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Hon'ble Speaker,

1. With your permission, I rise to present the Annual Budget for the year 2023-24 to this august house of the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly
2. It gives me immense pleasure to present the fourth budget of the present government. Despite the most severe challenge thrown at us in the form of the Global COVID-19 Pandemic, the Government has not deviated from an accelerated path of progress and development under the able leadership of Shri Pema Khandu ji, guided by the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji.
3. For too long development of modern infrastructure underpinning the people's aspirations and abilities was overlooked in the country, but now, as the Hon'ble Prime Minister has affirmed, we are firmly on our way to become a **Developed Nation by 2047**.
4. It has been our privilege to provide a robust development platform to the hard working, good natured and naturally talented people of Arunachal Pradesh. Whichever field you look at, our people have been **achievers**. From three Padma Shri Awardees to children winning medals in international events we have front runners in all walks of life, be it literature, fine arts, music, dance, theatre, sports, mountaineering, culture, science, governance, administration, engineering, medicine, architecture, farming, manufacturing, and social work.
5. It is the belief of the Government that when you bring in all round development aimed at increasing '**happiness**', the array of talent gets the opportunity to shine in all walks of life.
6. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, India on 1st December 2022 formally assumed the Presidency of G20 grouping for the period of one year.

7. As the Hon'ble Governor stated, the theme of our presidency – “One Earth. One Family. One Future” – reflects our core belief of “**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**”. Hon'ble PM has said that the world has high expectations from us in finding pragmatic and meaningful solutions to global problems for the well-being of all and I am sure Arunachal will also step up to answer the call along with rest of the nation.
8. We know that the G20 Presidency also marks the beginning of ‘Amrit Kaal’ - the 25-year period from India at 75 to India at 100. During the period, the Union Government envisions an **empowered** and **inclusive** society, where the **fruits of development reach all regions and citizens**. The **blueprint** for Amrit Kaal focuses on three things:
 - first, facilitating **ample opportunities** for citizens, especially the youth, to fulfil their aspirations;
 - second, providing **strong impetus to growth** and job creation; and
 - third, strengthening **macro-economic stability**.
9. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, The Government of India as well as the State government are working in unison and with all our might on the above blue print which reflects the ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas, Sabka Vishwaas aur Sabka Prayaas’ vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
10. Reflecting this, the Union Budget for the Financial Year 2023-24 has been presented outlining seven priorities or the ‘Saptarishi’, which will guide us during the Amrit Kaal. They are 1) **Inclusive Development** 2) **Reaching the Last Mile** 3) **Infrastructure and Investment** 4) **Unleashing the Potential** 5) **Green Growth** 6) **Youth Power** and 7) **Financial Sector**.
11. It is a matter of great personal satisfaction for me that the six pillars chosen by us to lay a strong foundation of a **‘happy’ society**, which is constructively engaged in the sustainable development of our beloved State are very well aligned to these priorities.

12. The pillars of ‘**Governance Reforms and Prudent Financial Management**’, ‘**Synergy and Convergence**’, ‘**Investment in Health Sector**’, ‘**Investment in Human Capital**’, ‘**Atma-Nirbhar Arunachal Pradesh**’ and ‘**Environment Protection and Climate Resilient Development**’ are meant to support the aspirations of our people through **impetus to economic growth** and provide them with **ample livelihood opportunities**, especially the youth.
13. **Hon’ble Speaker Sir**, in this time of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, and going forward into the Amrit Kaal, we are indeed fortunate in having a globally acknowledged and respected leader trusted and loved by the people. Under his committed and far-sighted leadership, the energetic and dynamic Chief Minister has galvanized development in the State.
14. This ‘double-engine’ government is **not merely** working to implement people oriented schemes such as PM Awaas Yojana, Saubhagya Yojana, Swacch Bharat Abhiyaan, Jal Jeevan Mission, PM Jan Aarogya Yojana, Svanidhi, Swamitva, Amrit Sarovars, PM Gram Sadak Yojana and Financial inclusion through Jan Dhan, Adhar & Mobile, 5G connectivity, digital transactions, Jeevan Jyoti and Suraksha Beema Yojanas, National Education and Health Policies, PM Kisan Saman Nidhi, and PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana, to name a few, but has taken ‘**sankalp**’ to achieve saturation mode.
15. We are aware of the record pace set in all sectors, whether it is providing ghar, bijli, paani, swacchta, sadak, rail, air and port connectivity to people. Wherever you see, the extreme dedication to the Nation and State through ‘**kartavya**’; and ‘**sewa**’ bhaav is reflected. With increase in per hectare production, India is the largest producer of sugar and the second largest producer of rice and wheat globally. From third largest start-up ecosystem to improved road safety, port & rail traffic, highways, decline in death rate, improved sex ratio, and substantial reduction in teacher-pupil ratio our ‘**vikas**’ yatra speaks!

16. The Pema Khandu Government has adopted a comprehensive approach to development and, yet, focused from year to year on certain themes realizing that with greater focus more can be achieved. In previous years, we have paid attention to 'Health', 'Education' and 'e-Governance' to improve quality and ease of living.
17. In affirmation of our Amrit Kaal blueprint, I intend to dedicate the Annual Budget of Financial Year 2023-2024 to 'ATMA-NIRBHARTA through 'YOUTH ASPIRATIONS and LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES'.
18. We are going to facilitate ample opportunities for citizens, especially the youth, to fulfil their aspirations as well as provide strong impetus to growth and job creation while maintaining macro-economic stability.
19. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, Rig Veda says, 'आ नो भद्राः क्रतवो यन्तु ववश्वतो' or 'Let noble thoughts come to us from all directions'.
20. We held extensive consultations while preparing the road map for the next year. The Departments were requested to provide inputs and ideas were invited from the public online. The three best ideas are going to be rewarded by the Government and these relate to *quality, affordable & inclusive education for all, transforming rural Arunachal and skill development & employment generation.*
21. I myself held consultation meeting with the Community Based Organizations and am thankful to them for their proactive participation and several useful suggestions which are all aligned to the approach this Government has been taking for the betterment of our State.

