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**THE FIFTH (BUDGET) SESSION OF THE EIGHTH
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**ON
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Hon'ble Speaker and Esteemed Members of the Legislative Assembly,

1. I extend my sincere greetings to each one of you and to the people of our State whose collective dreams and aspirations this august House represents.
2. The Legislative Assembly occupies a central place in our constitutional framework, providing a forum for deliberation, legislation, and the collective discharge of responsibilities entrusted to this House by the people of our State. The Legislative Assembly also upholds democratic values, ensures accountable governance, serves as a custodian of our rights and duties, and works for the welfare of the people of the State.
3. The last year marked a historic milestone as the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly completed 50 years of its functioning. This Golden Jubilee stands as a testament to the journey of democratic governance and to the pivotal role played by this august house in shaping the political, administrative and developmental journey of our State, from its early formative years and Union Territory status to the attainment of full Statehood and beyond.
4. As we convene after the Golden Jubilee year of our Legislative Assembly, this session provides an opportunity to honour this proud legacy by upholding the dignity of this House and by advancing responsible, people-centric governance.
5. I am confident that the wisdom, cooperation and unity of this House will continue to foster peace, progress, and prosperity in our State, in alignment with our vision of building a 'Viksit Bharat' and a 'Viksit Arunachal' for all our citizens.
6. With renewed energy and a spirit of collaboration, I look forward to working closely with each of you in furthering inclusive, sustainable, and transformative development.

GRATITUDE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Hon'ble Members,

7. On behalf of all people of Arunachal Pradesh, I also express profound gratitude to the Government of India and especially to our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji for his visionary leadership and unwavering support in transforming Arunachal Pradesh. The recent visit by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to Itanagar, wherein he inaugurated multiple development projects of outlay more than Rs.5,100 crore underscores the focused attention on the State's growth and prosperity.

8. This recent visit was also marked by the launch of the GST Bachat Utsav. These next generation GST reforms reflect a continued commitment to a transparent, citizen-friendly tax administration and the creation of an enabling business environment.
9. Since 2014, Arunachal Pradesh has witnessed a remarkable increase in its share of central taxes which surpassed Rs.1 lakh crore reflecting the Centre's commitment towards development in the State. Through strong partnerships between the Union Government and the State Government, we are rapidly advancing towards a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable future.

DEMOCRACY, PEOPLE'S MANDATE AND LOCAL SELF-GOVERNANCE

Hon'ble Members,

10. I am grateful to the people of Arunachal Pradesh for their overwhelming participation and support in the local body elections, despite the challenges posed by the remoteness and difficult terrain of our State.
11. I warmly congratulate all elected representatives from the recent Local Body elections, including many first-time office bearers, and especially women PRI representatives.
12. I also wish to place on record our sincere appreciation for the State Election Commission, as well as allofficinals and police officers involved, for their dedicated efforts in the smooth conduct of elections.

MACRO DEVELOPMENT TRAJECTORY

Hon'ble Members,

13. Over the last decade, Arunachal Pradesh has witnessed sustained economic progress. The State's Gross Domestic Product has expanded by approximately 2.6 times, while per capita has more than doubled, in the past 10 years, reflecting steady improvements in productivity, income and economic well-being.
14. During the same period, our State has also made notable strides in strengthening its fiscal foundations. Our efforts to enhance revenue mobilization have resulted in a significant widening of the tax base and a five-fold increase in State Own Resources.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONNECTIVITY

15. My Government has improved state connectivity through developmental projects like a new terminal building at Donyi Polo Airport and significant expansion of the road network, including National Highways and rural roads. We have successfully completed batch-1 of Chief Minister's Comprehensive State Road Development Plan. Batch-II now has been launched for the period 2024 to 2029 with an outlay of Rs. 3,040 crores.

16. Through the Vibrant Villages Programme, over 1,000 km of new roads and other critical infrastructure are being developed across 455 villages in Phase I, with another 122 villages taken up in Phase II.

