mob forcibly took out an under trial prisoner accused of rape from the Central Jail, Dimapur and lynched him to death was unfortunate. The State Government has appointed a two member Judicial Enquiry, headed by a retired High Court Judge to inquire into the incident. Further, the Central Bureau of Investigation has been requested to take over the investigation of the registered criminal cases connected with the incident. The High Powered Committee headed by a retired Supreme Court Judge, constituted in October, 2014, to look into the existing multiple taxations and to recommend the streamlining of taxation system in the State, had submitted its report in June, 2015. The State Government is examining the report through a Committee of senior officers, and appropriate action will be taken after due examination of the report.

4. Hon'ble Members, my Government is committed to provide good governance and uphold the rule of law in the State. Dimapur, being the

gateway to Nagaland, and the melting pot of the divergent social milieu of this great country, requires a well established law enforcing agency. To realise this objective, the Police Commissionerate at Dimapur was inaugurated on 15th April, 2015. It is expected that this will result in better policing in the cosmopolitan city of Dimapur.

5. With Shri Narendra Modi, a dynamic and visionary leader at the helm of affairs of the nation, I am hopeful that the country will take big and meaningful strides on the road to development. Under NITI Aayog, which is an experiment in Cooperative Federalism for the first time in India, my Government expects a fair and transparent dispensation, which would address the needs and aspirations of the State and its people.

6. Hon'ble Speaker, let me also take the opportunity to briefly highlight some of the programmes and achievements of my Government in various sectors.

7. The Women Resource department has established Women Resource Centres in Mokokchung, Chazouba, Peren, Wokha and Zunheboto, where women can carry out various economic activities to make them self-reliant. Appropriate Rural Technology Park, within the Directorate premises at Meriema is coming up. This project aims at developing low cost, women-friendly and easy-to-duplicate livelihood activities. Further, livelihood enhancement through Development of Natural Resources Programme and Training-cum-Production Centre, Promotion of Women in Innovative Enterprises Program etc are being actively implemented.

8. Under School Education, to meet the shortfall of teachers in primary schools, 200 new primary teachers are being appointed in the districts of Mon, Tuensang and Kiphire. Non availability of local candidates in Maths and Science subjects is also being taken care by appointing general candidates from outside. Despite fund constraints, free text books are being fully provided. Under SSA, Activity and Competency learning were implemented in 437 Primary Schools, and 690 more schools are planned to be covered to improve quality of learning. Uniforms are being provided to all elementary students in Government Schools. Mid Day Meal, Pre-Matric Scholarship, Saakshar Bharat and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan programmes are also being implemented for the improvement of education in the State.

9. The State Council of Educational Research & Training is engaged in review and development of the textbooks compatible with the RTE Act, and new textbooks for Class seven covering seven subject areas have been developed. During 2015-16, it is planned to set up District Institute of Education & Training (DIET) at Peren, Longleng and Kiphire, including eight new Block Institute of Teacher Education(BITE) spread over eight districts.

10. The Higher Education department has introduced M. Ed programme under State College of Teacher Education, Kohima from the academic year 2014-15. The Department has selected 7,140 meritorious students for award of state merit scholarship and 77 research scholars for state research scholarship for the academic year of 2014-2015. Under the centrally sponsored scheme of post matric scholarship to ST students, the Department will be awarding scholarships to around 4,000 ST students, involving a sum of Rs. 27.00 crores approximately. The Department is also implementing a new centrally sponsored scheme known as Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in all the 15 Govt. Colleges of the State. RUSA is a performance-based funding, which aims to provide greater autonomy to Colleges, with focus on infrastructure development and improvement in the quality of teaching and learning.

11. The Department of Technical Education has completed implementation of the first phase of Community College Scheme at Khelhoshe Polytechnic Atoizu, Government Polytechnic, Kohima and at the Institute of Communication and Information Technology, Mokokchung. Under this scheme, school dropouts are being trained in various trades like, basic computer fundamentals, beautician course, electrical house wiring etc. North East Quality Improvement Programme (NEQIP) was also implemented at Khelhoshe Polytechnic, Atoizu and at Institute of Communication and Information Technology, Mokokchung during 2014-15. Under the scheme 'Co-ordinated Action for Skill Development', 6 new Polytechnic Institutes will be set up in the State.