22. For instance, the suggestions included fighting the drug menace and strengthening of Drug Rehabilitation Centers, improvement of tourism infrastructure and tourism policy, preservation of wildlife, infrastructure development of Arunachal Pradesh University - Pasighat, initiatives for youth empowerment and skill development, including our unsung heroes in education curriculum, supply of text books, revamping PRIs, environment friendly infrastructure, improvement of schools, establishment of model schools and posting of teachers, optimum deployment of health human resource and provision of medical equipment, creation of Gurukuls, fruit gardens, indigenous crops, Arunachal Tribal Heritage Village, strengthening border affairs, Libraries, strengthening of FPOs & FPCs, sports, eco-tourism, high altitude medicinal plants, food storage & processing, traditional festivals, mobile connectivity and electricity in interior areas, etc. And, as we will see, the Government is mindful of all these areas.
23. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, In the global economy, India is a beacon of hope being the fastest growing large economy of the world. This is due to the visionary guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and able steering by the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister. Their efforts during the last two financial years are there for all to see. India has overtaken the United Kingdom to become the world's fifth largest economy in terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and third largest economy in terms of Purchasing Power Parity (PPP). With our continuing robust growth, the Indian economy would be the third largest economy of the world soon enough.
24. Now, turning to the State's current financial situation, I would like to inform this August House that the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) was estimated at Rs.29,372.00 Crores in BE 2022-23 and at Rs.37,870.00 Crores in RE 2022-23 at Current Prices as per the communication received from Ministry of Finance.
25. For preparing the budget estimates of a financial year, we consider the GSDP communicated by the Ministry of Finance. Therefore, the GSDP of RE 2022-23 i.e., Rs.37,870 Crores is taken into consideration for preparation of BE 2023-24.

26. I would like to share with the House the resource position of the State and the projections for the current financial year. During 2022-23, the Share of Central Taxes as per Union Budget Estimate was estimated at Rs.14,348.54 Crores. I am pleased to state that the same has been enhanced to **Rs.16,689.17 Crores** in Revised Estimate for the current financial year 2022-23.
27. I extend my sincere thanks to Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance for **additional allocation** of Share of Central Taxes to the tune of **Rs.2,340.63 Crores** in Revised Estimate 2022-23 which has been of substantial help in covering our ongoing capital expenditure. This enhancement has been a welcome news after a hiatus of two years.
28. Further, I welcome the initiative of Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance for frontloading the instalments of Share of Central Taxes for timely distribution to the States as also express gratitude for substantially enhancing the State's allocation under the Special Central Assistance Scheme to the States for Capital Expenditure, which is a 50 years interest free loan.
29. In the Budget Estimates of 2023-24, we are in a position to project revenue receipts of Rs.26157.65 Crores and capital receipts of Rs.3499.51 Crores making total receipts of **Rs.29,657.16 Crores**, which is **14%** higher compared to the total estimated receipts of Rs.26,111.63 Crores in BE 2022-23. The receipts increased to Rs.29,973.60 Crores in Revised Estimates of 2022-23.
30. Our Share of Central Taxes has been pegged at **Rs.17,946.84 Crores** as per Union Budget 2023-24, which, as the highest source of resource for the State, is a significant **8%** increase from the RE 2022-23.
31. In addition, we have projected State's Own Tax Revenue at Rs.2565.04 Crores. The Non- Tax Revenue for 2023-24 is estimated at Rs.847.77 Crores. Thus, our total estimated State's Own Revenue Generation is **Rs.3412.81 Crores** during 2023-24 which is also **13%** more than the RE 2022-23.

32. In the Budget Estimates of 2023-24, we are projecting revenue expenditure of **Rs.23,094.80 Crores** as against the Budget Estimates of Rs.18,201.55 Crores in 2022-23. The revenue expenditure is estimated at Rs.20,591.99 Crores in Revised Estimates of 2022-23.
33. In the Budget Estimate of 2023-24, the Capital Expenditure including loan components is estimated at **Rs.6,418.02 Crores** as against Budget Estimates of Rs.7,507.81 Crores in 2022-23. The capital expenditure is estimated at Rs.9,431.71 Crores in Revised Estimates of 2022-23. The focus of the Government has been and will be on increasing Capital expenditure to create socially and economically productive assets for accelerated development of the State.
34. In terms of expenditure strategy, we are committed to meet the fiscal deficit targets laid down in the Arunachal Pradesh Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2006 which was amended during 2011-12, 2017-18, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2022-23 based on the recommendations of Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Finance Commissions. Our fiscal deficit was estimated at Rs.644.81 Crores which is 2.20% of GSDP in BE 2022-23 and pegged at Rs.931.84 Crores which is 2.46% of GSDP in the Revised Estimates of 2022-23.
35. For the FY 2023-24, we are able to keep the fiscal deficit at an estimated 2.00% of GSDP i.e, **Rs.758.26 Crores**, which is not only within the norms of fiscal deficit targets laid down in the Arunachal Pradesh Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act 2006 but is lower than the fiscal deficit in BE 22-23.
36. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, the results of our efforts under the Six 'Vision Pillars' aligned to the Union Government's Seven 'Saptarishi' Priorities, have been remarkable.
37. These two will guide us through the Amrit Kaal to 'Arunachal@2047', when we celebrate 100 years of country's Independence and 75 years of the naming of Arunachal Pradesh.

38. There is so much to share that I can go on for days. However, in the interest of time, I will briefly highlight key achievements in individual sectors grouped under the vision pillars and then what we intend doing in FY 23-24.
39. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, Our **Vision Pillar I** of 'Government Reforms & Prudent Financial Management' is aligned to the '**Financial Sector**' Saptarishi.
40. I can state with pride that the State's GSDP has nearly doubled since 2015-16. We have nearly reached the **Rs 38,000 Crores** GSDP mark. When compared to **Rs. 20,373 Crores** in 2015-16, this is a **staggering rise of 86%**. Out of the **Rs. 17,497 Crores** increase, more than **Rs. 10,000 Crores** was added to the GSDP only in the past five years.
41. Arunachal Pradesh has been able to maintain more than 30 percent share of capital expenditure in total expenditure outlay, which is **the highest in the country** and consistently so over a five-year period.
42. The per capita income of the households, which is an important component of 'happiness' has increased from Rs. 88,768 to **Rs. 1,15,902** in the last 6 years. This **Rs. 27,134 increase translates to more than 30% increase** in the average income of the people of the State.
43. A **remarkable success story** is the implementation of GST in Arunachal Pradesh. When GST was implemented with the rest of the country from 1st July, 2017, we initially faced hurdles due to lack of robust IT infrastructure, difficult terrain and low tax base. However, our diligent and focused approach coupled with the increased economic activity and growth has resulted in the number of registered taxpayers increasing substantially from 7,365 in the year 2017-18 to **19,082** at present, which is a growth rate is **159%**.