HUMAN CAPITAL AS THE FOUNDATION OF VIKSIT ARUNACHAL

Hon'ble Members,

17. My Government has declared 2025–26 as the “Year of Human Capital,” which reflects a visionary focus on comprehensive and people-centred development, aiming to enable all our citizens to achieve their highest human potential and higher happiness.
18. This priority is reflected in investment and sustained focus on human-led development, with over Rs.3,000 crore allocated to the education sector and more than Rs.3,600 crore planned for health, alongside continued support for skill development, innovation, and community empowerment. My Government is committed to making sustained investments and creating a conducive policy framework to enable our citizens, especially our youth, achieve their dreams and aspirations.
19. Guided by the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of human capital as the driving engine of India's “Reform Express,” my Government is pursuing a coordinated and integrated approach across early childhood education, school education, skill development, higher education, sports, and extracurricular activities, in line with our collective aspiration for a ‘Viksit Bharat’ and ‘Viksit Arunachal’.
20. To give every child the best possible start, my Government is taking structured, action-oriented steps to strengthen Early Childhood Care and Education. We are improving nutrition and health for children in the 0–6 age group, introducing play-based and child-centric pedagogy, enhancing Anganwadi capacities, and deepening parent and community engagement, thereby laying a strong foundation for school readiness, lifelong learning and human capital development.
21. Building on this foundation, my Government is advancing school education reforms through clearly defined actions: inclusive education for all children, systematic teacher capacity building, integration of digital tools in classrooms, focus on foundational literacy and numeracy, improvement of learning outcomes and stronger community participation in school governance; together driving system-wide school transformation.
22. Carrying this momentum into higher education, quality enhancement measures are being introduced across universities and colleges. We are fostering industry–academia

partnerships, strengthening research and innovation, widening access to affordable quality education, and enhancing global competitiveness, positioning higher education as a key engine of the knowledge economy.

23. Complementing these reforms, my Government is operationalising skilling initiatives in a focused and forward-looking manner. We are identifying and nurturing talent, embedding leadership and life-skills, aligning skills with clear career pathways and providing structured exposure to arts, music and culture, thereby building a skilled, creative and adaptable workforce.
24. Alongside, sports and extracurricular education are being nurtured as integral dimensions of human development. We are identifying talent and running athletic development programmes, integrating sports within the school curriculum, upgrading sports infrastructure, opening career pathways in sports and creative fields, and promoting vibrant arts, music and cultural activities, supporting holistic growth beyond the classroom.

EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY AND YOUTH ASPIRATION

Hon'ble Members,

25. The young people of our state are our greatest asset, and we must ensure that every child and youth has access to quality learning, relevant skill development, and supportive institutions that instil confidence to thrive in a dynamic world.
26. Mission Shikshit Arunachal 2029, aligned with the National Education Policy 2020, drives systemic school education reform focusing on foundational literacy and numeracy for Classes 1-5, performance improvements for Classes 9-12, and developing critical 21st-century skills. With significant improvements in learning outcomes, we are now ranked 17th nationally in the PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024, with Grade 6 and 9 language scores above the national average.
27. Government College of Science and Commerce have been approved at Ziro, Science Centres and Planetariums are being established at Namsai and Dirang to strengthen higher education and improve STEM learning.
28. Initiatives such as the AI Explorer and AI Job Ready Programs reflect our commitment to nurture curiosity, building future ready skills, and preparing students from emerging career pathways. In the emerging knowledge economy of the future, my Government is committed to work closely with Governmental and non-Governmental partners as well

as industry partners to enable our youth excel in emerging areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and robotics.

29. My Government is strengthening youth employability and enterprise through a multi-pronged approach. Under the SEE Trinity initiative - Skill Development, Employment and Entrepreneurship, we have set a target of creating over 25,000 employment and self-employment opportunities by 2029, especially for our women and youth.
30. Support to over 3,200 youth has been provided across urban and rural areas under the flagship Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Swavalamban Yojana and the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme, thereby promoting grassroots entrepreneurship.
31. Reflecting the growing strength of our entrepreneurial ecosystem, Arunachal Pradesh has been ranked as Best Performer for developing a strong Start-up Ecosystem under the National Start-up Ranking Framework by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India, the state has 237 start-ups out of which 87 are DPIIT recognized and 38 are led by women entrepreneurs.
32. The industrial and investment ecosystem is being further strengthened through the Arunachal Pradesh Industrial Development and Investment Policy, 2025, dovetailing with the Government of India's UNNATI Scheme. 29 industries from Arunachal Pradesh are registered under the UNNATI Scheme, aiming to create green industrialization and innumerable direct and indirect employment opportunities for our youth.

