

## **My dear fellow citizens of Nagaland,**

On the occasion of the 68<sup>th</sup> Republic Day, I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to the people of Nagaland. As we join the entire nation in celebrating this momentous day, we remember with pride and gratitude the founding fathers of our nation, who brought freedom and bestowed upon us the Constitution guaranteeing equality, dignity, justice and liberty to each one of us. The towering ideals of the Constitution have guided the past generations, and they continue to guide us to our rightful place in the comity of nations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

2. With a young population, our country continues to grow faster than most other major economies of the world, including China. The Government of India has taken several initiatives for growth and development of the country, and for improving the standards of living of every citizen.

3. The State of Nagaland, as an equal partner in the national mission for progress and development, has brought out the **Nagaland Vision 2030**, which was released during the closing function of the Hornbill Festival on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2016. The Nagaland Vision 2030 emphasizes generation of employment for the youth by training them, skilling them and providing suitable placements for them. We have a large youth population and we are committed to make every effort so that our youth are gainfully employed and they are not swayed towards undesirable and anti-social activities.

The Vision 2030 also lays down a road map for enhancing every type of connectivity; road, rail, air and internet to the places in South East Asia so that our State becomes the gateway to the South East Asian countries. We also have a vision to open up and unlock the land locked areas along the Nagaland - Myanmar border for the overall benefit of our people. The Vision 2030 also envisages rapid development and growth of our agriculture and allied sectors so that we achieve self-sufficiency in production of food grains, meat and horticulture in the next five to ten years. Further, we would also make efforts to attain the capacities, which would allow us to start exporting our organic agricultural products in a big way for catering to the high end demands both in the national as well as international markets. Our state is endowed with significant mineral deposits in the form of oil, gas and coal among others. The Vision 2030 envisages to explore the mineral deposits and use them for generating resources and thereby strengthening the overall economy of our State. Friends, the Vision 2030 outlines in detail the path that would take the State forward and propel it in the league of the most developed States of the country and I am sure that with all round efforts we would be able to achieve this.

4. The State is making good progress on all fronts. The prevailing peaceful situation in the State has also contributed in facilitating such developments. It is essential that we continue our collective efforts in maintaining a peaceful environment in the State. We remain firm in our commitment to continue supporting the ongoing political dialogue for achieving final settlement which alone can bring permanent peace.

I once again call upon NSCN(K) to respect the wishes of the people and re-enter the cease fire agreement with Government of India.

### **Urban Local Bodies**

5. In the field of urban administration, the Department of Municipal Affairs has notified 13 new Town Councils, thereby bringing the total number of Municipal and Town Councils in the State to 32. Elections to Municipal and Town Councils have been notified after a gap of more than 12 years. The District Administration has made necessary arrangements for successful and smooth conduct of the elections to the Municipal and Town Councils under the direction and superintendence of the State Election Commission. However, the provision of 33% reservation for women in Municipal and Town Councils has been opposed by several tribal bodies and civil society organisations on the ground that it infringes Article 371A. It is important that we govern our towns with the modern concepts and principles of urban administration to successfully manage the ongoing rapid urbanization in the State. In fact the very concept of creating township in our state is to provide infrastructure and better management of our existing towns for which the Government has notified for conduction ULB elections to establish Municipal and Town Council in 32 towns. Therefore, I sincerely appeal to all sections of the people to cooperate with the ongoing election process which is not for any individual interest but for progress and development of our towns. Let us sink our differences and march forward for peace, progress and development.

## **Law and Order**

6. Friends, I am happy that the law and order situation in the State has remained peaceful by and large. The Administration and the Police have been making all efforts to reach out to the people, and ensure that the situation remains normal. I would like to appreciate the various tribal bodies and civil society organizations who have provided support and assistance to the law and order machinery of the State in keeping the situation peaceful. The visit of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam during the Hornbill Festival augurs well for peaceful and productive relations with our neighbouring State.

7. The Nagaland Police remain alert and committed to fighting crime, and in making all efforts for ensuring the safety and security of the people. The headquarter of 12 Bn (IR) was inaugurated at Longleng on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. Two full fledged Women Police Stations were established in Kohima on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 and in Dimapur on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

8. To improve the delivery of justice and for increasing its reach, 5 new posts of Junior Civil Judge, 5 new posts of Assistant Public Prosecutor and 3 posts of Chief Judicial Magistrate have recently been created by the Department of Justice and Law.