44. In fact, Arunachal Pradesh is one the few States to consistently record positive growth in GST collections. The VAT collection of Rs. 277.16 cr in the FY 2016-17 has increased manifold after implementation of GST whose collection from April to January, 2023 is **Rs. 1,403.64 crores**. As compared to Rs. 890.09 crores collected for the same period in the Last Financial Year, the growth rate is **58%**.
45. This has resulted from the socially and economically productive capital investments that have been the hallmark of our Government. In fact, despite the adverse economic effect of Covid-19 pandemic, the State Government continued to invest in infrastructure besides honouring all committed liabilities such as salaries, wages, and loan repayments
46. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, In the previous State budget, the Government had committed to provide life insurance cover of Rs. 2 Lakhs under the 'Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana' and accident cover of Rs. 2 Lakh in case of death and Rs. 1 Lakh for partial disability under the 'Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana' for all contingency workers, casual labourers and ALCs working with the State Government, aged between 18 to 50 years.
47. With a view to further expand financial inclusion, I am happy to announce that a special campaign will be launched to cover all Anganwadi Workers, Mid-Day Meal Workers, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives and Gaon-Burhas under the two schemes with payment of applicable premium by the State Government.
48. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, We are a young state with very old infrastructure. The Semi-Permanent Type buildings from the NEFA and even earlier days are affecting service delivery to the people, especially in Education, Health, District Administration, Agriculture & Allied and Rural Development areas. The Government feels the pressing need to replace structures in dilapidated condition and intends to take up the work of reconstructing needed infrastructure in the above said priority sectors in a phased manner with pre-decided criteria. To this end, I am announcing a sum of **Rs. 300 Crores**, under 'Arunachal Uday Scheme'.

49. To take administration closer to the people, we have created new districts in the State. For effective provision of services to the citizens, infrastructure is being built or upgraded in the newly created District HQs. Towards Infrastructure Development of Residential and Non-Residential Buildings at the new District Headquarters, I am happy to announce an overall provision of **Rs. 50 Crores**.
50. Additionally, for the Infrastructure Development of Residential and Non-Residential Buildings of the 3 Divisional Headquarters; East at Namsai, West at Yachuli and newly created Central at Basar, I would like to announce an amount of **Rs. 15 Crores**.
51. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, The Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Swavalamban Yojana (DDUSY) has been hugely successful in meeting the aspirations of our youth and providing them self-employment opportunities. We have provided a total amount of Rs. 125 Crores to finance 828 persons to set up ventures such as eco-tourism, home-stays, restaurants, bakeries, traditional textiles & weaving, motor garages, carpentry, and beauty parlours. For supporting the ambitions of the youth to start their dream ventures, I am proposing to increase the allocation from the sum of Rs. 50 crores to **Rs. 200 Crores** in the next financial year, targeting **employment generation for 1,000 new entrepreneurs, especially women**.
52. The Arunachal Pradesh Innovation and Investment Park was set up and an Entrepreneurship Development Program was started to hone the entrepreneurship skills of our youth and support them with seed money to bring their ideas to life. Several successful ventures have been started by 66 youthful entrepreneurs, including women, who were given seed money **of Rs. 3 Crores** and incubation training after selection in the program.

53. To substantially strengthen the start-up ecosystem and encourage the culture of entrepreneurship and innovation in the State, I am doubling the allocation to the Arunachal Pradesh Innovation & Investment Park from Rs. 10 Crores to **Rs. 20 Crores**. With the enhanced allocation, we will also be able to undertake work for creation of permanent infrastructure of the Investment Park.
54. As I stated, we have so many talented youths in the State who are earning us laurels in various fields. To recognize their achievements, I would like to continue the initiative of Achiever's Awards for which **Rs. 1 Crore** has been set aside. The Planning & Investment Department will frame guidelines under the scheme in consultation with Youth Affairs, Art & Culture, Research and Education Departments.
55. Hon'ble Governor has mentioned that 1,051 regular camps and 26 mega camps benefitting 12.33 lakh people were conducted as part of the 'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' initiative. Following the success of 'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' programme, the revamped 'Seva Aapke Dwar' was launched in October 2022 which has covered over 55,000 beneficiaries. The emphasis is on bottom-up micro planning to attain saturation of priority schemes of the Government and provide beneficiary oriented services in the camps itself.
56. For the continued and effective implementation of Seva Aapke Dwar, I am increasing the allocation from Rs. 7 Crores to **Rs 10 Crores**.
57. The Gaon Burahs and Gaon Burhis are integral to our effort in reaching the last mile and ensuring that welfare benefits reach all eligible persons. I am pleased to announce enhancement of their Honorarium from Rs 2,000/- per month to **Rs 2,500/-** for Head Gaon Burah/Burhis and from Rs 1,500/- per month to **Rs 2,000/-** for Gaon Burahs/ Burhis.
58. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, we have taken up the infrastructure up-gradation of PTC Banderdewa for providing modern training facilities for our Police force and I am allocating a further amount of **Rs. 10 Crores** in FY 23-24.

59. As part of Hon'ble CM's commitment of providing **Rs. 100 Crores** for police housing, I am allocating **Rs. 25 crores** for the Infrastructure Development for Arunachal Pradesh Police under Special Package 2021-22 scheme.
60. The Underground Surrender policy has been useful in encouraging misguided youth to join the mainstream and I intend to continue allocation of **Rs. 5 Crores** to this scheme.
61. To further strengthen police presence in the State aimed at keeping the peace and tackling crimes, especially against women, I am pleased to announce the sum of **Rs. 30 Crores** for 10 new notified Police Stations.
62. Looking at the success of our Mahila Police Stations, I request the Home Department to explore setting up of Mahila Help Desks in all Police Stations to provide ease of access and support to women complainants.
63. To address the problem of overcrowding in our prisons, a new Central Jail in Papumpare District is being constructed. I am happy to announce the sum of **Rs. 40 Crores** and propose that a graded approach be adopted in determining its capacity.
64. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, For the 'Strengthening and Modernization' of Fire & Emergency Services in the state, I hereby announce a total sum of **Rs. 27 Crores** at the rate of **Rs. 3 Crores each** for New Fire Stations at Mechuka, Jang, Raga, Boleng, Sejjosa, Dambuk, Palin, Ruksin and Yupia.
65. Additionally, **Rs. 13 Crores** towards Procurement of Fire Tenders and **Rs. 3.5 Crores** for procurement of modern Fire Fighting and Rescue Equipment would be provided through the State Disaster Response Fund.
66. We have continuously worked to strengthen the justice administration infrastructure. To continue the activities pertaining to upgradation & construction of new judicial infrastructure, an amount of **Rs. 10 Crores** has been allocated