SPORTS

Hon'ble Members,

33. Sport has emerged as a key driver of youth engagement and excellence in our State. Focused investments in world-class sports infrastructure have positioned our state as a prominent venue for major national and international sporting events such as the SAFF U-19 Football Championship, the 77th Santosh Trophy Finals, and the South Asian Table Tennis Championship
34. Initiatives like Mission Olympics and the Chief Minister's Athlete Coaching and Empowerment Scheme, are enabling our athletes to make their mark at national and international competitions across sporting disciplines.

LIVELIHOODS, ARTISANS AND RURAL ECONOMY

Hon'ble Members,

35. Strengthening livelihoods and rural economy is central to my Government's vision of inclusive and sustainable development in Arunachal Pradesh. Agriculture remains a primary source of livelihood, with food grain production crossing 5.2 lakh metric tonnes and steady gains in pulses and oilseeds production.
36. Farmer welfare is being advanced through PM-KISAN coverage, covering more than 1 lakh farmers from our State. Over 1 lakh Soil Health Cards have been issued, and 13 soil testing laboratories have been operationalized, enabling sustainable and productive farming.
37. Looking ahead, the Arunachal Pradesh Agriculture Policy 2025-35 and Horticulture Policy 2025-35 emphasises organic and climate-resilient farming, high-value crops such as fruits, spices, and medicinal plants, and value-added processing. The Agriculture Prosperity Fund of Rs. 500 Cr. has been launched to support this transition with modern implements, infrastructure, and long-term investment support.
38. With 18 lakh hectares of suitable farmland, we aim to expand natural and organic farming to drive sustainable rural growth and exports. Under the Mission Organic Value Chain Development and the Arunachal Pradesh Organic Farming Promotion Scheme, 2025, over 15,000 farmers have adopted organic farming practices across 28,000 hectares.
39. My Government has marked a momentous milestone in the field of commercial floriculture. The first consignment of 2,000 high grade Asiatic lily stems from Lower Subansiri District, has been dispatched to Guwahati, generating about Rs.1 lakh in farmer revenue.
40. Through the Kiwi Mission 2025-35, Arunachal Pradesh has cultivated over 3,582 hectares producing 7,000+ MT of kiwi, becoming India's leading kiwi producer with organic certification. The State has also started exporting Dambuk oranges to the UAE.
41. Women-led Self-Help Groups, with over 1.5 lakh members and 13,921 recognized Lakhpati Didis, are key drivers of this economic empowerment. These efforts are transforming our rural economy towards an income-oriented and Atmanirbhar system, fast becoming a key driver of achieving our vision of building a Viksit Arunachal.

GREEN ENERGY AND HYDROPOWER-LED TRANSFORMATION

42. For Arunachal Pradesh, green energy is both a development opportunity and a national responsibility. Harnessing the state's significant renewable energy potential responsibly

and sustainably is essential for ensuring energy security, generating revenue, and creating employment.

