



**SPEECH**

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**ON THE OCCASION OF**

**LAUNCHING OF**

**ARUNACHAL PRADESH EDUSAT NETWORK**

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First of all, I would like to congratulate the Rajiv Gandhi University for this very important Network, which I believe will revolutionarise the education system in this Frontier State. It is now poised for fundamental changes in the education system by utilizing the services offered by EDUSAT, the country's first tele-education satellite.

For this, on behalf of this University, the State Government and people of Arunachal Pradesh, I would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Space Research Organisation. Thank you very much.

Friends, this launching of Edusat network will certainly improve the quality of education through information technology. This is a big achievement for the State. Due to lack of adequate infrastructure and

non-availability of good teachers in sufficient numbers the efforts we made in the past were not very result oriented. I hope, this will enhance the education department's efficiency and effectiveness to reach out to its target audience.

The audio and visual components will definitely enrich the education and as I am told, there will be no need of telephone lines as satellite beams will be used for transferring details. The programme will be able to be downloaded in CDs and available for reference. It is an amazing facility and also most importantly, extremely useful.

With the launching of the network, I would like to urge upon all for its optimum utilization. I would

like to request the Vice Chancellor to organize orientation and refresher courses for the teachers along with normal programmes for the students. We can use it for training of the trainers. The network can be put to multipurpose use and our administrators and police can also use it for communication and passage of directions. Health is another sector, which I think can be benefit from this networking.

Friends, the satellite-based service will bring training courses to the doorsteps of the target groups. Hence we could use it for coaching classes for aspirants of IAS and other allied services in the State, especially benefiting the rural students. Specialized programmes for target audiences like

unemployed youths, school drop-outs, educated unemployed youth, health workers and students for distance education should be conducted. Latest technology on farming methods for the farmers will be another important use.

Ladies and gentlemen, while expressing our gratitude, I would like to request the representatives from the ISRO to kindly continue to provide the much needed guidance and help, so that this network has a meaningful impact on the education system of the State. Due to hilly terrain and difficult topography, the first casualty is the education sector. People are not willing to serve in the interior areas. But, with the introduction of these facilities, our children in the far-flung areas can also avail of

the latest means of education. With that I have another request, that is, a request for establishing more such centers in the interior places, especially in border areas. I am sure, ISRO will extend their helping hand so that this system becomes accessible even in the remotest areas in the near future.

To make it more effective, kindly ensure the credibility of studies materials used in this method of teaching, updating of course materials and regular monitoring of student-teacher interaction.

Before I conclude, I would like to urge upon my media friends to give appropriate media coverage so that people are made aware of the facilities available at their doorsteps. If it is not done, the entire effort in establishing the network will go waste.

Once again, congratulations to Rajiv Gandhi University and all Arunachalees for the commencement of this facility and thank you very much my dear friends from ISRO for helping us attain this objective.

Thank you.