67. I am pleased to inform that for the High Court Building being constructed in the Capital Complex, an amount of **Rs. 50 Crores** has been allocated.
68. Setting up of the Arunachal Pradesh Service Selection Board has reformed the public recruitment process. Ten APSSB examinations have been conducted with zero complaints received and APSSB has been awarded ISO 9001-2015 certification for fair, transparent, prompt and merit-based recruitment process, which is historic in the State.
69. We have been quite progressive in providing training opportunities to our Officers, including orientation and capacity building programs with the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie. To continue with this specialized training approach, an amount of **Rs. 5 Crores** has been allocated.
70. For the ongoing construction works for upgradation of Administrative Training Institute, Naharlagun, **Rs. 7 Crores** would be provided and I am pleased to announce a further allocation of **Rs. 10 Crores** for the construction of additional three floors for the Hostel building at ATI to upgrade its capacity.
71. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, for a statue of Mahatma Gandhi near the main entrance gate of the Assembly besides creating a footpath along the boundary wall of the Assembly Building, I am setting aside **Rs.5 Crores**.
72. We have taken significant steps in strengthening grassroot democracy in the State by devolving powers to the Panchayati Raj Institutes (PRIs) based on Sustainable, Participatory, Inclusive, Comprehensive and Empowerment (SPICE) formula in 29 subjects.
73. This is the Government which fulfilled the commitment to devolve functional and financial powers with 10% of State's Own Tax Revenues being transferred to PRIs and enabled consultative, grass root development from village level upwards.

74. Continuing this initiative, I hereby announce the sum of **Rs. 143.11 Crores** to the PRIs in FY 23-24.
75. Mr. Speaker Sir, coming to the **Vision Pillar II** 'Synergy and Convergence' aligned to '**Infrastructure & Investment**' and '**Reaching the Last Mile**' Saptarishis, we have vastly upgraded air, road, rail and digital connectivity in the State to improve the ease of living of the people and back their efforts with synergy and convergence.
76. The inauguration of Donyi Polo airport, Itanagar has been a landmark event in Arunachal Pradesh's civil aviation sector, connecting us to the national civil aviation map.
77. Our Government left no stone unturned to make this project a reality and we are extremely thankful to the generous support provided by the Government of India and the blessing of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, who inaugurated the airport on 19th November 2022. The historic moment and addition to the fast-growing infrastructure capability of our State will remain etched in our memory. Itanagar has now joined the other state Capitals in having wide-body jet connectivity to domestic and international destinations.
78. The State now has seven operational Advanced Landing Grounds (ALGs) in Vijaynagar (Changlang), Mechuka (Shi-Yomi), Walong (Anjaw), Tuting (Upper Siang), Ziro (Lower Subansiri), Aalo (West Siang) and Pasighat (East Siang).
79. Two more ALGs have been proposed by the State in Anini and Dirang for augmenting intra-state air connectivity under PM DeVINE scheme with an amount of **Rs. 400 Crores**.
80. We have progressed by leaps and bounds in the Civil Aviation sector and towards the ongoing works of Infrastructure Development, an amount of **Rs. 5 Crores** is allotted.

81. To further boost seamless operations of civil aviation and strengthen infrastructure works of Walong, Tuting and Daporijo ALGs as well as construction of two Watchtowers at Naharlagun Helipad, I am pleased to allocate **Rs. 2.7 Crores** in FY 23-24.
82. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, the Government has shown exemplary dedication towards infrastructure development in the last six to seven years. Where the State struggled to build more than 300 kms of road per year in the first seventy years since independence, we have now built **50,555 kms** of roads **averaging nearly 2,838 kms per year**.
83. In the next 4-5 years, Arunachal Pradesh will have around **5,000 kms** of National Highways in the State. Our gratitude is due to the Union Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways for approving **an additional 2,574 kms** of highways for the State of Arunachal Pradesh worth **Rs 44,000 Crores** as part of the big Infra push on our border areas.
84. I am also happy to inform the House that the construction of the strategically important Sela and Nechiphu Tunnels will be completed this year. As you would appreciate, this Government has revolutionized road connectivity in the State, increasing the pace of road construction **more than 6 times in the last 6 years**.
85. In the last few years, 252 habitations have been connected with the construction of 2,506 km roads in border areas. With the collaborative effort of Border Roads Organization and National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd, around 2,000 lane kilometers are being constructed every year.

86. What was considered an insurmountable task has been accomplished by this Government by taking road connectivity to the State's two remotest administrative circles that is **Vijaynagar** on the Indo-Myanmar border and **Tali** on the Indo-Tibetan border this year. I congratulate Hon'ble CM, Shri Pema Khandu ji and Team Arunachal for taking up the challenge of fulfilling the unrealized dreams of the people 75 years after independence.
87. The State Government is investing heavily on the improvement of 3,650 Km of Capital Complex roads, District Headquarters township roads, roads connecting ADC and SDO headquarters, roads connecting CO and EAC headquarters and construction of State Highways under the flagship programme called "Chief Minister's Comprehensive State Road Development Plan". Under the Plan, we will now prioritize improved connectivity to ADC, SDO, EAC and CO Headquarters.
88. To take forward road works under this flagship scheme with increased pace, I am proposing a cumulative additional allocation of **Rs. 200 Crores**.
- 89.** I am also happy to inform that 'construction of double lane road to provide Airport connectivity from Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar to Naharlagun Railway Station via Sonajuli & Durpang is being taken up under PM Gati Shakti at an overall cost of **Rs. 323 Crores**.
90. Under the road component of NESIDS, the Government has prioritized and submitted the following 4 projects to Ministry of DONER for a total of **Rs. 135.5 Crores**:
- i.** Improvement, widening & realignment of 13 kms road from Nafra to Nakhu for integrated development of Tourism in West Kameng District at an estimated cost of **Rs. 25.5 Crores**.
 - ii.** Construction of Phase I - 15 kms road out of total 22 kms roadlength from Bana EAC Hq to Richukrong CO Hq via Old Sopung, Chijang, and Kajung villages in East Kameng District at an estimated cost of **Rs. 45 Crores**.

