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Hon'ble Mr. Speaker and Members,

It gives me an immense pleasure in welcoming you to the first session of the Fifth Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh. My heartiest greetings to each one of you, especially, the newly elected members of the august Assembly and also to the Chief Minister and his cabinet colleagues. I congratulate you all on your success in the just concluded election and welcome you in TEAM ARUNACHAL!

2. Dear members, you have come here with the mandate of the people, which means you have the privilege and the opportunity to translate their hopes and aspirations. I am sure that their concerns, expectations and dreams will weigh on you as you commence your work. I would like to urge upon you to use each day of the next five years in giving substance and concrete shape to those aspirations. My best wishes to each one of you, whom I regard as the 'core members' of Team Arunachal.

3. I would like to congratulate the Election Commission of India and the Chief Electoral Officer and his team, and our efficient and dedicated State officials who conducted the elections to the Fifth State Legislative Assembly in smooth, peaceful, free and fair manner. I would like to place in record my highest appreciation to each and every official, right from Chief Election Commissioner to those porters who carried the voting apparatus to the remotest parts of the State and thus facilitated the successful conduct of the elections. My heartfelt appreciation to every Arunachalee voter who exercised his or her franchise and in doing so, has upheld the spirit of Indian democracy in a mature and telling manner. It was

an exemplary display of our democratic traditions, which are the pride of every Indian. Once again, I congratulate all Arunachalees.

4. Esteemed members, as I have said before, you are here with people's mandate, their trust and aspirations lie on your shoulders. They have bestowed on you the responsibility to ensure that there is a balanced growth and the best interests of the people of State are served. Compassion is shown towards sections of society which need care and hand holding. Economic empowerment of women is an important priority, for a humane and compassionate society. Works are carried out in unison for the betterment of present and future generations of Arunachalees. People centric and 'people first' administration is provided, and sensitive, responsive, efficient and affordable justice is delivered. People of the State have voted for development and performance. They have voted for peace and security. In my view, political stability is the prerequisite for any major developmental step, and for carrying out major reforms. As the first citizen of the state, I firmly believe that each and every Arunachalee at this juncture wants a stable and performing government, and it is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that we perform, and we come upto the expectations of our people.

5. With the watchword, 'People First' my government will continue to accord the highest priorities to ensure maintenance of peace and tranquility in the State; to free the State from social injustice, ill health and inequality and promote education especially amongst the women and the girl child. It will also give priority to eradicate poverty and check corruption, while carrying forward its effort to generate more employment avenues through public-private entrepreneurship. To make Arunachal Pradesh a prosperous

and self-reliant state, my Government will lay maximum emphasis on harnessing its rich hydropower potential and mineral resources, in addition to its vast potential for tourism, agriculture, horticulture and medicinal plants. Initiatives must emerge to make our pristine and enchanting State the most favoured tourist destination of the country and the necessary infrastructure created on priority. These initiatives can generate a large number of jobs for the women and the youth.

6. Esteemed members, in the past, due to limited budget and fund constrains, the development in the State was not able to achieve the required pace. Somehow, we were not given the desired priority. But with the historical visits of high profile personalities, including the President, Vice President and Prime Minister of India, amongst others in the last two years, our necessities have been noted and are also being addressed. Now the pace of development is steadily increasing.

7. Through-out history, the wheels of development of any State have moved faster when that state has built a better infrastructure and network of roads. My Government has been giving priority attention to the development of infrastructure, especially the roads and bridges. With the PM's package for this sector, our means of vehicular communication are going to improve many folds. To ensure proper implementation of the projects, we have evolved a system of 'third party monitoring' of the projects, where review is done at all levels. Still the success of this ambitious initiative depends on close partnership among the Central and state governments, private investors, executing and implementing agencies and above all, the local community. Therefore, Dear members, let us

together resolve to build a highway to prosperity, a highway to integrated development of Arunachal Pradesh.

8. The fundamental purpose of any economy is to meet human needs through the activities of human labour. It means that every able bodied person in the working age should get work. Hence, employment is not merely a means of livelihood but also a means to excel and develop oneself. Development in the true sense is the financial empowerment of the people. It means improvement in the well being of the people through socio-economic initiatives.

9. My government has a roadmap for development for every Arunachalee. It is giving prominence to entrepreneurship, especially in small and medium scale cottage industries. Industries have always been the engine of growth for every State, in developing as well as in transition economies. Acknowledging it, my government has brought out a new policy and implementation is in progress. I hope it will help in meeting the challenge. Along with it, as all of you will agree with me, most of the construction of roads under PM's package are source of large scale employment.

10. Arunachal Pradesh has been the oasis of peace in the whole of North East, except some incidents of spill over of violence from our neighboring states. As peace is a pre-requisite for development, my government is maintaining utmost vigil on law and order. Along with modernization, focus is on strategies, strengthening deployment and on basic amenities to our brave personnel. My government will continue to be on high alert in effected areas and will ensure that our youth, our future are not allowed to

go astray. Raising of Arunachal Scouts for safeguarding our borders is in the pipeline and the issue is being progressed by the Central Government.

11. As peace is a pre-requisite for development, political stability is of paramount importance for proper administration and implementation of developmental projects. In the just concluded elections, people have given a clear mandate, which indicates their stand for political stability and have reposed their faith in the State leadership and government.