9. The capability for fire fighting in the State was augmented by the recent opening of a new fire station at Tuli. From January 2016 to December 2016, the fire services responded to 129 fire emergency calls, saving property worth Rs. 98 crore.

10. Friends, I have taken initiative to empower ex-servicemen through skill education like Nursing, Physiotherapy and Driving, etc. for promoting emotional integration, I have suggested a group of ex-servicemen to visit neighboring NE states ESM rallies and events and similarly invite ex-servicemen of other NE States to our State. In order to garner additional income and project talents of ex-servicemen, I have suggested to prepare district-wise cultural troupes of ex-servicemen in collaboration with NEZCC.

### **Human Resource Development**

11. My dear friends, our new focus in the area of human resource development is quality education and skill development. The School Education Department in the recent past has taken several initiatives to improve the delivery and quality of education. We have tried to address the imbalance in the deployment of teachers by carrying out redeployment, and by fresh appointments at certain places, particularly of Science and Maths teachers. The rationalization of Schools has been done by amalgamating schools with less enrolment to form Composite Schools at walk-able distances for children. Prompt and efficient delivery of benefits under many schemes through Direct Benefit Transfer system has been taken up. With my initiative and supported by the Indian National Fellowship (INFC), an NGO from Mumbai the Department of School Education, Government of Nagaland in collaboration with the Rotary Club Mumbai (North) worked out a project to start E-learning in 28 selected Government Higher Secondary Schools in Nagaland through **Wockhardt** Foundation, a multi-national Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Company which is the Prime Donor, providing the schools with equipment and assistance to strengthen education.

To improve delivery of Mid Day Meal scheme in remote areas with the involvement of the community and NGOs, MoUs have been signed by the Department with two voluntary organisations namely; the Eleutheros Christian Society (ECS) for Tuensang District and the Phom Community Development Society (PCDS) for Longleng District. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the Department has successfully operationalized six Residential Hostels at Dimapur, Mokokchung, Peren, Phek, Wokha and Zunheboto with an intake capacity of fifty children each from the underprivileged and disadvantaged groups. The Department has also successfully conducted Performance Indicator's training for teachers in all 46 Educational Block Resource Centres. The training was provided to all the Government Teachers covering all forty-six Educational Block Resource Centres.

12. The SCERT and the 8 District Institutes of Education & Training (DIETs) have trained 330 teachers under the 2 years in-service Diploma course in Elementary Education. Further, under the 30 days induction training for newly recruited teachers, a total of 554 trainees were trained. The Education Department has decided to declare the year 2017 as the “Year of Research” and accordingly, the SCERT, in addition to its ongoing programmes, would give special emphasis on the research aspect.

13. The Department of Higher & Technical Education is implementing the national policy on mandatory accreditation by establishing Institutional Quality Assurance Cell in all the Colleges, and setting up of College Quality Assessment Committee, which is a working group to visit Colleges to motivate and guide them for Assessment. The number of colleges so far accredited in the State stands at 17.

The UGC has approved for up gradation of Kohima Science College, Jotsoma to that of autonomous status. The newly established four Government Polytechnics located at Phek, Dimapur, Tuensang and Peren are likely to commence academic activities from next session. A new private university in the State, namely, St. Joseph University is likely to be inaugurated soon. Efforts are also under way to establish a College in Tseminyu area under Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis.

14. Friends, with a clear goal to strengthen National and Emotional Integration, Vice-Chancellors/Directors of 9 (nine) Universities from different parts of the Country were invited to attend the **Hornbill Festival 2016**. Shri Vivek Alva, Managing Trustee of Alva's Education Foundation, Moodabidri, Mangaluru attended as Chief Guest. I also encouraged visit of students of Universities and Colleges of different parts of the country to our State which will promote better understanding and development of a spirit of brotherhood.

15. Our Naga boys and girls continue to excel in the various sporting events that they participate from time to time. In the East Zone National Junior Athletic (Girls) Championship held at Guwahati in September 2016, our State won one Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze. In the 57<sup>th</sup> Subroto Cup Football Championship held at New Delhi in October 2016, our Girls Team was Runner-Up in the under 17 year category, and in the 62<sup>nd</sup> National School Games held at Telangana in October 2016, Nagaland won 3 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze in Taekwondo. Friends, the 100<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Late Dr.T Ao is in 2018, and we should all come together to celebrate this occasion.