12. The Department of Science & Technology has recently established Nagaland Science & Technology Council (NASTEC) at Kohima, Nagaland Science Centre at Dimapur and Sanitary Napkin Production Unit at Kohima. Recently, a 3D theatre has been set up at the Nagaland Science Centre, Dimapur. An Innovation Hub, along with a Planetarium is under construction

with the support of NCSM, Kolkata. Recently, a Micro Hydel Project at Nguiki river was commissioned. Under NASTEC, State Remote Sensing Application Centre, Biotechnology Hub, Patent Information Centre have been made functional, while the 'State Referral Laboratory for Water Quality Testing and Monitoring' is in good progress.

13. The Information Technology & Communications department conducted the first ever " e-Naga Summit" on 27th May, 2015 at Kohima, with the objective to build the foundation required to identify the existing gaps, incubate ideas and devise solutions with specific needs for the State. The Department is also planning to set up Software Technology Park of India (STPI) at Kohima and Dimapur with support from the Ministry of Communications & IT. Our State is currently at No.2 in the country in e-Transactions under the State Portal & State Services Delivery Gateway (SP&SSDG). 21 Common Service Centres (CSC) are enabled with Financial Inclusion, and 41 more CSCs shall be enabled with Financial Inclusion very shortly. More than 2000 citizens have already opened Bank Accounts through this facility.

14. The Health & Family Welfare department is committed to its vision of Health for All. Mission Indradhanush was launched on 7th April 2015 for achieving complete immunization of all children of 0-2 years of age. Six districts of Dimapur, Kiphire, Kohima, Mon, Tuensang and Wokha have been identified as "High Focus Districts". The National Rural Health Mission has filled in the critical gaps in Health Units all over the State, contributing 732 manpower of various grades. The Nagaland Health Project (NHP) being implemented all over the State, aims at empowering communities to oversee and improve the health and nutrition services and their utilization.

15. The ICDS, which is being implemented by the Social Welfare department covers 3.66 lakhs children aged 0-6 years, and 58,000 pregnant and lactating mothers through 3455 Anganwadi Centres. **Indira Gandhi Matriva Sahyog Yojana** being implemented by the Department aims at improving the health and nutritional status of pregnant, lactating women and infant.

16. The Food & Civil Supplies department currently operates 77 Public Distribution Centres, and 287 Fair Price Shops in Nagaland. Besides, 1405 rural villages had been declared as Fair Price Shops for distribution of food

grains to the targeted beneficiaries under the APL, BPL, AAY and Annapurna schemes. The State Government had also decided to implement the National Food Security Act, 2013 under certain conditions, and towards this end, the digitisation of identified beneficiaries is nearing completion.

17. In Nagaland, the people mostly depend on agricultural activities for their livelihood. Shifting cultivation, or jhum is the major farming practice, which accounts for about 73% of the net cropped area, while irrigated area accounts for about 27% only. The State Agriculture has achieved 4.16% growth rate during 2013-14 to 2014-15. The State has been awarded with the prestigious **Krishi Karman Commendation Award 2013-14** for highest growth in food grain production amongst smaller state category in the country. Keeping in mind the Vision 2025 for achieving Food for All, the department provides quality seeds, bringing more area under cultivation, and encourage adoption of new farm technology. Organic Agriculture Farming is also being actively promoted so as to increase the market value of our farm products.

18. The Soil and Water Conservation Department has been endeavouring to develop, conserve and manage land and water resources of the State by promoting appropriate conservation technologies. During 2014-15, 680 hectares of land was developed for agricultural production. The Department plans to take-up a 'Self Sustainable Integrated Organic Farming' project of three years duration from 2015-16 onwards, involving 660 villages for the benefit of about 1000 jhumia families.

