

**INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE FROM  
GOVERNOR OF NAGALAND & ARUNACHAL PRADESH,  
SHRI. P.B. ACHARYA**

Dear brothers, sisters and beloved children of Nagaland,

Namaskar.

My hearty Independence Day greetings to all of you. Let us salute our great nation, Bharat on her 71<sup>st</sup> Independence Day. This is a day of dedication and hallowed remembrance for us. On the auspicious day of 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947, we achieved our freedom after thousands of years of slavery because we were divided in cast, creed and language. We pay homage and tribute to those self-sacrificing and devoted leaders and patriots like Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Sarojini Naidu, Rajinder Prasad, Lala Lajpat Rai, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Subhash Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh, Swatantrya Veer Savarkar, Jai Prakash Narayan, Ram Manohar Lohia, Rani Lakshmi Bai in the National level and our own freedom fighters from North East like Gopinath Bordoloi, Paona Brajabashi, Tirot Sing Syiem, Rani Gaidinliu, Matmur Jamoh who struggled for freedom and many of them sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our country.

I convey my deep appreciation to the Armed Forces, the Paramilitary Forces, State Police and other organizations who are serving 24x7 to maintain the integrity of the State in challenging conditions and to ensure the security of our borders.

They gave their life for our today. Let us be united irrespective of our cast, creed and language

The Central Government has a vision of a transforming India. Our standing in the world is rising and every NRI is proud of his Motherland India. Since the time of Hon'ble Modiji taking over as Prime Minister, he has focussed on reforming and modernising India's infrastructure, industry, employment, financial inclusion, social security and improving national standards of health and sanitation through Programmes like Prime Minister's Jeevan Bima Yojana, Jeevan Sureksha Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, Beti Bachavo Beti Padhao, Make in India, Skill Development etc. The Central Government has launched Kisan Credit Cards, Crop

Insurance, Soil Health Card, etc. to empower our farmers. Let us be the agents to make these schemes reach the target group to transform our great Nation for better.

In Nagaland many initiatives for strengthening emotional integration have been started like medical camps, teachers exchange programme with special focus on our border areas.

Today's time demands that we take this opportunity to free the country from some chronic issues and challenges. Our mission is on track and we will be able to deliver good results to our citizens. We are positive that by 2019 all our goals will be met. The ambitious programme of our Prime Minister Shri Modiji "Swachh Bharat Mission" is an imperative transformation. It aims to the country clean by 2019 and also to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi. It is India's biggest ever cleanliness drive.

We need a corruption free India. Corruption has been a long-standing problem in India and it adversely affects the country's economy and society. Let our goal be fulfilled soon by making our Nation a corruption free India. Let us ruthlessly expose corrupt people and free India of the deadly disease.

We want to strengthen our infrastructure, clean drinking water system, good roads and better market for our agricultural organic products.

Our population consists of 65% youth. Our Universities and other Educational Institutions should add skill in the academic contents so that youth will be employable. Our youth coming out of Universities should be job givers and not job seekers. They are our assets and they will generate wealth using our abundant natural resources and achieve the dream of Golden Nagaland.

The strength of India is Unity in Diversity. India is a grand synthesis of cultures, religions and language flourishing together.

Peace is a pre-requisite for economic growth and social wellbeing of the citizens. The ongoing talks for permanent peace are yielding positive results. "The talks have become more purposeful, less ritualistic, more forthright and far more frequent." This shall bring peace

and happiness for all Nagas. Let us unite and march towards Golden Nagaland.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Modiji has urged all of us to take pledge to work for "New India" in the next five years and ensure that India is free of communalism, casteism and terrorism. Let the fruits of Independence reach equitably everywhere.

On this momentous occasion of the Independence Day, I once again share my happiness with all of you and convey my greetings and best wishes. This is a day of joy, glory, and pride for all Indians. Let us rededicates ourselves for a prosperous, strong and peaceful India i.e. SAMRIDH, SASHAKTA, SWACHH and SHANTIMAY BHARAT.

**"Kuknalim"**

**"Bharat Mata Ki Jai"**

**"Jai Hind"**