## **Agriculture and Allied Sectors**

16. Friends, we need technically sound, economically viable, environmentally non-degrading and sustainable agriculture development in the State, using the natural resources - land, water and genetic endowment. During 2015-16, the total foodgrain production in the State was 6.77 lakh metric tons, with the productivity level of 2,096 kilograms per hectare. During 2016-17, the Department of Agriculture aims to achieve production of 7.11 lakh metric tons of foodgrain with productivity level of 2,138 kilograms per hectare. The daily weather conditions are being monitored across the State from 17 meteorological observatories located in different agro-climatic zones by the social and water conservation department.

17. The Department of Horticulture has taken several initiatives for development of horticulture. A project is being taken up with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Jharnapani for the organic production of Naga King Chilli for export. A Pilot project for empowerment of women through Mushroom Cultivation has also been taken up. Under the National e-Governance Plan in Agriculture (NeGPA), sensitization training has been completed and the online registration of horticultural farmers under NeGPA was formally launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016. The Department has introduced the concept of “**Vegetable Villages**” under the Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States Scheme. Under this, potential villages were identified and adopted as vegetable villages and provided with vegetable seeds. Significant progress has been made in different districts of our State and so far 650 Ha areas has been covered in all the 11 Districts with a production of 3380 MT. Reports have come in from Zhavame Village under Phek District that the total income from the sale of Off-season cabbage and potato has crossed more than Rs. 1.75 Crores.

In Longkhum Village of Mokokchung, the income from the sale of tomato and cabbage alone is reported to be Rs. 8.80 Lakhs for a single farmer. All these show the concept of vegetable villages has been one of the most successful interventions by the department and is transforming the lives of the farmers across the State.

18. The Department of Sericulture is implementing Integrated Sericulture Development Project funded by Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India in all the districts of the State, covering a total area of 800 acres under Mulberry, Eri and Muga sector. The establishment of State Sericulture Farmers Training Centre at Dhansiripar, Dimapur is under progress.

19. In our rural areas, animal husbandry is an important source for augmenting the income of the people. The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, under the National Livestock Mission, aims to cover a pig population of 5 lakhs for increasing body weight, piglet production and for improving the overall health status. The Government of India, acknowledging the uniqueness and importance of Mithun, is assisting the State in improving the breeding by establishing a 'Gokul Gram' for Mithuns at Rotomi, Zunheboto District under National Programme on Bovine Breeding.

20. In the fisheries sector, the fish production from both capture and culture sector presently stands at 8,220 metric tons. The Department of Fisheries envisages to pursue the vision of "Blue Revolution – Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries" under Central Sector Scheme by construction of new ponds, renovation of existing ponds and rejuvenation of urban and rural lakes for fish culture.

21. Our State is blessed with unique and rich biodiversity. Nagaland is part of the Indo Myanmar Biodiversity Hotspot. The Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is implementing the National Afforestation Programme with the active participation of Joint Forest Management Committees which has been recognised as a model of community empowerment and a success story. Under this flagship programme, an area of 61,848 hectares, covering 1,161 villages has been brought under afforestation so far. Our conservation effort for Amur Falcon has been acclaimed widely, and the State is now recognized as the Falcon Capital of the world. In collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India and International Researchers from Hungary, the Department has undertaken an exercise of satellite tagging 6 (six) Amur Falcons from the roosting sites of Intangki National Park, Niuland, Yaongyimchen and Pangti in November, 2016. The Department is also in the final stages of signing a loan agreement under the Overseas Development Assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which will be the first of its kind in the State. The project, which is to be implemented over a period of 10 years, shall aim to improve forest ecosystem and support rural income generation through rehabilitation of Jhum areas covering 79,096 hectares.

22. The Department of Land Resources has prepared a detailed five year plan in collaboration with the Coffee Board of India to develop 5,000 hectares. During 2016-17, 650 hectares have already been covered. The Department has also initiated 11 projects, one each in all the districts, for springshed development for sustainable supply of safe and potable drinking water.