19. The Veterinary & Animal Husbandry department has established 16 Piggery Satellite Farms in Mokokchung, Wokha and Zunheboto districts to increase meat production under the National Mission on Protein Supplement which is a sub-component of the RKVY. 125 Rural Pig Breeding Units under Livestock & Poultry Development is in progress in all districts of the State with targeted animal meat production of 561 metric tonnes. The newly launched National Livestock Mission is being implemented in the State, involving livestock and poultry development in a holistic manner, with primary focus on germplasm improvement, modernisation of farms, skill development and technology transfer. During the current year, the Department also plans to undertake research on Pig Genome Study, using

Genomic Technology so that pig breeding for table purpose becomes more remunerative.

20. The Fishery Department aims to attain self sufficiency in fish production through efficient utilization of available resources, by laying emphasis on human resource development, diversifying fishery activities, and by applying more technological inputs. The Department has been implementing an innovative project “Conservation and Promotion of Aquatic species of stream fisheries and enhancement of fish production” in all the districts under National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB).

21. Sericulture department is implementing Catalytic Development Programme, a Flagship programme under the Central Silk Board. The department is also implementing Sericulture Development Programme funded under NEC in four districts. The establishment of State Sericulture Farmers Training Centre at Dimapur is also under progress.

22. Despite the State Government’s best efforts, industrial activity has not been very successful in the State for various reasons. In order to reverse this situation, the Industries Department has taken up various activities, such as proposal for setting up of Apparel & Garment Manufacturing Centre at 6th Mile, Dimapur, and the preparation of Diagnostic Study Report (DSR). The proposal for revival of Nagaland Pulp and Paper Corporation Ltd., Tuli, and development of Trade & Commerce between India and Myanmar are also being actively pursued.

23. The Geology & Mining department is undertaking economic feasibility studies on manufacture of coal briquettes for domestic use, techno-economic studies on the manufacture of coke-breeze from Konya coals, desulphurization of Nagaland coals for thermal power plant, technology for extraction of special iron alloy ‘Ni-hard’ from Pokphur Magnetite ore, manufacture of soil conditioner from coal waste of Nagaland for reclamation of degraded soil etc. Three Oil Zones have been awarded to two Oil Companies for undertaking oil exploration and development under Rules & Regulations framed and approved by this august House under Article 371-A of the Constitution. Other oil bearing zones will also be considered for allotment shortly. It is expected that the economic conditions of the people and the resources of the State Government will receive a great boost once the oil & gas development activities in the State go into full stream.

24. The Irrigation & Flood Control department, through the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), had developed irrigation potential of 8,835 hectares during 2014-15. 151 Minor Irrigation projects shall be completed during 2015-16. Three projects were completed under Flood Management Programme (FMP) during 2014-15. The 5th Minor Irrigation Census with 2013-14 as reference year was conducted and completed in 2014-15.

25. The Rural Development department is implementing several major developments programmes in rural areas through the participation of the Village Community. The Central flagship schemes, such as **MGNREGS, Indira Awaas Yojana** are greatly benefitting the rural population. The **Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission (NSRLM)** aims to reach out to the poorest of the poor households. It is being implemented in nine districts. On the 7th of this month, a landmark MoU was signed between the Govt. Of Nagaland and the Tata Trusts for implementing sustainable livelihood projects that would benefit 10,000 households in the selected 8 blocks in the districts of Phek, Kiphire & Tuensang, with an outlay of Rs. 130 crore. The project, if successful, will be taken up in other areas of the State in future.

26. The Department of Underdeveloped Areas (DUDA) was created to focus on accelerating the developmental process and to improve the quality of life of the people living in under developed areas of the State particularly Mon, Tuensang, Longleng and Kiphire Districts including six other underdeveloped areas such as Peren & Tening in Peren District, Bhandari in Wokha District, Meluri in Phek District and Aghunato & Satoi in Zunheboto District. Various activities have been taken up under the State Plan as well as the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) under the Ministry of Home Affairs. I am confident that through the activities of the Department, visible progress will be made in the underdeveloped areas.

