



**SPEECH  
OF  
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**ON THE OCCASION OF  
08<sup>TH</sup> INSTALLATION CEREMONY  
OF ROTARY CLUB OF RISING SUN,  
ITANAGAR**

**ON  
10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2008 AT 5.30 P.M.**

**AT THE AUDITORIUM,  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH, SCIENCE CENTER,  
INDIRA GANDHI PARK,  
ITANAGAR**

**Dear Rotarians, Shri Tomi Ete, Shri K C Dhimole, Smt Jarjum Ete, Shri Nilesh Agarwal, Shri Tage Taki, & distinguished members of the audience Ladies & Gentlemen, friends from the Media,**

It gives me immense pleasure to be here amongst the elite of Arunachal Pradesh on the occasion of 8<sup>th</sup> installation ceremony of the Rotary Club of Rising Sun, Itanagar. In fact, it is a pleasant surprise to see such a vibrant rotary club in a town like Itanagar.

It is well known that Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united world-wide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, help good will and peace in the world. Throughout the world, this organization has done a commendable job and I am happy to see that the same traditions continue in Arunachal Pradesh.

Home of numerous turbulent streams, roaring rivers, snow clad mountains and thousands of species of flora and fauna, Arunachal Pradesh is one of the most beautiful place on the earth. Personally, my family are proud to be associated with this frontier state for almost three decades. Long back in the eighties when His Excellency was a Colonel in the Indian Army, we spent memorable days in Tezu and Hayuliang. I still cherish memories of crossing the Digaru River on elephant back and the Lohit River on ferries! Since the last six months as the first lady of the State, I am closely associated with the various developments in the State and am convinced that the State is going through a transitional phase of rapid development. The historic Rupees 20000 cr plus package announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, once implemented will change the complete socio-economic profile of the State. The projects like green-field air-port at Itanagar, railway connectivity, trans-Arunachal highway, two lane connectivity to districts, village connectivity, village electrification etc are revolutionary. You must be thinking that why I am referring these developmental issues in the Rotary meeting. But I am convinced that if the elite citizens of the state, like you all, are aware and are partners of the developmental process then the results will be multiplied manifolds. As good citizens of this beautiful state, I will request all of you to be

active partners in the developmental process. As a Rotarian, you can work as change agents in the society showing the right path to the masses. You are the role models for the others.

There are many fields in which Rotary Club can provide a valuable contribution. As President of AWWA, I was closely associated with various social welfare projects for many years. I have realized that there is no dearth of projects or money for the social sector programme. What we lack is the delivery system and here we can step in. We can be the bridge between the Government and People. I request that Rotary Club of Itanagar should start many programmes for the underprivileged class like women and children, destitute, orphans, disabled and others. Just yesterday I visited the Dony Polo School of hearing impaired children, and was impressed by the commitment with which the organization is functioning. I have also visited the mother's home at Ziro taking care of orphans. May I request the fellow Rotarians to get associated with such organizations so that their effectiveness and reach increases, and consequently benefits the poorest of the poor?

In a state like Arunachal Pradesh, where the administrative institutes are still in the evolution stage the Rotarian can come forward to fill up the vacuum. Your associations with the flagship programmes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, National Rural Health Mission, Integrated Child Development Programme etc can increase the quality of delivery by many times. To start with let us adopt one or two villages and work to provide basic services to the villagers and convert it into a model village in one year's time. The rotary theme of this year is 'MAKE DREAMS REAL' so let us work to convert Mahatma Gandhiji's dream of model villages into a reality.

I have gone through all of your past reports and thoroughly impressed by the performance. I am sure this group of professionals forms the critical mass which is required to bring a complete process re-engineering. As the first lady of the State, I am always available for the cause for the State and would be really happy to get associated with some of the good projects for the common masses.

At the end I conclude by saying that 'Development in the life-blood of any growing civilization' and association of professional bodies like Rotary in the developmental process is absolutely necessary for the better future. I am confident that the Rotary Club of Itanagar will continue with its good work this year and will achieve its theme of this year...MAKE DREAMS REAL!

Dear Rotarians, I thank all of you for inviting me here and hope that our association continues in future.

**Jai Hind! Jai Aruanchal!!**