

**Address of the Governor of Nagaland during the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> Nagaland  
Legislative Assembly on 21st March, 2017**

**Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Members,**

1. I extend my warmest greetings to all the Hon'ble Members of this August House as we begin the legislative business in 2017. I take this opportunity to place before you the policies and programs, achievements and plans of my Government.
2. The year gone by has been eventful for the State in a number of ways. While on the one hand, we saw the State making progress on several developmental fronts, on the other hand, the State Government faced various problems in conducting elections to Urban Local Bodies in the State. The elections, notified on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2016, were opposed by several tribal bodies and groups, leading to violence and the elections being ultimately declared null and void on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017, keeping in view the overall situation and the sentiments of the people. The opposition to elections was on the ground that the 33 per cent reservation for women in Urban Local Bodies infringed Article 371-A of the Constitution. In the ensuing violence, two precious lives were lost in Dimapur on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017. Functioning of Government offices was disrupted due to bandhs during the agitation. My Government condoles the death of the two young men. A judicial inquiry is being ordered to inquire into the matter. My Government will hold consultations with all the stakeholders, the civil societies and the tribal bodies for arriving at consensual approach towards Urban Local Bodies elections and related matters at the right time.
3. The recent initiation of fencing on the Indo-Myanmar border along Pangsha in Noklak sub-division by Myanmar Government has caused deep concern in the State. Such a move on the part of the Myanmar Government has the potential to adversely affect the free movement regime, besides the traditional social and economic ties that exist between the people in these areas on both sides of the border. I am happy to say that through the collective efforts of the civil society organizations, the State Government and the Government of India, it has been possible to impress upon the Myanmar Government to stop the border fencing work. The State Government will continue to make efforts to ensure that no similar fencing works are carried out in the international border areas in Nagaland.
4. My Government supports the ongoing political dialogue between the Government of India and the NSCN (IM) and would continue to strive to work for a final solution to the more than six decades old Naga political issue in a peaceful, inclusive and honourable manner. The State Government has also recently constituted the 'Political Affairs Mission' to spearhead the Government's efforts in this area, replacing the erstwhile Political Affairs Committee of the State Government. I would once again appeal to NSCN (K) to resume ceasefire with the Government of India in the larger interest of the Nagas.

### **Administration and Justice**

5. Hon'ble Members, I am happy to inform you that the Civil Administrative Works Division (CAWD) has completed the construction of Deputy Commissioner's residence at Mon, office of Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) at Chen, General Administration Rest Houses at Shamator and New Peren, and staff quarters at Kohima and Mokokchung. The organization of Village Guards is going to be strengthened by creation of two posts of Assistant Commandants at Thonoknyu in Tuensang district and at Meluri in Phek district.
6. IT infrastructure has been created at Customary Courts in all the eleven Districts in the State. The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority conducted both National Lok Adalat and Lok Adalat across the State where 3,358 cases were taken up and 1,853 cases have been disposed of.

### **Planning and Development**

7. The State Government took a major step towards charting a clear road map for development by bringing out the Nagaland Vision 2030 last year. My Government would strive to align its various programs accordingly so that we accelerate the development activities in the State with focus on creating employment for the educated unemployed youth and ensure that the fruits of development percolate equitably to all parts of the State.
8. The State Government, under the Planning Department, continues to give emphasis on the implementation of various projects and schemes under Local Area Development Program. The major projects taken up during 2016-17 include community halls, approach roads, waiting sheds, public wells, fishery ponds, piggery farms, dairy farms, cultivation of crops etc. Sixty nine projects are ongoing under Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources funded by Ministry of DONER while one hundred and eight projects are being implemented with funding from the North Eastern Council in various sectors.
9. The Department of Under Developed Areas (DUDA) focuses on accelerating the developmental process and to improve the socio-economic development of the people living in under-developed areas of the State. The Under Developed Areas Program (UDAP) focuses on development of infrastructure such as road, health, education, agriculture & allied sector, community halls, rural water supply, rural housing, guest houses, culverts, drainage etc. The Department also implements the Border Area Development Program (BADP) covering the thirteen Indo-Myanmar border blocks.

