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MESSAGE

My dear brothers and sisters of Arunachal Pradesh,

On the sacred and joyous occasion of our 65th Independence Day, I convey my greetings and good wishes to the people of Arunachal Pradesh. I also commend the sincere and dedicated officers and men of the Central and the State Governments, our armed forces, our vigilant police personnel, committed NGOs, our enthusiastic youth, hard-working farmers, teachers, doctors and the business communities for their sterling contribution towards the progress and development of the State. I pay homage to our great leaders, patriots and freedom fighters who made greatest personal sacrifices to gift their future generations, an independent nation.

We had to deal with some extremely challenging situations this year. We had two helicopter accidents within a short span, including one in which we lost our beloved ex-Chief Minister Late Sh. Dorjee Khandu. This was an irreparable loss to the State and today we must remember him and his contribution and efforts towards our vision of a self-reliant Arunachal Pradesh.

However, there are some silver linings in the form of our sportsperson winning medals at National and International Levels and in particular, the feat of our two young lady mountaineers in climbing Mount Everest would be remembered by all for years to come. The youth is our pride and our hope and we must ensure that we take all possible steps to harness their full potential.

I am confident that the new State Government under the able leadership of the Chief Minister, his cabinet and all elected leaders will work with transparency, efficiency and honesty for timely realization of the development agenda. The Govt. has been given the mandate of transforming the aspirations of the people into reality, and in doing this, it will leave no stone unturned.

Ours is a young State, and we, as its residents, too have a dream. A dream of realizing a State built on the foundations of an equal and just society, promoting liberty of thought and fraternity and brotherhood amongst the citizens. Today is the time to remind ourselves that we are a part of the phase in the development history of Arunachal Pradesh which will be remembered by all generations to come. Let us therefore renew our commitment to use our united strength, determination and sense of unity and purpose to greet the great future that beckons our State.

Let us reaffirm our commitment to ensure that the fruits of development reach every corner of the State and every section of the society. Let us rise above differences and challenges to be an active participant in the process of harmonization and development, while according due respect to each others' sensitivities, concerns and beliefs. Let us pledge to make collective efforts to realize our vision of a strong Arunachal Pradesh and a strong India. Let us continue to demonstrate our indomitable Arunachali spirit, immense moral courage and fortitude in standing resolute against all odds and work tirelessly for all that is dear to us.

Jai Arunachal. Jai Hind.

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