

**MESSAGE OF THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM AND NAGALAND,
PROF. JAGDISH MUKHI ON THE OCCASION OF REPUBLIC DAY.**

My dear Brothers and Sisters of Nagaland,

On the occasion of 73rd Republic Day, I extend my warm greetings to you all. This solemn day prompts us to recall with pride our nation builders and the architects of our Constitution who framed a unique Constitution birthing our identity as a sovereign democratic republic. Our nation has emerged stronger and more dynamic amidst the turbulence and challenges both internal and external, guided by the core principles of this remarkable document that ensures liberty, equality and justice to all its citizens.

Today, we pay homage to the countless heroes and martyrs whose sacrifices and sufferings led to the creation of this great Republic Nation. We express our gratitude to the members of the Armed Forces and Security Forces whose constant vigil and sacrifices keep our country secure and peaceful. We fondly remember those whose toils have made this Union great and glorious.

Nagaland as the sixteenth State of the Indian Union has made its indelible mark in the march towards growth and development of the country. Despite constraints and challenges, our State has achieved significant milestones making it an equal partner in the process of nation building. However, in order to realize optimum output we need to explore and tap in the potential of our resources both natural and human, enhancing productivity in all sectors. Surely, our people will reap the benefits and propel the State in the road to progress and prosperity of an Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has made quantum improvement in our capabilities to meet the challenges of COVID including its likely future waves with resolve and determination. We have made remarkable improvement in our health services and delivery systems. We have made significant accretions in hospital beds, medical oxygen, ventilators, essential medicines, and also improved our logistic capabilities. The concern that our children might be more vulnerable in the Third Wave which we all feared, vaccines for children under 18 is in progress now.

Our State is better prepared today to meet the COVID-19 challenges. With the technical and financial assistance from the Government of India, our State Government has made significant capacity building in the health sector to combat COVID pandemic.

In our journey of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, while we take pride in the glories of the past, we would do well to introspect on the core values enshrined in our Constitution. I am confident that if we all come together in unity defying all seeming barriers separating us, our State will be on the path to progress and development. Let us reiterate our commitment to peace to ensure a progressive and robust Nagaland.

Jai Hind.