27. Along with the rural areas, equal importance needs to be given to our urban towns and cities. The Department of Urban Development is implementing the 'Swatchh Bharat Mission', an initiative of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, through which construction of individual toilets, community toilets, solid waste management etc. in all the 3 Municipal and 16 Town Councils are taking place with active participation of Urban Local Bodies. In line with the Government of India's scheme of setting up of 100 Smart Cities in the country, the State Government is also sending a proposal to

the Ministry of Urban Affairs to establish one smart city in Nagaland, either in Dimapur or in Kohima. While the Urban Development Department will focus on almost all spheres of development activities like urban infrastructure, preparation of master plans, alleviation of urban poverty, etc., the Government has set up a separate Municipal Affairs Department with its own Administrative Head in order to give a boost to the activities of the 19 Municipal and Town Councils. The new Department will focus on all developmental activities within the municipal areas. I am sure this arrangement will benefit the people living in our urban towns and cities.

28. In a land locked State like Nagaland, roads provide the main means of transport and communication. My Government is aware that our roads are generally in poor condition due to non-availability of road maintenance funds with the Government. A number of centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented in the State and under NEC, there are 5 numbers of ongoing works covering a total length of 296 Kms. Under NLCPR there are 19 ongoing works covering at total length of 413 Kms. The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is also funding a total of 12 roads across the State under the ISC, CRF and E&I schemes. An important part of connectivity is rural roads and the Department is also implementing the PMGSY/Bharat Nirman scheme, and out of 56 roads sanctioned, 25 roads are completed, and the remaining 31 roads are in good progress. As part of National Highways development, the department has projected for the widening of the existing intermediate lane to 2-lane on NH - 61 for a length of 49.4 Kms, improvement of NH-36, NH-155 and newly declared National Highways.

29. In the Housing department, the State Government hopes to complete the State Guest House at R.K. Puram, New Delhi and staff quarters at Dwarka within the current financial year.

30. The Power department is actively pursuing the implementation of the 180 MW Dikhu Hydro Electric (HE) project on PPP mode, and presently, negotiation with the land owners of the area concerned is going on. The Comprehensive Transmission and Sub Transmission Scheme to be funded by the Government of India and the World Bank have been approved as a Central Sector Scheme, to be implemented by Power Grid Corporation of India, which will be handed over to the State Power Department after completion. The Power Department is also in the process of implementing two centrally

sponsored scheme, namely, Integrated Power Development Scheme and Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana, targeted at urban towns and rural villages respectively. I am confident that these two schemes will go a long way in providing better and more reliable power supply to both urban and rural dwellers of the State. Further, Green Village initiatives in several villages are afoot through energy efficient retrofitting, which if successfully implemented, will result in saving expenditure on power purchase.

31. The Department of New & Renewable Energy proposes to distribute solar devices across the State, and complete three on-going Hydro projects, at an estimated cost of Rs.762.54 Lakhs. The Department has already completed retro-fitting of existing luminaries with LED luminaries at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat to reduce energy consumption, and promote energy conservation. Renewable Energy devices were also installed at the Raj Bhavan.

32. The Public Health Engineering department has given water connection to 84 habitations during the last financial year and proposes to cover 90 more habitations during the current year. Roof top rain water harvesting, traditional wells, surface water harvesting & solar powered Water Treatment Units will be taken up in water stressed villages during 2015-16. The Department is also in the process of implementing Sewerage Treatment Scheme in Dimapur town, funded by the Ministry of Forests & Environment. The PHE Department, along with the Urban Development Department are implementing the Swachh Bharat Mission which will give focussed attention to improving sanitation in the State.

33. The Land Revenue Department is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Land Records Modernization Programme (NLRMP) to develop modern comprehensive and transparent land management system in the State. Six districts of Mon, Zunheboto, Tuensang, Wokha, Phek and Mokokchung are being covered in the first phase. This programme will also be extended to other districts in a phase manner.

34. The Economic & Statistics department plays a key role in the economic growth of the State, because proper plan for the development of the State can be done only with reliable statistics. On this premise, the Department has been endeavouring to bring out dependable statistics. As per the advanced

estimates for 2014-15, the Gross State Domestic Product of the State is estimated at Rs. 20, 099 crore at current prices. The State is estimated to have registered an annual growth rate of 6.8 per cent in 2014-15.