43. We are boosting renewable energy generation through hydropower and the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, targeting 150 MW of rooftop solar by 2030. My Government has made commendable progress in establishing Arunachal Pradesh as a powerhouse of hydropower development. Currently, the state has around 1.2 GW operational hydropower capacity. An additional 19 GW is in advanced stages of commissioning, with investments of approximately Rs. 1.9 lakh crore planned over the next three years. Out of this, 4.8 GW is already under active construction, reflecting sustained momentum in project execution.
44. Among the major ongoing projects, the 2,000 MW Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project is expected to be completed this year, with one unit of 250 MW capacity already operational. Construction of the 2,880 MW Dibang Multipurpose Project is progressing steadily and is targeted for completion by February 2032.
45. These hydropower developments are expected to generate substantial long-term benefits. On an annual basis, they are projected to yield around Rs.4,520 crore from 2025 to 2035 in free power and Rs.821 crore for Local Area Development Funds. Additionally, approximately Rs.1,450 crore in dividends will accrue to the Central and State Governments, strengthening fiscal capacity and supporting local development.
46. The ongoing and upcoming projects are expected to create over 30,000 direct jobs and around 16,000 indirect jobs during construction and operational phases, generating livelihood opportunities across skilled and semi-skilled categories.
47. By combining visionary planning, institutional strengthening, sustainable development practices and enabling policy support, the hydropower sector will serve as a vital source of renewable and sustainable energy. Beyond energy production, it will act as a catalyst for employment generation, infrastructure development, associated industry development and regional prosperity. Importantly, these efforts will also make Arunachal Pradesh a key contributor to India's energy security and net zero goals.

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AND CULTURAL ECONOMY

Hon'ble Members,

48. Arunachal Pradesh is endowed with breathtaking landscapes, rich biodiversity and cultural heritage. Tourism is more than merely an economic activity, it is a bridge between nature, culture, and livelihoods.
49. The tourism sector has been witnessing significant growth, driven by our consistent efforts and policy support. Over the past decade, the state has recorded over 100% growth in tourist footfall, significantly raising our tourism profile and emerging as a destination of choice for domestic and foreign tourists.
50. This growth trajectory is being guided by the Arunachal Pradesh Tourism Policy 2025–30. The policy aims to position the State as a premier tourism destination through infrastructure development, niche tourism promotion, and sustainable practices, all aimed at creating sustainable livelihoods and boosting our economy.
51. Event-led tourism has further strengthened the State’s visibility. Arunachal hosted the Femina Miss India 2024 Grand Finale, the Arunachal Himalayan Odyssey- Thrill Run, spanning 2,000 kilometres along the Trans Arunachal Highway from Pangsau Pass on the Myanmar border to Bumla Pass on the Tibet border, showcasing the State’s adventure tourism potential, improved connectivity, and unparalleled natural beauty.
52. Building on this momentum, my Government will continue to promote sustainable and responsible tourism, ensuring that economic growth benefits local communities while safeguarding our cultural heritage and environmental assets.

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

53. My Government is reinforcing our rich textile, handloom and artisanal indigenous traditions through policy support and infrastructure development. The Arunachal Pradesh Handloom and Handicrafts Policy, 2025, together with the new Artisan-cum-Handicraft Exhibition Centre at Itanagar, provides dedicated support and crafting infrastructure that promotes “vocal for local” and decisively strengthens rural livelihoods and women-led enterprises.
54. Identification of rare indigenous manuscripts written in Lik-Tai script and Kangyur tradition, including texts related to the Ramayana and Mahabharata, were brought under the Gyan Bharatam Mission. A dedicated Manuscript and Digitisation Support Cell is being established to provide coordinated, long-term archival support and capacity building for safeguarding our literary heritage.

55. By preserving indigenous manuscripts, strengthening cultural centres, and supporting traditional institutions, we are safeguarding and promoting our indigenous identity and rich traditions and diversity while empowering future generations.