12. Esteemed members, I share the feeling of well-meaning citizens when they express pained concern about the decline of morals and ethics in public life. Corruption is becoming a serious challenge for all of us. My government will tackle the menace of corruption and it will be addressed seriously. Every step will be taken to strengthen the people's trust. Responsive and transparent administration, autonomy to investigating agencies and system-wise augmentation of efficiency will be the order of the day. It is my firm belief, the days are not very far, with transparency in the departments, the Right to information and conscious desire of Arunachalees, corruption, irregularity, red tapism and partiality, will be wiped out.

13. One of the thrust areas of my government is education, which is a vital component for the development of every society. Attaching utmost importance to it and in order to ensure proper implementation of various programmes, the State government is weighing on the concept of communitization. Communitisation consists of a unique partnership between the government and the community involving transfer of ownership of public resources and assets, control over service delivery,

empowerment, decentralization, delegation and building capacity – all with the aim of improving the delivery of public utility systems. Communitisation therefore involves transfer of government assets to the community, empowerment of community through delegation of governmental powers of management, and supervision of day-to-day functioning of employees to village committees. It also demands ensuring accountability of government employees posted at the service delivery level to local communities and control of government assets by village committees including the responsibility for maintenance, amelioration and augmentation of assets. With empowerment, the sense of responsibility will come, and that will enable release of creative forces which are latent in the community. Once the community owns the Government institutions set up for them, the functioning of such institutions is bound to improve. If this concept is successful, of which we are sure, my government is contemplating to do the same for the Health and Tourism sectors also.

14. My government is keen on promoting organic agriculture in the state. Organic agriculture is a safe, sustainable farming system, producing healthy crops without damage to the environment. It avoids the use of artificial chemical fertilizers and pesticides on the land, relying instead on developing a healthy, fertile soil and growing a mixture of crops. In this way, the farm remains biologically balanced. My government strongly feels that agriculture in the State, which by default is organic, needs to be capitalized in order to have better realization by the farmers for their produce. It will initiate schemes and plans for promoting organic cultivation with select crops namely ginger, large cardamom, maize, potato and tea in the state. Training would be provided to the farmers on crop practices, plant protection measures and organic certification along with

other activities including promoting organic trade, organic food processing and value addition, market linkage through organizing Buyer-Seller meetings, etc.

15. Members of this august house, we Arunachalees are proud of our pristine forest wealth, which is recognized as one of the hot spots of biodiversity and home for five hundred odd orchids. The Government has realized this potential, and huge investments are being contemplated in this sector to transform Arunachal Pradesh into a Floriculture State. The higher goal would be to promote Floriculture into a new vocation by making it more attractive for the younger generation and for sustained income generation.

16. Dear Members, thanks to the Government of India that many of the major infrastructural projects which we lacked like roads, railways, and airports are now being addressed positively. However, I strongly advocate that while these major projects will definitely come today or tomorrow, what we urgently need is, the sustained income generating activities for the common masses especially the youth and women. And through various pilot projects we have shown that we can provide such livelihood to the people through promotion of activities under cane and bamboo sector, honey, textiles and handicrafts, organic farming, floriculture etc. My Government will continue to emphasize on these issues and produce viable schemes for generating jobs as well as enhancing rural economy.

17. Providing good health to all will continue to be our important priority. Many schemes under social sector are going on for improvement of living condition of people in rural areas. Total Sanitation Campaign amongst the

rural population is a noble scheme which has direct link with health of the people. Sanitation is one of the basic determinants of quality of life and human development index. I am delighted that an overwhelming response is emerging for safe sanitation among people in villages of this strategically located state. Increasing trend of Nirmal Gram Puraskar applicants from all across the state is a sign of improvement of living standard of people in rural areas. But, still there is need for a political will. I call upon our Dear members to bring sanitation in the forefront of their developmental agenda in their respective areas so that basic standards of hygiene and sanitation in rural areas could be provided to the people and Arunachal Pradesh could be made a state of national reputation.

18. When I read about various successful projects all over the country and especially in the North East, I always wonder, why the same is not possible in Arunachal Pradesh. Of course, on many occasions Arunachal is being praised for some reforms like introduction of the 'Third Party Monitoring', increased transparency through information sharing through the websites, involvement of Panchayat leaders to monitor the projects under DLCC, harnessing the micro-hydel potential, PPP model in Health & Education sector etc. Now my Government will concentrate on studying the best available practices in the country and other NE states, and try to implement the same in our state in a time bound manner.

19. Dear members, the people of Arunachal Pradesh have great hopes and expectations from this assembly. To help them realize their dreams we need to join hands and work in unison and harmony. We need to banish forever the politics of misinterpretation and confrontation. The people yearn for a better future. I am confident that you will rise to their expectations. As our

beloved Prime minister Dr. Manmohan Singh said on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008, I quote, *'I sincerely hope that like the sun, Arunachal Pradesh will rise from the east as a new star and become one of the best regions of our country.'* Unquote. Let us rise upto the expectations of our Prime Minister. Now I expect that each of you may prepare an action plan for the next five years with clearly specifying the milestones, and start working right from the day one. Let us pledge to help build together a secure, peaceful and prosperous Arunachal Pradesh.

Before, I conclude 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. Once again, I welcome each of you in the TEAM ARUNACHAL and pray for the success of all our endeavours.

Jai Arunachal, Jai Hind