### **Agriculture and allied sectors**

10. The Nagaland Vision 2030 emphasizes growth of the agriculture and allied sector. The State is deficit in rice production by 24% and our priority is to increase production and productivity with suitable technologies in farming systems and achieve food security. Our bountiful natural resources in the form of land, water and vegetation need sustainable interventions. Towards this end, the detailed Jhum

Land Survey of the State has been already completed and published and the State Water Policy is under active consideration of the Government. The Department of Land Resources has taken up spring-shed development in eleven springs as a pilot project of the watershed program with technical support input from Peoples' Science Institute, Dehradun targeting one village in each district during 2016-17. 300 hectares have been developed under rubber plantation and 13.40 lakh coffee seedlings have been distributed to farmers, with coffee plantation covering 670 hectares during 2016-17.

11. The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services is focusing on enhancing meat, milk and eggs production through peoples' participation. Major thrust is given on piggery development for pork production. For enhancing milk production in the State, over 35,000 number of breedable female cows are being covered with artificial insemination. Under RKVY, the Department is assisting farmers in taking up scientific backyard piggery, poultry and goaterly farming in collaboration with the Tata Trust. Mithun and local cattle rearing is being promoted in 153 villages under the National Bovine Breeding and Gokul Gram programs. Livestock fairs and mithun melas are being organized at various places in collaboration with NRC-M, ICAR.
12. The fisheries sector in Nagaland has witnessed notable growth from a subsistence traditional activity to a diversified economic activity. Enhancing local production to about 8,500 metric tons is envisaged during 2016-17. During 2016-17, the Department of Fisheries has established a Chocolate Mahseer Hatchery Unit at Suteplenden (Longkong) in Mokokchung District.
13. The Department of Sericulture is implementing Intensive Bivoltine Silk Development Project in Dimapur District covering 1,000 women beneficiaries under Mulberry cultivation. The establishment of Muga P3 Seed Multiplication Centre at Kobulong, Mokokchung and the State Sericulture Farmers' Training Centre at Dhansiripar, Dimapur is also under progress. Under the Beneficiaries' Empowerment Program (BEP), prospective farmers from 11 districts have been sent on exposure tour to Assam, West Bengal and Karnataka State during the current year.
14. In an era of Global Warming and Climate Change, the Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change is taking several steps to successfully face the multi-dimensional challenges not only in biodiversity and wildlife conservation, but also the climate change concerns. Under the National Afforestation Program, the Department has brought an area of 2,130 hectares under afforestation in 2016-17. The Forest Department works closely with the community for its various wildlife conservation programs. A major loan agreement under the Overseas Development Assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Government of Japan, has been signed by the Department which would significantly contribute to the sustainable forest and environmental management and livelihood improvement. Recently, it has been decided to create two Forest Divisions - one each for Kiphire and Longleng districts.

## **Education, Health, Social and Economic Services**

15. Education is a priority area for the Government. While the accessibility and availability of the schools has been addressed to a great extent by suitable interventions over the past many years, the emphasis now is on the quality of education. The Department, by putting stress on training of teachers, their redeployment in a more rational manner and by doing school rationalization exercise, is trying to address the quality issue. The training on SHAALA SIDDHI, a national programme for school standards and evaluation was conducted for all Head Teachers in respective Educational Block Resource Centres. It is also proposed to provide 2 KW solar lighting in all the 253 Government High Schools in the State.
16. The endeavor of Higher & Technical Education is to improve the quality of state's human resources. Kohima Science College, Jotsoma is the only Government College in Nagaland that offers degree and honors courses in all science disciplines. The College has introduced Post Graduate program in six disciplines, namely, Anthropology, Botany, Geology, Mathematics, Physics and Zoology. The Government plans to focus on investing in institutions of higher learning with a balanced regional spread so that students of all parts of the state are able to receive quality higher education. Greater focus on science education and commerce is also proposed. To make our graduates employable or entrepreneurs in line with the guidelines of MHRD, the Government is considering adding courses on skill knowledge in the degree courses.
17. In Higher and Technical Education we will also try for tie up and have MoUs with other Universities from other parts of the country and have exchange of teachers to strengthen faculties. Such initiative and step will not only sustain our endeavour towards better higher education but also reinforce emotional and national integration. A good beginning has been made by inviting the representatives of educational institutes like NITTE, Dr. M. S. Moodithaya, the Registrar; Health Science University, Dr. Ramananda Shetty, the Vice-Chancellor and Shri Vivek Alva, the Managing Trustee of Alva's Educational Foundation, Moodabidri as State Guests on my initiative.
18. The youth of the State performed well by participating in various games and sports events at the zonal and national levels in the country and bagging medals in all the events. The NSS volunteers from Nagaland participated at the Republic Day Parade Camp held in January 2017 at New Delhi. Two Senior Division Cadets from Nagaland formed part of the Indian NCC delegations (Youth Exchange Programme) which visited Kazhakistan and Sri Lanka respectively for a period of ten days.
19. Hon'ble Members, unemployment today, is one of the biggest challenges that the state faces. Youth by their very nature are restive and aspirational. Having invested long years in acquiring a college degree, they naturally yearn for avenues of gainful employment. Our education system, each year, churns out several youth equipped with degrees but without skills that guarantee jobs in the job market. This is an area

