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Hon'ble Mr. Speaker and Members,

I am indeed very happy to welcome you to the first session of the Sixth Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh. I express my heartfelt greetings to all the members, especially, the newly elected members of this august Assembly. I congratulate you all for being mandated with lots of hope to steer the destiny of the State by the people of Arunachal Pradesh in the just concluded election.

2. Esteemed members, as you have taken the solemn pledge, I urge you to pause for a moment and recollect the faces of all the weak, old members of the constituency you represent and resolve with full conviction that the opportunity the almighty has bestowed on each one of you to serve the people will be done in a just manner. That, each one of us will strive each day of the next five years to translate the hopes and aspirations of each and every single Arunachalee into a reality.

3. I also take this occasion to congratulate the Election Commission of India, the Chief Electoral Officer and his team, Law and Order machinery, Police, Para-Military forces and our efficient and dedicated State officials who conducted the elections to the Sixth State Legislative Assembly in a transparent, smooth, peaceful, free and fair manner. Each one of you deserve the highest appreciation, right from Chief Electoral Officer to the last person in the remotest parts of the State engaged in the successful conduct of the elections. The voters of Arunachal Pradesh who participated in this democratic exercise by upholding the ideals of the Constitution in letter and spirit also deserve appreciation. I congratulate each one of you.

4. Dear members, every process of election is a strong step towards strengthening the democratic traditions. We have in this election, strengthened the Institutions of Democracy in a true spirit of governance "**by the people, of the people and for the people**". With the strengthening of the democracy, transparency and accountability have become the two single most important virtues. Every Elected leader and Officers must realise, accept and appreciate that it is the only way and only solution to all the problems of the Society.

5. I am happy to announce that My Government has taken effective steps towards maintaining transparency and accountability in governance and administration by simplification of procedures in many areas. My Government has carried out effective decentralisation of powers to the Municipal Councils and the Panchayati Raj Institutions by devolving the 3Fs (Fund, Functions and Functionaries) with 13 subjects and 29 subjects respectively. These institutions shall be further reinforced in the next five years. With the motto, '**Power to People**', my government will continue to accord the highest priorities to ensure that the concerns of the weakest person of the State shall be addressed.

6. It is a matter of pride for all of us that Arunachal Pradesh is the first State in the Northeast India to enact a law on Lokayukta. With sincere commitment to bring in accountability and transparency of my Government, I assure that very soon the Lokayukta shall be appointed.

7. All the esteemed members will appreciate that health and education are the two sectors which will determine the future of our beloved State. My government shall accord topmost priority to the twin sectors of Health and Education. A policy of "**ZERO TOLERANCE**" to lapses shall be adopted in these two sectors. We have already launched the Chief Minister's Universal Health Insurance scheme for attaining the objective of 'Good Health for All'. Under this programme the benefit of insurance will be extended to 10 lakhs population of the State and shall cover all categories of families including government servants.

8. The focus on unemployment and the "Mission One Lakh Jobs" will be a priority area of my Government. The beneficiary oriented State Flagship programs have been very successful and therefore these programs shall continue.

9. Development of infrastructure will be another priority area of the Government. Special emphasis will be given in removing bottlenecks in the speedy implementation of all the projects in the State. Within these five years, my government will resolve to complete all the projects of the Prime Minister's Package like Civil Secretariat building, Assembly Building, Railway line, Greenfield Airport, Trans Arunachal Highway, two lane roads to connect district headquarters, four lane highway connecting Hollongi-Itanagar-Banderdewa. Esteemed members in whose constituency such projects fall must play a proactive role in facilitating removal of bottlenecks and make collective efforts for the timely completion of the important projects. The pending power projects will also be expedited.

10. Peace is a *sine qua non* for development. Arunachal Pradesh has a legacy of being a peaceful State and we must all strive to uphold this valuable inheritance from our elders and seniors. My government will therefore make all out efforts in maintaining the law and order.

11. In the just concluded elections, people have given a clear mandate for a stable government and have reposed their faith in the State leadership and government's policies and programmes. Therefore it is imperative on all esteemed members to respect the will of the people and work towards a prosperous and glorious Arunachal. Dear members, jointly capitalising on the strengths and overcoming the weaknesses of our beloved Arunachal Pradesh in a true spirit of camaraderie and teamwork can only achieve this goal.

12. The people of Arunachal Pradesh have great hopes and expectations from this Assembly. **When the world is today reduced to a global village, the need of the hour is to shun the politics of parochialism and ethnic identities and focus on the politics of development and unity.** The people, especially the youth yearn for a better future. I am confident that you will all rise to their expectations.

13. Arunachal Pradesh is in a stage of transition looking towards a very bright future soon. I expect that each of you to anticipate the prospect that awaits our State, assess the gaps of each constituency and work on a road map that will be the guiding light to serve the people you represent for the next five years. Let us all pledge to be partners to build together a peaceful and prosperous Arunachal Pradesh.

14. As I conclude, I am reminded of Gandhiji's thought and I quote,

“The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems”. unquote

Dear members, let us all work to our capabilities to shoulder the responsibilities of our State. I once again extend my heartiest congratulations and felicitation to each one of you and also extend my best wishes in your endeavor for all round development of our beloved State of Arunachal Pradesh.

Jai Arunachal, Jai Hind