- iii. Construction of 18 kms road from Thangleng PMGSY Road to Thangapey Pilgrimage Centre in Tawang at an estimated cost of **Rs 25 Crores**.
 - iv. Construction of road from PWD Road to Peki Modi under Upper Siang District at an estimated cost of **Rs. 40 Crores**.
91. The Noa-Dihing River is a large tributary of the Brahmaputra River which is crossed by small boats by the locals in Miao-Deban area of Changlang District currently. We will take up a cable suspended structure bridge over Noa-Dihing River in between Miao and Deban at Miao Ghat for which I am pleased to announce a sum of **Rs. 10 Crores**.
92. A sum of **Rs. 20 Crores** would be provisioned towards completing the New District Secretariats in the State and additional **Rs. 20 Crores** would be provided towards Building Infrastructure Plan of the Department. The work on the Common Directorate would be carried forward in the next financial year.
93. The picturesque Vijoynagar circle has immense potential for development of tourism, especially, adventure, lake, nature and farm-tourism. With the recent completion of the Miao-Vijoynagar Road, we can expect many more people visiting the area. As such, I am happy to announce a sum of **Rs. 5 Crores** for construction of Vijoynagar Circuit House.
94. The entire valley and the Preetnagar Lake will now be accessible to tourists and, therefore, I am proposing a further amount of **Rs. 2 Crores** for development of eco-tourism facilities at Preetnagar Lake.
95. With the Naharlagun railway station we have connected the Naharlagun-Itanagar twin city to other parts of the country. A world class railway station is planned at Pasighat, which is targeted for completion in 2024.

96. We know that water-ways are among the most cost-effective way of transporting goods and people and we have no dearth of big rivers that can help in further improving Inland Water Transport connectivity. In fact, in the older days the rivers were our main mode of transportation in the five major river basins. The Government will explore the possibility of developing Inland Water Transport facilities for goods and people on our 'River-Ways' with support under the relevant schemes of Govt of India.
97. The PMGSY scheme has been a boon for us connecting 1523 Habitations with 12,692 kms of roads. For the maintenance of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), an allocation of **Rs. 80 Crore** will be made.
98. I would also like to announce a sum of **Rs. 10 Crores** for the shifting of office of Chief Engineer (Eastern Zone), Rural Works Department to Miao, Changlang District.
99. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, Let me recall here that the state has achieved **100 per cent rural electrification** by connecting **4,676 villages**. Our Government has ensured that benefits from 'SAUBHAGYA' and 'Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana' have reached more than **1.54 lakh households**.
100. With funding support from the Ministry of New and Renewable energy (MNRE), **20,000 solar streetlights** have been installed in various District Headquarters, Circle Headquarters and villages, providing green energy. About **6,000 solar streetlights** are being installed in 728 border villages of 13 border districts. In addition, **2,00,000 Solar study lamps** have been distributed to students.
101. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has undertaken the key infrastructure project of 'Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme' (RDSS). This reforms-based and results-linked scheme with the assistance of Government of India. The total project cost is Rs. **983.55 Crores** with central share of Rs. 774.40 Crores.

102. With distribution sector reform, we aim to reduce the Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses to Pan-India levels of 12-15% by 2025-26 as well as reduce the gap between Average Cost of Supply (ACS) and Average Revenue Realized (ARR) to zero by 2025-26. I seek the cooperation of all Members in the smooth implementation of the scheme.
103. I must mention here that the electronic payment system launched by the Department of Power in 9 towns has reached 14,000+ customers. We have also installed 1,350 Smart Street Lights in Itanagar, Tawang, Seppa, Namsai and Changlang.
- 104.** Towards the Strengthening of Power Distribution Infrastructure in Itanagar Capital Complex, not covered by RDSS, I announce the sum of **Rs. 20 Crores**.
105. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, it is a matter of immense satisfaction for us that the Functional Household Tap Water Connections (FHTC) skyrocketed from 22,796 households or 9.9% percent in 2015-16 to **1,63,672 household or 71% percent** in 2022-23 with sustained efforts under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).
106. I am happy to inform the House that the provision of 24x7 tapped drinking water to all eligible 2,30,275 households under the Jal Jeevan Mission and Arunachal Jal Sankalp will be completed by December 2023.
107. To mobilise community participation in water management, **19,264 women** have been trained in handling Field Testing Kits and 6,307 youth have been imparted skill training.
108. To continue the activities under Water for All programme, an amount of **Rs. 68 Crores** has been allocated.
109. Additionally, for the extension of Water Supply to 600 Schools, 700 Anganwadis & 100 PHCs, I am announcing a sum of **Rs. 30 Crores**.

110. I am happy to inform the House that the State Government is separately taking up 5 Water supply projects under NESIDS for substantially augmenting water supply to Namsai, Tezu, Bomdila, Daporijo and Basar Townships, amounting to more than **Rs. 266 Crores.**
111. Further, under the PM DeVINE scheme, we would be taking up a comprehensive Water Supply project specifically for the capital, Itanagar amounting to **Rs 352.00 Crores.**
112. For the Water Resources Department, an amount of **Rs. 10 Crores** is set aside for smooth implementation of the ongoing and new initiatives, while an allocation of **Rs. 3 Crores** has been made for the ongoing construction of Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival Complex at Sejiosa.
113. I also announce a sum of **Rs. 10 Crores** for Shifting the Office of CE (Eastern Zone), Water Resources department to Miao, Changlang District,
114. The solid waste collection and treatment gap has been reduced in the State with concerted efforts of the Government, Urban Local Bodies and Urban Development Department. We are also upgrading the liquid waste management capacity by taking up sewage treatment facilities in Itanagar and Pasighat.
115. For solid waste management in 44 Urban Towns, including the payment of wages, I am keeping aside **Rs. 30 Crores.**
116. An allocation of **Rs. 15 Crores** has been set aside for the Phase-I of sector wise re-modeling of existing govt. quarters into multi-storey residential blocks.
117. I would like to announce an amount of **Rs. 20 Crores** for multi-storey parking lots at Namsai and Aalo.

