

SPEECH ON THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT PEREN ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2014 AT 1000 HRS.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri T.R.Zeliang,
- Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Shri Toshi Aier,
- Commissioner, Nagaland, Shri C.J.Ponraj,
- Distinguished Guests, Invitees

Ladies & Gentlemen,

1. I am happy to be amongst you this morning to inaugurate the new Deputy Commissioner's Office. At the outset, I congratulate the State Government for constructing a new Deputy Commissioner's Office for Peren District. With the shifting of DC's office to new area and building, I hope the residents of Peren will have all the amenities in their area. This day is very significant and remarkable for Peren people and I hope the new Peren District Headquarter would be beneficial for the people. I compliment the people of Peren and wish them a grand success in their future operations from this new building.

2. Peren is the eleventh and newest district of Nagaland and has been formed by the partition of Kohima district in 2004 is bounded by 2 (two) States and 2 (two) Districts. On the East and South it shares Nagaland's Inter-State boundary with Manipur; on the west also it shares Nagaland's Inter-State boundary with Assam; and on the North and North-East it is bounded by two Districts of Nagaland – Dimapur and Kohima,.

3. There is no landless among the inhabitants of the District, as each possess land, either his own, or inherited from his family, clan or village.

4. I am told that Peren District has immense mineral wealth though unexplored as yet. It has a very rich flora and fauna. It is rich in natural vegetation. It enjoys the distinction of being one of the few places in Nagaland where virgin forests are still found. I appeal to the people of Peren District to make your beautiful land self-reliant by producing different kinds of crops. The Government need to turn its sincere attention to the vast fertile plains of the district and should adopt a land used policy to safeguard the enormous wealth of the hill.

5. Peren District takes pride in having one Mini Hydro Project at Duilumreu, Poilwa. Both the First as well as the Second phase has been commissioned.

6. Infrastructure development is important and necessary for industrial take off and economic growth of any region. Therefore, I appeal the State Government to place stress on development of physical infrastructure in the District.

7. Education is the backbone of the society. I am very happy to learn that this district has a Sainik School which is bringing public school education within the reach of the common man. This district has 125 Government Schools and 35 Private Schools.

8. The rich cultural heritage of the Zeliangs including festivals and dances are attractive in the state.

9. This district headquarter should be a role model for other district headquarters of the State. We need development for this purpose and development will not be possible without the cooperation and support of the local populace.

10. I am sure that the new DC's Office Building will enthuse the staff of this office to outperform in the days to come.

My best wishes to the People of Peren District, Officers, Staff and the State Government.

Thank you, Jai Hind.