## **Health, Social Welfare and other Services**

23. Friends, we all know that health is wealth. The Health & Family Welfare Department has expanded its reach by creating 109 new Sub Centres and upgrading 8 Sub Centres to Primary Health Centres. With my initiative, a team of 44 Doctors supported with 23 Paramedical technicians and staff from different parts of the country conducted free medical camps in 7 (seven) districts of Nagaland from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and free medicines were distributed. The camps were motivated by the Indian National Fellowship Centre (INFC) and supported by the Government of Nagaland. I am happy to announce that the externally aided Nagaland Health Project (NHP) funded by World Bank has been successfully negotiated between Government of India, the Government of Nagaland and the World Bank and the MoU has been entered on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. This project will compliment and supplement the activities and programs of the department. The Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) was officially launched on 18<sup>th</sup> of November, 2016 to provide quality antenatal care services to pregnant women. The Department has taken up major up-gradation of District Hospitals at Tuensang and Wokha, and construction of New PHC building at Seyochung under Kiphire District. Under AYUSH, the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda Science (CCRAS) and Nagaland University Lumani have signed an MOU on 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2016 for giving a boost to the research activities in the State.

24. Nagaland celebrated the UN-WTO World Tourism Day on 27<sup>th</sup> of September, 2016 at Kohima on the theme “Tourism for All - Promoting Universal Accessibility” with the announcement of the new Nagaland Tourism Logo. The first phase for Development of Tribal Circuit of Peren – Kohima -Wokha under Swadesh Darshan Scheme (2015-16) of the Ministry of Tourism is being implemented and the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase covering three districts of Mon, Tuensang and Mokokchung has also been sanctioned. The Department of Tourism has completed Tourist Reception Centre at Mangkolemba, Mokokchung under Integrated Tourist Destination. The 17<sup>th</sup> Edition of Annual Hornbill Festival, 2016 registered 1,12,604 tourists including 1,646 foreign tourists. The number of foreign tourists has shown a marked increase over the earlier years. The Department of Art & Culture organized the Artists’ Corner at the Hornbill Festival for display and sale of artworks. An International Hornbill Art Festival was held at the State Academy of Music and Dance, Kohima.

25. The Department of Women Resource Development has initiated a programme under the Transformative Livelihood Intervention Project titled ‘Curcumin Extraction Programme’ at Jalukie area, Peren district covering 150 hectares of farm land in which two turmeric seed farms have been established at Gaili and Razhaphema. The Department of Social Welfare communitized on pilot basis 11 villages under 3 ICDS Projects, namely, Sangsangnyu, Noksen and Noklak in Tuensang District covering 22 Anganwadi Centres in November, 2016 to enhance the reach and effectiveness of its various welfare programmes. Friends, the girl child need special attention and care, and I, through various social organizations and community leaders have coordinated sponsorship of 133 girl children under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme and an exclusive SBI Bank Account has been opened for this purpose.

26. The Department of Food and Civil Supplies is providing 5 kilograms of foodgrains per head for Rs. 3 per kilogram to the Priority Households under the National Food Security Act, 2013 and 35 kilogram per household under AAY at the rate of Rs. 3 per kilogram throughout the State successfully.

27. I am happy to announce that for the welfare of the journalists in the State, the Department of Information & Public Relations has notified the Nagaland Journalists' Welfare Scheme. Through this scheme, the State Government will provide ex-gratia relief to journalists and their families in case of death, permanent disability or major ailments.

28. The Government remains committed to the increased use of information technology in every sector for increasing convenience as well as improving the quality of delivery of the various services. The Department of Information Technology & Communication organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> e-Naga Summit with the theme 'Towards making the State of Nagaland the next IT Hub in South East Asia' at Kohima on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. The 1<sup>st</sup> National Information Infrastructure Project providing high speed wireless connectivity to all administrative headquarters and villages in Peren district was inaugurated on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. It is a matter of pride that Nagaland has been selected by the Computer Society of India Nihilent e-Governance Award Committee as the best performing State in the North Eastern Region for IT and e-Governance initiatives.

## **Development of Rural, Urban and Backward areas**

29. The Department of Rural Development has issued 4.25 lakh job cards till now under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme with earmarked outlay of Rs. 518.24 crores during 2016-17. Under Nagaland Rural Livelihoods Mission, 96 Village Level Organizations have been formed and 1,711 Self Help Groups promoted. The State Institute of Rural Development has conducted 45 training programs benefitting 2,458 persons during 2016-17.