118. To set up open GYM in parks and gardens for use of children and families as part of Fit India movement in remaining 12 out of 34 townships, I am allocating **Rs. 3 crores** at the rate of **Rs. 25 Lakhs** per town.
119. I am allocating **Rs. 10 Crores** as Grant-in-Aid to Itanagar Municipal Corporation and Pasighat Municipal Council as per extant ratio in FY 23-24.
120. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, One third of Arunachal's population lives in remote border areas and the patriotic citizens are working shoulder to shoulder with the armed forces as guardians of our frontiers. Towards Repair & Renovation of Foot Suspension Bridges used by for patrolling by our Border Guarding Forces and people living in or visiting border areas, I am continuing the allocation of **Rs. 7.5 Crores**.
121. We are very happy with the recent announcement on Vibrant Village Programme (VVP) in the Union Budget. Five Village clusters have been selected as pilot projects in Zemithang, Taksing, Tuting, Chayangtajo and Kibithoo Kaho Meshai and various activities in the identified villages such as celebrations of local festivals, sports meet, cultural events, Seema Darshan, etc have been initiated. We are awaiting detailed guidelines of the scheme to further refine and orient our action plans.
122. Under the Border Village Illumination Programme, 50 micro and mini hydel projects are being taken up with an estimated cost of **Rs 200 Crores**. Of these, two projects of Dichu at the LAC in Anjaw District and Preetnagar in Changlang District are under trail. 15 more projects are nearing completion under Phase I benefitting 128 border villages with an estimated cost of **Rs 50 Crores**.
123. We are aware that populations living in border areas protect the land against encroachment and external incursions. I am happy to note that the improved connectivity has triggered reverse migration in the border areas. Approximately 30 households with 180 people of nearby villages moved to Damin circle in the past ten months and around 15 households reverse migrated to village Huri.

124. **Mr Speaker Sir**, in my last Budget, I had dedicated the year 2022 as the Year of e-governance with 22 people-centric digital initiatives. Arunachal Pradesh has been a pioneer in adopting e-Governance and is perhaps the only State in the country to have implemented 100% e-Office in Civil Secretariat, all District Headquarters and Directorates. 18 out of the 22 initiatives have been implemented, leading to faster and more efficient delivery of G2C, G2G and G2B services.
125. The State has taken concrete steps to improve mobile connectivity for citizens and security forces alike. While 507 villages have been covered in mission mode, we are going to extend 4G connectivity to an additional 1,903 villages in the State by December 2023. Also, 5G services have been launched in the Itanagar Capital Region.
126. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, to help those who render their services to the Government, we have worked in a mission mode to reduce the pendency of pension cases. From over 5,615 pension case received in three years, 4,953 cases have been cleared. For quicker processing of pension cases, the "Online Pension Management System" is being taken up for which I am allocating an amount of **Rs 1 Crore**.
127. We intend to launch a pilot project for automated issue of commonly used certificates and services, including identity cards and educational certificates, through the use of DigiLocker and digital Common Service Centres.
- 128.** Under the Special Assistance for Capital Investment scheme of Govt of India, for laying of Optical Fiber Cables, providing Fiber to the Home (FTTH) and Wi-Fi connections to Households, Public Institutions and Private Enterprises, we have received an amount of **Rs. 50 Crores**. Additionally, **Rs. 35.77 Crores** has been provided under the scheme for strengthening Digital infrastructure in Districts and unconnected Circle HQs in the State. Thus, a substantial total investment of **Rs. 85.77 Crores** is allocated in the IT Sector for better digital connectivity.

129. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, creation of the Natural Resources Inventory for Micro Level Agriculture Planning has been successfully completed in Tawang, Namsai and Lower Subansiri Districts. Armed with this scientific knowledge, our farmers will be able to better plan the utilization of their lands and enhance productivity.
130. I am, therefore, making an allocation of **Rs. 6 Crores** for the Natural Resources Inventory for Micro Level Agriculture Planning of six selected districts of Arunachal Pradesh viz., West Kameng, Pakke Kessang, Papum Pare, East Siang, Lepa Rada and Longding.
131. An allocation of **Rs. 5 Crores** is also being set aside for ongoing and new initiatives under the State Remote Sensing Application Center (SRSAC) such as establishing geo-database with web-based GIS and mobile app.
132. For continued use of 'Drones for Social Impact', I am proposing a total allocation of **Rs. 4 crores** for the Departments of Health & Family Welfare, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Police besides augmentation of common use protocols and facilities by the Department of Science & Technology.
133. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, Our **Vision Pillar III** 'Investment in Health' is aligned to '**Inclusive Development**' and '**Reaching the Last Mile**' Saptarishis.
134. Sustained 'Investment in Health' through the Life-course, ie from child health to geriatric health, is a key pillar for a healthy and economically productive society.
135. It gives me great satisfaction to mention that, in just over two years, our Government reduced the Health Human resource gap from 33% to 6%, making us among the best resourced State. From only one ANM school in 2015, we have journeyed to our own Medical College from which the first batch of 50 MBBS students will graduate in the next academic year.

136. The Infant Mortality rate (IMR) has seen a dramatic reduction of 10 points from 22.9 in 2015-16 to 12.9 in 2020-21 as per NFHS-5. **This is the highest IMR drop in the country during the period.** Neonatal mortality rate (NNMR) of the state reduced from 11.8 to 7.7 in the same period. Institutional deliveries have increased significantly from 52.2% to 79.2% and Sex ratio has increased from 958 to 997 females per 1000 males.
137. Launched in the year 2019, Free Diagnostics Service is implemented in 55 Health facilities at present where 44 indicated tests are performed to reduce out of pocket expenditure. About 25 lakhs tests have been conducted benefiting more than 8 lakh patients.
138. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, I am pleased to state that from not having an emergency ambulance service in the State, the 108 Emergency Response Ambulance Service currently has a fleet of 110 ambulances. In past one year, this service has dealt with 3,417 cases, including 805 pregnancy cases, 561 traffic accidents, 303 non-vehicular injury cases, and 185 cases involving Covid. About 34,00 beneficiaries have been served and more than 2 lakh kilometers trips covered.
139. The Government started 'Medicine from the Sky' program to deliver vaccines and medications to remote locations using drones in a unique initiative. The drone network has delivered more than 4,000 vital and emergency medicines, covering over 10,000 km of ground distance. More than 300 drone flights have operated in East Kameng, Lower Subansiri and Kra Daadi districts.