where our Government shall take corrective measures. Establishing institutions which encourage entrepreneurship, employment generation and skill development and in creating an eco-system, which nurtures private enterprise, will be one of the highest priorities of my Government. The Regional Employment Exchange, Kohima is being upgraded to Model Career Centre under National Career Service Project of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India. The Ministry of Labour and Employment has approved for establishment of one Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for persons with disability in Nagaland.

20. Health of the people is an important index of development. The Nagaland Medical College, Kohima is under construction with funding from Government of India. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Government of India, the Government of Nagaland and the World Bank for the Nagaland Health Project funded by World Bank under Externally Aided Project which would effectively supplement and complement existing programs under health sector.
21. The Department of Food & Civil Supplies has successfully launched the National Food Security Act, covering 14.06 lakh persons in the State as beneficiaries. The Department has also started implementing End to End Computerization with the use of Information and Communication Technology. The Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection Department conducted vigorous enforcement activities during the year 2016-17 such as the verification, stamping, and inspection of weights, measures, and weighing and measuring instruments used by traders and vendors.
22. The Department of Social Welfare is covering 3.5 lakh children in the age group of 0 to 6 years and 50,000 pregnant and lactating mothers through 3,455 Anganwadi Centres. 27,890 adolescent girls in the age group 11 to 18 years are being covered under Sabla scheme being implemented on experimental basis in the districts of Kohima, Mon and Tuensang. Under the National Social Assistance Program, old age pension is being provided to 51,750 persons in the age group 60 to 79 years @ Rs. 200 per month and to 5,650 persons above 80 years @ Rs. 500 per month. Further, financial assistance to 4,464 widows and to 1,276 disabled persons is being provided @ Rs. 300 per month.
23. Hon'ble Members, another focus area of my Government will be gender equality and women empowerment. While the principle of gender equity in the workplace is generally accepted, discriminatory practices persist in many places. It is important to create an open and friendly atmosphere with a holistic view involving all sections of the society to eliminate the gender biases, particularly those embedded in our traditions and culture. This, in turn, will assist in women empowerment. Ensuring the rightful and dignified status of mothers, sisters and daughters will provide a solid foundation to nurture the inner strength, creativity and self-esteem of women from all walks of life.
24. In the Cooperation sector, a crucial factor hindering the progress of Cooperative movement in our State is the huge presence of non-functioning Cooperatives. A step has been taken in this direction by cancelling the registration of 342 non-functioning cooperatives. Poor recovery of loans poses a hurdle for economic

progress. The Department of Cooperation has initiated steps for recovery of outstanding loans and is in the process of implementing Integrated Cooperative Development Project in the districts of Kohima, Tuensang, Kiphire, Longleng and Peren, for which preliminary activities have been initiated. My Government will also take steps for encouraging Agriculture Co-operative Societies for marketing of the agricultural produce and thereby eliminating the middlemen.

25. The Department of Land Records and Survey is implementing the Digital India Land Records Modernization Program taking up nine districts: Dimapur, Peren, Kohima, Wokha, Phek, Mokokchung, Tuensang, Mon and Zunheboto for which survey and field verification and construction of ground control points are in progress. This program will also be extended to other districts phase-wise.