35. The Department of Labour & Employment & Craftsmen Training is being renamed as the Department of Labour & Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in line with the new national policy of skill development and entrepreneurship. Skill development and encouragement of entrepreneurship will be the thrust of the Department during the current and following years. The department is also implementing the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996. As mandated under the above Act, the department has constituted the Nagaland Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board. Till date, 4051 constructions workers are registered under the Board, and the registration drive is continuing in all the districts. We must encourage our unemployed Naga youth to take up construction works, not only to avail the benefits provided under construction workers' welfare fund, but also to do away with the State's dependence on construction workers from outside the State. Let me remind everyone here that the ever increasing presence of construction workers from outside the State has been causing many social tensions in the State.

36. During the last one year, the Fire & Emergency Services department had responded to more than 100 emergency calls, and had saved property worth about Rs.18.00 crore. A new Fire Station at Peren became operational from 18th April this year. A Regional Training Centre at Chiechama has been sanctioned by the Ministry of Home Affairs, and construction works will commence during the current year.

37. The Civil Defence and Home Guards is assisting and augmenting the State Police in the maintenance of law and order, in traffic management, and in guarding important installations. It is also playing a vital role in supporting the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority in Disaster Management activities and programmes. Training and public awareness on Disaster Management related subjects have also been actively taken up by the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority. The Department has also imparted training to the Village Guards to make them function as State Disaster Response Force at the village level.

38. The Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection department undertakes regulation activities to ensure correct weighments in all commercial transactions, so that consumers are not short changed by dealers. Special focus is also being made on protection of consumer rights through the setting up of Consumer Courts, both at the State level and district levels.

39. The Investigation Wing of the Vigilance Commission registered a total of 45 new corruption cases during the last one year. The Commission has secured conviction in 19 cases. There are also 75 cases of ongoing investigation. The Commission also recently conducted a Workshop at Kohima on Cyber Security, Cyber Crime and Investigation in collaboration with National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), Kohima.

40. The collection of biometrics for the purpose of National Population Register (NPR), has been underway in the State since mid 2011 under the supervision of the Directorate of Census Operations, Ministry of Home Affairs. The biometrics captured for the National Population Register will later be utilized for generating Aadhar number by the Unique Identity Authority of India (UIDAI). Till May 2015, biometrics of about 57.08 % of the eligible population in Nagaland has been captured, out of which around 8.5 lakh Aadhar numbers have been generated by the UIDAI. The Office of the Commissioner has assumed the responsibility for distributing the Aadhar Cards to the citizens through the respective Deputy Commissioners, and till date, around 6 lakh Aadhar cards have been dispatched to the districts.

41. In the field of sports, the Nagaland Team won the 55th Subroto Cup Football Tournament for Under – 14 Boys. Nagaland also bagged 3 (three) Gold, 5 (five) Silver and 15 (fifteen) Bronze medals during the 18th Junior National Sepaktakraw Championship held at Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

42. The Nagaland State Transport department was awarded the Union Transport Minister's Trophy for Lowest Accident Record under Hill Category for the year 2013-14 . With the objective of improving revenue collection, the Department is implementing the Intelligent Transport System for Strengthening Public Transport, which shall enable the Department to track and monitor the movement of each and every bus on the notified scheduled services, and thereby plug pilferage and leakages. The State Helicopter

Service is providing intra district public passenger service, including VIP sorties, emergency medical evacuations and bank remittance duties. Construction of helipads in all district and major sub-division Hqrs is another priority area of my Government. To effectively address road safety issues, the Nagaland Road Safety Authority had been constituted and the State Action Plan on Road Safety had been adopted for implementation. For the sixth consecutive year, the Motor Vehicles department under the Transport Commissioner exceeded the revenue target set by the Finance department.

43. Hon'ble Members, I have outlined some of the initiatives and achievements of my Government during the last one year, along with the programmes and visions for the future. I am confident that this August House will address the issues and challenges that confront the State and its people, and redress and resolve them effectively. I wish you all the best in your deliberations.

Thank you.

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