140. The Government is providing cover for needed tertiary healthcare through the Chief Minister Arogya Arunachal Yojana (CMAAY) and Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) whose success can be noted from the fact that nearly **25,000 patients** have been treated under the two schemes with a cumulative spending of **Rs. 39 Crores**. The two programmes together have saved and changed lives for the better since their launch and currently cover more than **6.1 lakh State residents**. To further support tertiary care interventions needed by people, the allocation amount to CM Arogya Arunachal Yojana (CMAAY) will be increased fourfold to **Rs. 20 Crores**.
141. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, Hon'ble Governor has proclaimed our commitment to achieve the goal of 'drugs-free Arunachal' through **Supply Reduction, Demand Reduction & Harm Reduction strategies with** multi-sector coordination and cooperation from the society and communities.
142. Since we declared 'War against Drugs' in the year 2021, a multi-fold rise has been seen in cases registered under NDPS Act, 1985, with over 500 cases and double this number of peddlers arrested.
143. The number of 'Authorized Officers' empowered to conduct search and seizure operations under the NDPS Act has been increased significantly and all COs, EACs, and SDOs are designated as Executive Magistrates to aid the police in search and seizure procedures.
144. More than 3,000 persons have received treatment at Drug Deaddiction and Rehabilitation Centers till date. The Government increased the resource under this program four-fold last year for upgradation of Lathou De-addiction & Rehabilitation Center in Eastern Arunachal from 30 beds to 50 and establishing two more state-of-the-art 50 bed Substance Use Disorder De-Addiction Home cum Rehabilitation Centres (SUDHAR) at Bhalukpong and Lekhi in Western and Central Arunachal, respectively.

145. As a measure of Government's commitment to tackle the drug menace, the allocation under the Mukhya Mantri Nasha Mukti Yojana is being increased to **Rs. 20 Crores** for opioid substitution therapy in District hospitals, Drug Treatment & Rehabilitation Centers and partnering with CBOs and society in addressing the issue.
146. It is my fervent appeal to the local communities and society leaders and elders to come forward and join our movement for a 'drugs free Arunachal' through community care programs and promoting alternate crops and livelihoods for those affected by the menace.
147. Recognizing the importance of addressing mental health issues, we have rolled out the district mental Health program in 16 Districts besides strengthening the State's lone 20 bed Mental Hospital at Midpu in Papumpare district under the TELEMANAS program, including teleconsultation services from NIMHANS Bengaluru. I am making an allocation of **Rs. 3 Crores** to Mukhya Mantri Mansik Swastya Yojana.
148. An amount of **Rs. 50 Crores** will be provided as Grants-in-Aid to the Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS).
149. Besides this, towards continuing the initiative of Free Chemotherapy at Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, an amount of **Rs. 6 Crores** has been allocated and Rs **Rs. 4 Crores** will be given to the Renal Care Fund.
150. Under "Mukhya Mantri Rogi Kalyan Kosh" an amount of **Rs. 10 Crores** has been allocated while the golden jubilee top-up under the ongoing Dulari Kanya Scheme will continue with an amount of **Rs. 4 Crores** kept for the purpose.
151. I am keeping an allocation of **Rs. 9 Crore** for Asha workers incentives as a State Top up to the National Health Mission funds.

152. For the upgradation of Bakin Pertin General Hospital, Pasighat to 300 Bed Hospital, an amount of **Rs. 20 Crores** has been allocated and to continue with DNB Courses in General Hospitals at Tezu, Ziro and Aalo as well as BPGH Pasighat, an amount of **Rs 1.5 Crores** is kept.
153. I am pleased to allocate **Rs. 20 Crores** for the upgradation of health centers in the state in 23-24.
154. Specifically, to set up Neonatal ICUs and Sick Newborn Care Units in the State, an amount of **Rs. 2 Crores** is set aside.
155. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, Our **Vision Pillar IV** 'Investment in Human Capital' is aligned to '**Inclusive Development**', '**Youth Power**' and '**Unleashing the Potential**' Saptarishis.
156. During 2016-17, the student enrolments stood within the ranges of 1.5 lakhs to 1.8 lakhs, but in 6 years, with the improvement in school infrastructure and accessibility, the student's enrolment in government schools has improved remarkably touching 2.15 lakhs consistently since the last three years.
157. The school dropout rate which stood above 9% some time ago is now below 2.3%, which is below the national average of 3%. Today, 90% of our schools have adequate teachers as compared to 24% in 2016. The availability of pre-primary classes in our schools has increased from 3% in 2016 to 27% in the year 2022.
158. The Government created more than 800 Early Childhood Care Centres and is focusing on convergence with Women and Child Development for better implementation of ICDS and POSHAN 2.0.

159. Mr. Speaker Sir, the National Education Policy 2020 is a comprehensive approach to revamp the education scenario in the country and make our youth future ready. From Early Childhood Care & Education to teacher training to higher and technical education it covers all aspects for holistic and all-round development of responsible and capable citizens.
160. I sincerely thank Hon'ble Prime Minister for providing a special grant of **Rs 500 Crores** for the development of 50 model schools in Arunachal Pradesh. With this assistance, we will be able to transform our schools from the old NEFA infrastructure to new national standard schools, meeting the National Education Policy 2020 objectives and providing world-class learning pedagogy and infrastructure to students.
161. For the upgradation of the identified schools, I am proposing an allocation of **Rs. 200 Crores** in BE 2023-24 and am sure that the Education Department will take up the projects expeditiously.
162. Under the BaLA-Building as Learning Aid Scheme, we have upgraded 118 Government Upper Primary Schools into BaLA compliant schools during the previous financial year. To help develop foundational and numeracy skills in our children, I am proposing to continue the allocation of **Rs. 5 Crores** for upgradation of 125 Government Upper Primary Schools.
163. Many of our schools, especially in rural areas, do not have residential facilities for our teachers. To tackle instances of teacher absenteeism due to this reason, I am announcing **Rs. 9 Crores** for construction of 60 bachelor barracks in rural schools.
164. Under the 'Golden Jubilee Meritorious Student Award' scheme, the State presently provides a fixed sum of **Rs. 2 Lac** to students for securing admission in IITs, IIMs, AIIMs and NLUs. For this, I propose an outlay of **Rs. 2 Crores**.