### **Infrastructure Sector**

26. One of the key impediment which has hindered economic growth in the state is the absence of robust connectivity. This has a direct impact on inflow of private investments as well as movement of tourists. My Government hence pays a lot of stress on accelerating the construction of roads throughout the state. The total length of National Highways in Nagaland is 1,497 kilometers, out of which 1,201 kilometers is with the Nagaland Public Works Department, while the remaining 296 kilometers is with the Border Roads Organization. Under PMGSY, out of 56 roads sanctioned, 28 roads have been completed, while work is in good progress on the remaining 28 roads.
27. The State Government is fully committed to minimize motor accidents by implementation of road safety programs based on better engineering, enforcement, education and emergency services. Towards this end, a year long Road Safety Awareness Campaign was launched on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 for the State of Nagaland in collaboration with the Association of State Road Transport Undertaking (ASRTU) supported by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India.
28. Water is a serious issue in the present day context of global climate change. The Department of Public Health Engineering will provide drinking water supply to forty two not covered/partially covered habitations under the National Rural Drinking Water Program. Eighteen habitations having water quality problems will be provided with water treatment units to ensure safe drinking water under the same program. Under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Gramin) the target is for building 44,000 units of Individual Household Latrines and a target of 300 units each is fixed for Community Sanitary Complex (CSC) and Solid-Liquid Waste Management. The project for augmentation of water supply to Kohima Town under the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India is nearing completion. Water supply schemes for Wokha Town and New District Headquarter Peren, funded by the Ministry of DONER are in active progress.
29. In line with the State Industrial Policy, the Department of Industries & Commerce has formulated a package of incentives for promotion and setting up of industrial

units and revitalization of sick industrial units in the State. During 2016-17, the Department has set up a new project called 'Development of Bamboo, Cane and Wood Based Handicraft Clusters' where 200 artisans have been trained in six identified clusters of Pfutsero, Lungwa, Ghathashi, Longleng, Jalukie and Tuli under NERTPS, Ministry of Textiles. The Department has also constructed offices of District Industries Centre at Mon and Tuensang and Sub-DIC Office at Tuli. The Decorative and Dimensional Stone Plant at Wazeho has introduced gang saw for economic production of marble slabs at large scale.

30. In the power sector, the North East Region Power System Improvement Project funded by Government of India and World Bank and implemented by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited is aimed at meeting the long term transmission and sub-transmission requirements of the State. Under the Integrated Power Development Scheme, distribution deficiencies of urban towns are being addressed starting with Dimapur, Chumukedima and Kohima. 81 un-electrified villages have been electrified under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana. Our biggest challenge is how to bring down the huge revenue gap. Under the Re-structured Accelerated Power Development Reforms Program, commercial activities are being IT enabled and online billing and payment services have been launched in Dimapur and Chumukedima with Kohima ready to follow shortly.
31. In a world of ever growing energy needs and fast depleting resources, the Department of New & Renewable Energy has been pursuing development of alternative energy. Under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission, Government of India has sanctioned solar power plants capacity of 855 KWp, 5,880 number of solar street lights and 10 KW solar-wind hybrid at Kezocha under Kohima district. The State Level Energy Educational Park at Agri - Expo 4<sup>th</sup> Mile, Dimapur is completed and is expected to be commissioned shortly. Here, the working models of various renewable energy devices like solar power plant, solar heating systems, solar water pumps etc. will be displayed to create awareness among the public. The Government also intends to reinvigorate hydropower projects, which are important for the economic development of the state.
32. The efforts of Department of Information Technology & Communication in promoting IT sector in the State bore fruit when the State received the Computer Society of India Nihilent e-Governance Award for the best performing State in the North East Region for IT and e-Governance initiatives on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. The Department added another feather in its cap soon after by setting up the largest Business Processing Outsourcing (BPO) Centre in North East Region at Kohima on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.
33. I am happy to state that the State Government has decided to implement Revision of Pay for State Government employees following implementation of recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission by the Central Government. While this will bring much needed relief to the State Government employees, the additional financial burden should draw our attention on the need to raising revenue and economizing on Government expenditure to the extent

possible. Transparency, efficiency, and accountability, with promotion of cashless transactions and direct benefit transfers, will also help us in achieving these objectives.

34. Shri Modiji, our Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, said recently and I quote: "I am seeing a new India, the India of the dreams of the youth. A new India that fulfils the aspirations of our women. A new India that is about opportunities for the poor... The poor are saying, I want to progress and I seek the opportunity from you". Unquote. Let us work together to realize this vision of new India and the dreams of all its stakeholders.
35. Hon'ble Members, I have outlined the various initiatives and achievements of my Government during the last one year. Much has been done for the upliftment of the state and the people; however much more remains to be done. I am confident that this August House through its sincere and intense deliberations will address the pressing issues and problems that are challenging the State and its people, and evolve the right policies to redress and resolve them. I wish you all the best in your deliberations.

**Thank you**

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