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## **MESSAGE**

On National Panchayati Day 2016, Hon'ble Governor appealed to all the people of Nagaland to bring transformative changes in the villages. He said that our progress depends on the development of our villages. Our Panchayat should have infrastructure development in every field. Special attention should be given in some issues such as education of children in the village and vaccination for children etc. Nation cannot develop unless the villages develop. Panchayat can play a big role in the development of a nation. The elected representatives ensure the administration in the grass-root level. Hon'ble Governor said that our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi urged Panchayat members to work with five-year vision with concrete development plans to bring about positive changes in their villages.

Under Article 371A of our Constitution gives us right to follow our customary laws and practices. In this 21<sup>st</sup> century, our women empowered with education and other skills are ready to take up the responsibility in every field. The Constitution of India has provided 1/3<sup>rd</sup> reservation for women in all Panchayat and local bodies and Hon'ble Governor appeals to all the Tribal intellectuals, Tribal Hohos and political leaders to give a serious thought that whether we should take up 1/3<sup>rd</sup> reservation for women in all Panchayat and local body elections as per the mandatory rule of the Constitution.

Women demand parity and equity which is in tune with the world trend.

While observing National Panchayati Day, Governor appealed to all the people of the State to work hard positively to work for a secured peaceful and prosperous golden Nagaland.

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