

## **STATEHOOD DAY MESSAGE OF SHRI P.B. ACHARYA, HON GOVERNOR OF NAGALAND**

**Dear Brothers, Sisters and Children,**

**Namaskar**

On the Momentous occasion of 52<sup>nd</sup> Statehood Day, I extend my heartfelt greetings and felicitations to the people of Nagaland. We are at the threshold of another milestone. First December is, indeed, a memorable day in the political history of Nagaland, for it was on this day in 1963 that Nagaland became the 16th State of the Indian Union. This Day marked the fulfilment of a cherished aspiration of the people and gave an added responsibility to them to shape their own destiny. Statehood gave to the people of Nagaland a distinct identity and individuality besides providing them ample opportunities to shape the destiny of their land. We celebrate Hornbill Festival to commemorate our Statehood and resolve to preserve our distinct culture and traditions.

All these years we proudly showcased our rich beautiful cultural life. Now it is time that we excel in professional service line like Medicine, Engineering, Law and Business. Our youths are already engaged in making Nagaland our State a progress and prosperous one. And it is needless to say that the State has made rapid strides in various fields during the past 51 years and has emerged a pioneer in the country.

Statehood day is a joyous occasion when all people of Nagaland can recall with pride, enthusiasm and satisfaction, the multifarious and significant achievements made by them during the past years. It is a day for introspection as to what we have achieved so far and evolve strategy to achieve our much desired status of a prosperous and advanced state for a secured tomorrow. We have to look back and take pride in the progress we have made as a State. This is the result of our collective effort.

Ours is a agricultural society. Our organic produce must have a proper market and our kissans should be a prosperous record.

Our backward areas like Mon, Tuensang, Kiphire and Longleng required a special attention for the equal development.

Let us make Nagaland a Swachh/clean Nagaland as well as work hard to enrol every needy person as Account holder of a Bank under Jan Dhan Yojana. The Central Insurance Project of Re.1/- per month as insurance has to reach the poor for his future financial security.

Let us strengthen the infrastructure of our Government Schools where out thousands of poor children get education.

On this day, I also remember our great leaders who were the architects of this State and those who strived hard to create a State that reflected the aspirations and the identity of the people of the State. We have to fulfil the dreams envisioned by our founding fathers by making an agenda for the future. It should be an agenda that helps the youth to constructively and positively contribute to the growth and development of this beautiful State.

The State has registered phenomenal progress in the field of health-care, education, social services, hospitality, tourism, culture, agriculture, horticulture, and IT sectors by virtue of which, the state could make a distinct mark in the national mainstream. The state's rapid strides in planned socio-economic development especially in the fields of infrastructure and development and tourism are commendable.

I wish peace and prosperity to the people of Nagaland and hope that the state would scale new heights in over all development and thus would contribute to the progress and prosperity of the nation. Today we have to strengthen unity and march on with a sole mission of peace and progress. Peace has been the most cherished goal for the State for all these years. We have to have peace in order to have growth and development.

Today, we mark not merely the end of a problem, but the beginning of a new era since the Government of India under the dynamic leadership of Shri Narendra Modiji, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has signed a historic framework agreement with the NSCN (IM) on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015 and this agreement is a shining example of what we can achieve when we deal with each other in a spirit of equality and respect, trust and confidence. On the auspicious occasion I appeal to all the factions to join the peace process for a graceful and permanent solution of the Naga problem.

Let us work together to make our Nagaland a great and prosperous state.

On this happy occasion of the Statehood Day, I once again extend my greetings to the people for their personal well-being, happiness, growth and progress.

**THANK YOU**

**KUKNALIM**

**BHARAT MATA KI JAI**