30. The Department of Underdeveloped Areas (DUDA), in collaboration with the National Institute of Electronics & Information technology (NIELIT), has set-up Computer Centres in Tuensang, Mon, Longleng and Kiphire to empower 1,280 underprivileged youth and women through computer skill training.

31. The Department of Urban Development has taken up various activities in Kohima and Dimapur under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, individual and community toilets and solid waste management schemes have been taken up in the 19 urban centres in Nagaland. The Department of Municipal Affairs is implementing the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Housing for All by 2022' and projects for Kohima, Dimapur and Shamator have been approved in principle. I am happy to announce that Kohima city has been selected in the 3<sup>rd</sup> list of Smart Cities by Government of India on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

## **Infrastructure Sectors**

32. Friends, clean drinking water is essential for everyone. During 2016-17, under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), 42 not covered/ partially covered habitations are being provided with drinking water supply and 18 habitations having water quality problems are being provided with water treatment units. The Public Health Engineering Department is also implementing 4 major rural water supply schemes funded by DoNER in Chiephobozou Block in Kohima District, Japukong Range in Mokokchung District, Akuk village in Wokha District and in Mon village and four surrounding villages.

33. The Department of Irrigation & Flood Control aims to complete 159 ongoing Minor Irrigation schemes with an outlay of Rs. 109.38 crores under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana and has also taken up 270 new Minor Irrigation schemes with an anticipated outlay of Rs. 206.85 crores. The Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India has approved project implementation plan of Rs. 28 crores under National Hydrological Programme (NHP) to be implemented from 2016-17 to 2022-23.

34. The Department of New and Renewable Energy has set up solar wind hybrid projects of 10 kilowatt capacity at Pfutsero Community Health Centre and Zunheboto Government College.

35. The Department of Power will achieve hundred percent electrification of all the villages as per 2011 census, with the electrification of 81 un-electrified villages under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) nearing completion. The Department has successfully taken up Green Village Initiative by replacing the existing luminaries with Energy Efficient luminaries in 35 villages in different districts. In a major step towards providing more consumer friendly service, online payment of electricity bills and customer related services were launched in Dimapur in October 2016 and in Kohima and Chumukedima in December 2016.

36. In the Road sector, the work on 4 laning of Dimapur – Kohima stretch of National Highway 29 has started. The 2 lane road from New Field check post to Purana Bazar and 4 lane road from Purana Bazar to Patkai bridge has been sanctioned. 2 lane road from Kohima by pass checkpoint to Lerie, inside city road, has also been sanctioned. The Department has also brought out the revised Schedule of Rates.

37. The Department of Transport has launched the Helicopter Service by the new operator Global Vectra Helicorp on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2017.

38. The Nagaland Coal Policy and the Nagaland Coal Mining Rules are being enforced in the State by the Department of Geology & Mining. The Designated Coal Depot at Tuli was inaugurated on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

39. The Department of Science & Technology has recently completed an Innovation Hub and Astronomy & Space Exposition Hall infrastructure with the support of National Council for Science Museum, Kolkata.

## **Goods and Services Tax**

40. Implementation of the Goods and Services Tax is on the anvil. In a special session held on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, the Nagaland Legislative Assembly has ratified the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty Second Amendment) Bill, 2014, as passed by both the Houses of Parliament. The 122<sup>nd</sup> Constitutional Amendment will enable introduction of Goods & Services Tax (GST), which is expected to be beneficial to the State of Nagaland. Web based online e-services are already being provided to the taxpayers in the State by the Commissioner of Taxes, Dimapur, simplifying tax administration and compliance. Using these e-services, 12,010 dealers have been registered under various Acts and an amount of Rs. 406.59 crores has been collected through online e-payment. In gearing up for the most ambitious Tax reforms in India in the form of GST, the Department has been organizing various hand-holding exercises with the dealers and imparting training workshops for the officers and staff. The Department is also actively taking part in deliberations at the central level for smooth transition to the new regime.

41. My dear fellow citizens, the significant achievements made speak volumes of the enormous potential and capabilities that our people are gifted with. We can reach greater heights by rising above our differences, and unitedly working for bringing positive changes in every sphere of life. I am confident that we would keep challenging ourselves in our quest for making Nagaland a developed State in every respect.

**Wish you all a Happy, Peaceful, Prosperous New Year 2017**

**Thank You**

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