GOOD GOVERNANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Members,

56. Our governance model is moving steadily closer to the people, enabling grassroots led development, saturation coverage of flagship schemes, bottom-up planning and an overall enhancement of accountability and transparency in governance. Through the Sarkar Aapke Dwar, Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0, and Cabinet Aapke Dwar, more than 1,100 service delivery camps have reached over 15 lakh beneficiaries, while Cabinet meetings held across Nyapin, Kibithoo, Ziro, Anini, and Miao symbolise decentralised and responsive administration.
57. Governance systems are being modernised through digital reforms such as Integrated Financial Management System, and governance reforms, AI-based analysis of departmental progress reports, introduction of e-GRAS, online tax portals, digital building permission systems, urban service portals for water and grievance redressal, and WhatsApp-based service delivery to improve transparency, efficiency, and ease of living for citizens.
58. The State has significantly strengthened its internal security and justice delivery framework through the establishment of the Directorate of Prosecution, expansion of forensic and prosecution capacities. The has been further supported by the creation of new Home Guard posts and the raising of the 6th India Reserve Battalion, with Bismaknagar notified as its headquarters.
59. Public safety infrastructure has been robustly expanded with the completion of new Police Stations at Parsi-Parlo and Singchung and Fire Stations at Roing, Ruksin, Yupia and Boleng. Ongoing works at multiple locations, and steady progress on the Central Jail at Kimin with a capacity of 1,000 inmates is targeted for completion by March 2026.
60. The judiciary in the State marked 25 years of service with the inauguration of the new Gauhati High Court, Itanagar Permanent Bench building, further strengthening judicial infrastructure and the rule of law, bringing the judiciary closer to the people.
61. Together, these initiatives enable a governance that is citizen centric and future-ready, laying the foundation for inclusive and sustainable development.

OUR VISION FOR VIKSIT ARUNACHAL

Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Members,

62. As this House assembles for the first time this year, Arunachal Pradesh stands at a moment of renewed confidence and purpose driven reflection. This is an opportunity for us to assess how far we have come towards achieving our collective goal of building a Viksit Arunachal for all our citizens. This is also an opportunity for us to build on the steady progress we have made over the years and re-dedicating our collective efforts, with shared resolve and purpose, to march steadily ahead towards building a Viksit Bharat and a Viksit Arunachal.
63. Our vision of a Viksit Arunachal is to build a prosperous, inclusive, and self-reliant State – where every community shares in development, youth are empowered through education and employment, women lead in economic and social progress, and cultural heritage flourishes alongside modern growth. This vision seeks to harmonise tradition with transformation, progress with preservation and attain our collective national goal of 'Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi'.
64. My Government, under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, articulated five clear and visionary commitments towards the future - the Panch Pratigya - to guide our journey towards Viksit Arunachal and Viksit Bharat - 2047.
65. The first Pratigya places human capital and youth aspiration at the centre of development. By investing in quality schooling, higher education, skilling, sports, and innovation, we are committed to ensure that talent is nurtured and empowered.
66. The second Pratigya focuses on livelihoods, rural prosperity, and self-reliance. Agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, handlooms, crafts, and entrepreneurship are being strengthened with farmer-centric policies, women-led institutions, and value-chain development.
67. The third Pratigya affirms development in harmony with nature. By integrating conservation, climate resilience, sustainable farming, clean mobility, afforestation, and ecosystem restoration into development planning, we are committed to a growth model that protects natural heritage while creating green opportunities for the future.
68. The fourth Pratigya is centred on green energy and hydropower-led transformation. Harnessing the State's vast hydropower potential responsibly is key to energy security, employment generation, fiscal strength, and achieving India's net zero goals.

69. The fifth Pratigya commits to sustainable tourism. By promoting responsible tourism, cultural expression, and creative industries, we seek to generate livelihoods, strengthen identity, and connect Arunachal Pradesh to the world.
70. Together, these Panch Pratigyas form a unified vision for the future - where growth is inclusive, nature is respected, youth are empowered, livelihoods are strengthened, and progress is sustainable.
71. The role of this august House is pivotal in shaping this future. Each Member of this august House carries the responsibility of representing the aspirations of their constituents and contributing to the collective good of the State.
72. The journey towards a 'Viksit Arunachal' is not the responsibility of a single institution or generation alone. It is a shared endeavour that calls for cooperation between the Union and the State, between institutions and citizens, and between present needs and future aspirations.
73. I am confident that this Legislative Assembly, guided by wisdom and collective purpose, will rise to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead with dedication and integrity, contributing to national strength and the realization of 'Viksit Bharat'.
74. In this spirit, this august house must serve as a forum for constructive dialogue, where every member acts as a custodian of the people's aspirations, engages in meaningful deliberation, and works collectively to find solutions that strengthen democracy, uphold unity, deepen public trust, and progress towards the development and growth of Arunachal Pradesh.
75. Let us together build the future that we aspire towards for our State and the nation.

Jai Arunachal!

Jai Hind!