

**Message of His excellency, the governor of Arunachal Pradesh
on the eve of 62nd Independence Day**

As we are going to celebrate the sixty-first anniversary of our Independence, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to my beloved Arunachalees.

I take this opportunity to pay our homage with reverence to the father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and all those freedom fighters who made the supreme sacrifice for the cause of the independence of our country.

Our State has retained the distinction of being the most peaceful State in the entire North-Eastern Region where people live in peace and harmony amidst its picturesque scenic beauty. But on the other hand, we cannot deny the fact that our State is surrounded by some insurgent elements who are posing a threat to the lives and properties of our innocent people and tend to impede development process by way of disturbing peace. So it is my earnest appeal to all people of our State to be more vigilant and cooperate with the administrative machinery to unitedly fight against such anti-social elements and get rid of any sense of insecurity, as the whole nation is with us.

On this historic occasion I appeal to each and every citizen of Arunachal Pradesh to work hard and harness the fruits of Independence by ensuring economic empowerment of the poorest of the poor. Our people should be focused towards the fact that minimum effort can earn much for them, specially in the activities of fruit production, orchids, flowers, organic farming, handloom and handicrafts, bamboo and rubber plantation, apiculture, eco-tourism etc, as our State is blessed with great variety of flora and fauna and other gifts of natural resources. We should put our shoulders behind the historical development programmes envisioned by the Government of India and the State and push hard towards progress and prosperity,

I extend my sincere felicitations and best wishes to one and all for a very Happy Independence Day.

General J J Singh,
PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd)