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77th Republic Day of India (At IG Park, Itanagar)

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Members of the Council of Ministers, Hon'ble Judges of the High Court, Hon'ble Members of the Legislature, Distinguished Guests, My dear sisters and brothers of Arunachal Pradesh,

1. On this momentous and proud occasion of the 77th Republic Day, I, on behalf of my government, extend warm greetings and heartfelt best wishes to all. Today, as we unite in celebration, we reaffirm our unwavering love and commitment to our motherland.

2. This year's Republic Day is especially inspiring as we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the immortal national song Vande Mataram and embrace the spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. This theme reflects our rich civilizational heritage, collective pride, and the bold steps my government is taking towards building a self-reliant, inclusive, and prosperous India.

3. On this historic day, we pay tribute to the Constitution of India, the living foundation of our Republic and embodiment of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. More than a document, it is our moral compass, guiding governments and citizens alike in our shared journey toward unity, progress, and the fulfillment of democratic ideals.

4. I offer my deepest respects to the visionary founding fathers of our Constitution and to the countless heroes who sacrificed everything for India's freedom. I also express profound gratitude to the brave men and women of our Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces, and State Police, whose tireless dedication safeguards our sovereignty and integrity under challenging conditions.

5. Arunachal Pradesh, our beloved State, with its vibrant cultural diversity, strategic importance, and unbreakable spirit of harmony, stands proudly alongside the nation, fully committed to upholding the noble ideals enshrined in our Constitution. The people of Arunachal have long embodied resilience, discipline, and a deep sense of patriotism, a spirit we continually nurture and celebrate.

6. As we mark this Republic Day, let us pledge together to strengthen our constitutional values, reaffirm our faith in democratic institutions, and work united towards a future that is peaceful, inclusive, and prosperous for all.

INDIA'S NATIONAL PROGRESS

7. Friends, over the past decade, India has shown remarkable progress and resilience amid global uncertainties, guided by the vision of **Aatmanirbhar Bharat**. Emerging as the world's fastest-growing major economy, India's GDP more than doubled from around USD 2.1 trillion in 2014 to over USD 4.18 trillion, ranking fourth among the world's largest economies.

8. Infrastructure development has advanced rapidly, with national highway length increasing by over 60% and operational airports more than doubling since 2014, enhancing mobility and regional integration. Financial inclusion has deepened through initiatives like Jan Dhan, facilitating direct benefit transfers exceeding ₹43 lakh crore.

9. Food security remains a priority: over 81 crore citizens receive free food grains under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, and PM-Kisan provides annual income support to over 11 crore farmers, alongside record foodgrain production surpassing 347 million tonnes.

10. Healthcare and education infrastructure have expanded significantly, with medical colleges more than doubling and new IITs, IIMs, AIIMS, and universities improving access to quality education nationwide. Social welfare programs such as Ayushman Bharat now cover over 42 crore beneficiaries, offering cashless healthcare and reducing out-of-pocket expenses.

11. Arunachal Pradesh, with its strategic location, rich cultural heritage, and natural resources, plays a vital role in this shared national journey toward growth, inclusion, and self-reliance.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH: PROGRESS DRIVEN BY REFORM

12. Friends, Arunachal Pradesh, in recent years, has moved forward with steady purpose and growing confidence. This progress reflects a clear commitment to inclusive development, stronger institutions, and governance that delivers results to citizens, especially in remote and border areas.

13. Over the past decade, Arunachal Pradesh has made remarkable economic strides. Our Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) has increased by 2.6 times, we also recorded a 17 percent growth in State's Own Revenue during FY 2024–25.

14. We have moved from scheme-centric delivery to outcome-driven governance, implementing reforms that strengthen systems, ensure predictability, and build capacity; guided by the principles of economic growth, human development, and ecological responsibility.

Focus Area 1: People

15. Friends, people are our greatest strength. While infrastructure is important, healthy, educated, skilled, and confident citizens ultimately shape a State's destiny. Therefore, we prioritize human capital as the foundation of all policy, planning, and investment reforms.

Health, Well-Being & Medical Capacity

16. We have significantly expanded healthcare to ensure universal access, quality care, and financial protection. Over 2.2 lakh families benefit from cashless treatment under the Chief Minister's Arogya Arunachal Yojana and PM Jan Arogya Yojana, shielding them from catastrophic medical costs.

17. Medical education and tertiary care are being enhanced with doubled MBBS seats at TRIHMS, new postgraduate and super-specialty programs, and upcoming medical colleges in Pasighat, Namsai, and West Kameng. Specialized care has also received focused support through mental health initiatives like Mukhiya Mantri Manasikh Swastha Yojana and Tele-MANAS.

18. The Chief Minister's Organ Transplant Scheme facilitated 51 life-saving transplants last year. Construction of the State Cancer Institute in Itanagar is underway. Compassionate care continues with upgrades to the Arunachal Cancer Home in Mumbai and the inauguration of the Arunachal Patients' Guest House in Vellore, providing comfort and support to patients seeking treatment away from home.

Education, Learning & Knowledge Systems

19. Education remains the cornerstone of long-term development. We have launched Mission Shikshit Arunachal 2029, a comprehensive reform programme aligned with the National Education Policy 2020, focusing on foundational literacy and numeracy, secondary-level performance, and 21st-century skills. My Government has further taken a pioneering step by supporting students aspiring to study in the world's top 150 universities.

20. Governance of education has also been modernized. An AI and GIS-enabled Vidya Samiksha Kendra has been launched for real-time monitoring of schools, teachers, and student outcomes.

Women, Children & Inclusive Development

21. Empowering women and protecting the vulnerable remain central to our vision of inclusive growth. Over 1.4 lakh women have joined 14,000+ Self-Help Groups, boosting livelihoods and community resilience. Fixed-deposit support reached 3,400+ SHGs, with 10,600+ Lakhpati Didis registered, advancing women-led economic participation.

22. Initiatives like Dulari Kanya and expanded Poshan 2.0 benefit 1.8 lakh+ women and children through education and nutrition support. The "Adopt an Anganwadi" program has mobilized communities to upgrade 125+ Anganwadi Centres, enhancing early childhood care.

Skills, Youth, Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Opportunities

23. Arunachal Pradesh's true strength lies in its youth, and my Government is committed to skill development, entrepreneurship, and creating dignified employment opportunities. Under the SEE Trinity initiative, we aim to generate 25,000 jobs and self-employment opportunities over the next four years.

24. Access to skill education has expanded with new ITIs in Pangin, Kanubari, and Lumla starting from 2025. Entrepreneurship is being actively promoted, with ₹488 crore invested under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Swawalamban Yojana supporting over 2,648 youth.

25. In the past four years, the Arunachal Pradesh Innovation and Investment Park incubated 106 startups, 38% led by women, earning the State recognition as a Best Performing State under the National Startup Ranking Framework in January 2025.

26. At the Rising North East Investors Summit 2025, MoUs worth ₹6,375 crore were signed, focusing on green industries; 29 industries have registered under the UNNATI Scheme. Weavers' Craft Centres have been fully upgraded, supporting skill development and decentralized production. The Chief Minister's Soft Loan Scheme provides easy credit and subsidies to ITI graduates to promote self-employment.

Sports & Youth Excellence

27. Sports foster discipline, confidence, and pride among our youth, and we are dedicated to building a strong, inclusive sporting ecosystem in Arunachal Pradesh.

28. On National Sports Day 2025, 411 athletes, including para-athletes, received ₹2.49 crore in incentives, with nearly 940 athletes supported by over ₹7.1 crore in recent years. The Chief Minister's Athlete Coaching and Empowerment Scheme offers structured training to nurture champions.

29. Mission Olympics, launched with a long-term vision, prepares athletes for the 2028 and 2032 Olympic Games. Arunachal athletes have won 3 gold and 1 bronze medals in the Moscow Star International Wushu Championships, 2025.

30. Team Arunachal Pradesh secured Runner-Up position at the 2nd North East Para Games 2025, winning a total of 84 medals.

31. The State has hosted major events like the SAFF U-19 Football Championship, Santosh Trophy Finals, and South Asian Table Tennis Championship, enhancing infrastructure and exposure. Local leagues also encourage competitive sports in remote areas.

Culture, Creativity & Human Capital

32. We are committed to nurturing literature, theatre, music, and heritage as vital elements of human capital.

33. The 7th Arunachal Literature Festival and Arunachal Rang Mahotsav 2025 brought together national and international authors, scholars, and performers, providing a rich platform for dialogue, talent development, and creative expression, greatly enhancing the State's cultural ecosystem.

34. Cultural programmes commemorated key national events like Samvidhan Hatya Diwas, Har Ghar Tiranga, and the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram, deepening public awareness of constitutional values, democratic history, and national unity.

Focus Area 2: Infrastructure

35. Friends, infrastructure is vital for development, but meaningful reforms give it purpose. My Government views infrastructure not just as physical assets but as a strategic tool to enhance connectivity, energy security, service delivery, and national integration, especially in a border and hilly State like Arunachal Pradesh.

Powering Growth through Responsible Hydropower Development

36. Arunachal Pradesh plays a vital role in India's clean energy future, with 1.2 GW of hydropower operational and 4.8 GW under construction. A significant milestone has been achieved with the commencement of commercial operations of one 250 MW unit at the 2,000 MW Lower Subansiri Hydropower Project, while the remaining units are scheduled to begin operations by the end of the year, further boosting the State's hydropower capacity.

37. We have declared 2025–2035 the “Decade of Hydropower” and is formulating Arunachal Pradesh Energy Vision 2047 to ensure sustainable and community-focused growth.

38. On 22 September 2025, our Hon'ble Prime Minister laid the foundation stones for the 186 MW Tato-I and 240 MW Heo hydropower projects, underscoring Arunachal Pradesh's vital role in India's renewable energy transition.

Transforming Connectivity in a Frontier State

39. Connectivity is crucial for Arunachal's development and strategic role, and we have accelerated infrastructure growth through reforms and efficient execution.

40. In the past decade, the road network has tripled, with annual construction increasing from 300 km to over 1,800 km, and over 4,000 km of national highways are under construction.

41. Key projects like the ₹55,000 crore Frontier Highway and the Vibrant Villages Programme, building 1,000+ km of roads connecting 125+ border villages, are enhancing last-mile access, border security, and national integration. Phase II of the Vibrant Villages Programme has expanded to cover villages along the Indo-Myanmar and Indo-Bhutan borders.

42. In the Capital Region, a new double-lane corridor linking Donyi Polo Airport and Naharlagun Railway Station will improve multimodal connectivity, reduce congestion, and boost urban growth.

Strengthening Air, Digital, and Emergency Infrastructure

43. Air connectivity has been significantly enhanced under my Government with the inauguration of the new terminal at Donyi Polo Airport and the introduction of daily direct flights between Itanagar and Delhi, along with regular services to Kolkata.

44. Logistics and market access improved with the launch of the first inbound and outbound air cargo services, from Donyi Polo Airport.

Housing and Livability

45. Infrastructure reforms have improved living conditions significantly. Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Gramin, over 35,000 rural houses have been completed, achieving 100% saturation and providing families with dignity and security.

46. Access to safe drinking water has transformed through the Jal Jeevan Mission, with more than 3.2 lakh rural households receiving Functional Household Tap Connections by January 2026, boosting health and reducing the daily burden on women and children.

Focus Area 3: Economy

47. Friends, economic progress is meaningful when it creates livelihoods, boosts incomes, and empowers communities. We are committed to transform Arunachal Pradesh's economy from subsistence-based to one driven by productivity, value addition, sustainability, and market access.

Empowering Farmers and Strengthening Rural Incomes

48. Agriculture remains the backbone of Arunachal Pradesh's livelihoods, and we have prioritized reforms to support farmers, reduce risks, and enhance income security.

49. In 2024–25, the State produced 5,20,848 metric tonnes of food grains, along with pulses and oilseeds, reflecting steady growth. Under PM-KISAN, 1.14 lakh farmers receive direct income support.

50. To improve soil health, 13 testing labs were established and over 1 lakh Soil Health Cards issued, promoting balanced nutrient use. Oil palm cultivation expanded to 13,168 hectares in 2025–26, aiding diversification and income growth.

51. The Per Drop More Crop scheme benefited 33,149 farmers by promoting water-efficient irrigation. Organic farming covers 28,000 hectares across 24 districts, supporting 15,699 farmers and strengthening natural practices.

52. Farmer collectivization has gained momentum with 61 Farmers Producer Companies (20,100 farmers) and 50 Farmers Producer Organizations (5,000 farmers), enhancing aggregation and bargaining power.

Expanding Horticulture, Value Addition, and Global Market Access

53. My Government prioritizes diversification through horticulture and allied sectors. The Arunachal Pradesh Horticulture Policy 2025–35 aims to expand fruit, spice, and medicinal plant cultivation, alongside value-added processing.

54. Under the Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Mission, farmers cultivate crops like citronella, lemongrass, and patchouli with technical support and access to distillation units.

Tourism as a Driver of Green Livelihoods

55. Tourism has become a key driver of economic growth and employment in Arunachal Pradesh, with tourist arrivals more than doubling between 2015 and 2024.

Guided by the Arunachal Pradesh Tourism Policy 2025–30, we promote eco-friendly, community-led, and culturally respectful tourism.

56. Focus on niche sectors like eco-tourism, adventure, tribal, spiritual, wellness, and farm tourism supports livelihoods while preserving fragile ecosystems. Recognitions such as Best Adventure Tourism Destination at the India International Travel Mart 2025 and awards for places like Anini highlight Arunachal Pradesh's rising prominence as a top tourist destination.

Embedding Sustainability in Economic Growth

57. We are committed to balance Arunachal Pradesh's economic growth with environmental responsibility through concrete green initiatives.

58. On World Environment Day, we launched eco-friendly electric buses to promote sustainable urban mobility, alongside a rapid expansion of renewable energy. We endeavor to achieve a target of 150 MW of rooftop solar capacity by 2030 under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, prioritizing schools and government offices to reduce reliance on conventional power.

59. Over 47 lakh saplings have been planted through Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, enhancing green cover and climate resilience. Mission Paryavaran Suraksha has approved 21 eco-restoration projects, while the State Wetland Authority actively protects vital high-altitude wetlands for biodiversity and water security.

Focus Area 4: Institutions, Governance & Innovation

60. Friends, strong institutions are the foundation of empowered societies and robust economies. We prioritize institutional strengthening, transparent governance, and technology-driven reforms to ensure development is rooted in credibility, efficiency, and public trust.

Building Robust Institutions for Inclusive Development

61. Arunachal Pradesh celebrated 50 years of its Legislative Assembly in August 2025, reaffirming its democratic commitment. Judicial infrastructure was strengthened with the new building of the Gauhati High Court, Itanagar Permanent Bench, marking 25 years of judiciary in the State, alongside the establishment of a modern Forensic Science Laboratory for timely, credible justice.

62. The new Public Service Commission building, featuring an exam hall for over 1,600 candidates, promotes transparency in recruitment, while a state-of-the-art Administrative Training Institute in Naharlagun supports ongoing capacity building for public servants.

Governance at the Doorstep

63. Citizen-centric governance remains a defining reform priority. Through Sarkar Aapke Dwar and Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0, more than 1,100 outreach camps have delivered services directly to over 15 lakh beneficiaries, particularly in remote and border areas.

64. The initiative of Cabinet Aapke Dwar, with Cabinet meetings held in Nyapin, Kibithoo, Ziro, and Miao, has institutionalised decentralised decision-making, ensuring that regional aspirations are directly reflected at the highest level of governance.

Technology, AI, and Next-Generation Governance

65. We have advanced technology-driven reforms through a tripartite MoU with Karmayogi Bharat and the Capacity Building Commission to train employees in AI and Big Data, alongside collaboration with the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy for specialized training of officials in strategic border areas.

66. Friends, through these reforms, my Government is investing not just in systems, but in trust between citizens and institutions.

Conclusion: A Shared Responsibility, A Shared Future

67. Friends, reforms succeed not by government action alone, but when citizens become true partners in change.

Sustainable progress in Arunachal Pradesh depends on active citizen participation, respecting the environment, upholding law and social harmony, and driving community efforts in education and empowerment.

68. While reforms set the foundation, true transformation comes from the innovation of youth, sustainable agricultural practices, cultural preservation, and strong institutions. United in purpose, we will build an eco-conscious, socially resilient, and inclusive Arunachal Pradesh, advancing the vision of Viksit Bharat and Viksit Arunachal.

69. On this solemn occasion, I once again extend my warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Arunachal Pradesh and all fellow citizens of India.

Jai Arunachal.

Jai Hind.