

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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Governor addresses first session of the 7th Legislative Assembly of the State

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) addressed the first session of the seventh Legislative Assembly of the State at the State Legislative Assembly, Itanagar on 4th June 2019. At the outset, the Governor welcomed and congratulated the members of the Assembly for entering upon the duty of representing their constituency and people while bearing true faith and allegiance to 'The Constitution of India' and upholding the sovereignty and integrity of our Nation.

The Governor extended the good wishes of the people of Arunachal Pradesh to Shri Narendra Modi on being re-elected as the Prime Minister of India and to all the elected Members of Parliament of 17th Lok Sabha.

The Governor congratulated and complemented each and every citizen of the State for her and his participation and cooperation in these elections – the great festival of democracy. He also complemented the government officials who have diligently, without fear or favour, affection or ill will carried out the enormous task of conducting these simultaneous elections in our State.

The Governor said that the priority of the Government in the coming time will be to make Arunachal Pradesh the happiest and the most prosperous State of India. The guiding philosophy of the Government - 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' will be extended to 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas' in both letter and spirit. The priority of the Government will be to enrich and empower the life of the last person standing in the queue. He said that the Government will put its focus on the sectors of Health, Education, Water, Electricity, Connectivity, Infrastructure and Security so that each and every individual of Arunachal Pradesh is able to unlock his potential and is provided with ample opportunities.

Underscoring the priority of the Government, the Governor said that the Digital Arunachal Mission shall be continued with increased vigour as Information Technology is our most potent and effective tool for increasing citizen access, optimum resource utilisation and efficient program implementation.

The Governor said that the achievements of the previous Government have created a solid foundation for the new Government to build upon. The achievements of the preceding tenure, are stepping stones to our vision for our future. The Government was moved out of the confines of offices and was made to reach out to all our citizens under 'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' program. These camps generated overwhelming response in all the districts of our State and lakhs of people benefitted out of it. The program truly took the Government to the doorstep of people and empowered and enriched the life of our people living in the remotest corners of our vast State. In this tenure of the Government, the popular program of 'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' shall be further strengthened and its coverage and reach shall be increased further, he said.

The Governor said that Arunachal Pradesh with its unique location, can become the connecting link between India and BBIN & ASEAN. Connectivity is the key to realising this objective. We will connect our entire State via highway, airway, railway, waterway, and i-way. My Government will build infrastructure with a focus on last mile connectivity. The Greenfield Airport at Hollongi shall be made operational by 2022, which marks 75 years of Independence and will be dedicated to our people by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, he said while stating that railway network in the State will be expanded and inland waterways on navigable river systems will be developed to boost tourism and industry.

The Governor said that the Government aims to completely overhaul the existing education system to provide quality and modern education in the State of Arunachal Pradesh by creating modern schooling infrastructure, equipped with latest teaching equipments and smart classes in a phased manner and by strengthening the pre-elementary and primary education systems, by instituting a robust performance audit and gather real-time information on primary and secondary education. My Government will strive to provide quality health facilities to every citizen of Arunachal Pradesh, he added.

The Governor said that the Government shall strive to bring in Private Investment to Arunachal Pradesh. A flourishing private sector with a diversified portfolio of industries is the key to job creation, resource generation and sustained prosperity. An all out war against corruption has been launched., he said.

The Governor said that the Government has adopted a policy of zero tolerance towards corruption by any public servant, irrespective of rank and status. Recruitment across Government departments is being made absolutely transparent, free from any kind of manipulation and solely based on merit. Staff Selection Board has been set up for conducting recruitment for all regular and contractual Group 'C' & 'MTS' posts.

Strongly condemning the brutal act of violence in which Late Tirong Aboh lost his life, the Governor said that the case is being investigated by the National Investigation Agency to bring the perpetrators to justice in a swift manner. He said that Law & Order and Security remains the top priority of the Government. Modernisation of Police Force, an efficient and robust intelligence system, prompt investigation and swift prosecution are the pillars of effective Law & Order Administration, he said.

The Governor said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his recent speech talked of two castes, one "the poor" and the other "working towards eliminating the poverty". He expressed his wish that the Government and the MLAs muster all their energy and resources to develop our State and eliminate poverty from Arunachal Pradesh. The slogan of 'NARA'-"National Ambition and Regional Aspiration" will be strengthened throughout the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor sincerely called upon the members in the State Assembly to become a shining reflection of it. In this August House, let us have greater deliberations and intense discussion on all Government policies and Legislations with a view to streamline our State plans and actions, he said.

On behalf of the State Government, the Governor expressed gratitude to all the Ministries of Government of India which have been pro-actively supporting the State in developmental projects and welfare measures in various sectors of the economy. He said that the Union Government during the past years, allocated sufficient resources and also constantly guided us on the progress of the projects. He expressed his hope and confidence that the vibrant 'Act East Policy' of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi shall make Arunachal Pradesh, an engine of growth for the entire nation.

The Governor concluded his address with reassertion of the commitment of the Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu and his council of ministers that they will tirelessly work for the growth, prosperity and welfare of the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

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