165. I have set aside **Rs. 5 Crores** for strengthening of DIETs for better teacher training infrastructure in the State and **Rs. 1 Crore** for Technology Intervention - ICT & Digital Initiatives under Mission Shiksha.
166. I am happy to state that an amount of **Rs. 20 Crores** is being provided for School Uniforms of Students.
167. Under the Mukhya Mantri Shiksha Kosh initiative of the Government an allocation of **Rs. 7 Crores** has been made for empowering Principals and Headmasters of Government Higher Secondary Schools and Government Secondary Schools to meet the minor operational requirements and effectively run the daily activities of Schools.
168. The Champion Fund for activities like essay competitions, elocution, extempore, drawing and painting competitions, story writing, quizzes, sports competitions etc. will be continued with an allocation of **Rs. 3 Crores**.
169. To promote environmental and climate change awareness among the school students, I am tripling the previous allocation to **Rs 1 Crore** for activities under the Pakke Declaration Clubs.
170. We will continue to provide Laptops for District toppers of Class X and XII for which an amount of **Rs 1.5 Crores** has been allocated.
171. With these and other efforts, the Government would like to set a target for achieving 70% pass rate in Class X and 90% pass rate in Class XII for all students studying in Government Schools by 2024-25. I request Hon'ble Members to assist in this educational transformation for the benefit of our children.

172. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, our school going children and youth learn a lot of valuable things from their NCC days like discipline, team-work, patriotism and self-sufficiency. Therefore, for the establishment of NCC Academy Complex at Balijan and for up gradation of the infrastructure of three NCC Battalions in the State at Pasighat, Tawang and Naharlagun, it gives me great pleasure in announcing a sum of **Rs. 30 Crores**.
173. I am also happy to allocate the sum of **Rs 1 Crore** for NCC Development Fund and provide another sum of **Rs. 1 Crore** to meet the operational expenditure for expansion of NCC in Arunachal Pradesh.
174. I am allocating **Rs. 5 Crores** as Grant-In-Aid to carry forward the development activities at Arunachal Pradesh University, Pasighat and take great pleasure in announcing **Rs. 25 Crores** in the coming financial year for infrastructure development of the University.
175. I am happy to inform the House that the Vice Chancellor has been appointed and with the completion of construction of the academic block at the University, we will start activities from the next academic session.
176. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, this Government is committed to the improvement of higher and technical education through completion of pending projects. To this end, I am making the following provisions.
177. A sum of **Rs. 10 Crores** will be provided for the Infrastructure Development of Government Engineering College, Toru and a sum of **Rs. 15 Crores** will be provided for the Infrastructure Development of Government Engineering College, Tezu.
178. A sum of **Rs. 5 Crores** will be provided for the Infrastructure Development of Government Model Degree College, Piyong and alike sum of **Rs. 5 Crores** for the Infrastructure Development of Government Model Degree College, Kanubari.

179. Along with the above, I announce a sum of **Rs 10 Crore** for Infrastructure Development of Govt. Model Degree College, Daporijo. Similarly, towards the Infrastructure Development of Binni Yanga Govt. Women College, Poma, a sum of **Rs. 10 Crores** will be provided.
- 180.** I am happy to announce that construction of Girls Hostel (G+1) would be taken up at IGG College, Tezu and at DPG College, Kamki with a sum of **Rs. 8 Crores**.
- 181.** And for construction of a 300 bed Boys Hostel at Dera Natung Govt. College, Itanagar, I am happy to announce a sum of **Rs. 8 Crores**.
182. Our Government has been working towards building capacities of our youth by inculcating 21st century skills and providing them job opportunities, both in the Government and private sector.
183. I am happy to state that an amount of **Rs. 10 Crores** has been allotted to the Chief Minister's Yuva Kaushal Yojana which is 43% more than previous financial year's allocation. Towards the Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme, an amount of **Rs 1 Crore** has been allocated
184. The Dual System of Training, which has been implemented in 3 ITIs in the State creates direct linkages between training institutes and industries, increasing the employment potential of our youth and helping them become job ready.
185. I am therefore proposing the introduction of dual system of training in the 3 remaining ITIs in the State in this financial year and for the introduction of new skills, an amount of **Rs. 1 Crore** is set aside.
186. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, the Arunachal Pradesh Ease of Doing Business Act, 2021 and other transformative steps taken by our Government have led to business environment improving considerably.

187. Our government is committed to facilitate and promote development of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) in the State. It is an achievement for the State that more than 5,000 MSMEs have been registered so far under the e-registration system called Udyam Registration introduced by Govt. of India. The State Government is committed to provide an enabling environment for the continuing success of these MSMEs and is further targeting an increase in the number of registered MSMEs in the State to 10,000 so that we are able to take full advantage of the several schemes taken up by Govt of India in MSME and Food Processing sectors.
188. As part of improving the business environment, we have also enabled self-certification for issue of trading licenses and have repealed nine outdated laws and regulations to reduce the compliance burden.
189. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, it gives me great satisfaction in stating that the Government covered nearly 8.5 lakhs beneficiaries improving food accessibility for citizens under the National Food Security Act. To further support the economic and social wellbeing of the people, all the beneficiaries are availing free food grains as decided by the Government of India with effect from 1st of January 2023.
190. We have distributed More than 4.5 lakhs Metric Tons of free rice grains to nearly 8.4 lakhs beneficiaries @ 5 kg per person per month in seven phases of the extremely successful Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana, which was launched during the COVID-19 pandemic period.
191. Moreover, under one nation one ration card scheme nearly 1,700 fair price shops in the State have been automated with about 1.8 lakh ration cards automated with ePOS devices increasing the availability and accessibility of services for all the citizens.

192. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, our glorious indigenous heritage and culture is a source of pride for us. We are indeed one of the biggest repositories of diverse languages and cultures with culturally rich tribes co-existing peacefully as one. Each one of us has the responsibility to preserve our rich tribal and indigenous culture without which our prosperity will not lead to happiness.
193. The state government has allocated funds to establish indigenous prayer centres and provide honorarium to over 3,000 registered indigenous priests in addition to construction of tribal cultural centres to preserve the tribal way of life. Identity cards have been issued to all the registered priests.
194. Our Indigenous Priest play a crucial role in preserving and propagating our culture and traditions. I am happy to make an overall provision of **Rs. 4 Crores** for the payment of honorarium of Rs. 1,000 per month to acknowledge their role in Society.
195. For the preservation of our indigenous belief and prayer systems, I am pleased to announce an allocation of **Rs. 10 Crores** to establish Indigenous Prayer Centres for different indigenous faiths across the State.
196. Recognizing that the loss of language may adversely affect tribal culture, especially their folklore., the Department of Indigenous affairs has taken up the project of documenting the cultural heritage of Adi, Nyishi, Wancho, Nocte and Tangsa tribes in the first phase. This project has been extended to cover 14 tribes, namely Galo, Apatani, Tagin, Monpa, Sherdukpen, Sartang, Bugun, Aka, Mishmi (Idu, Taraon and Kaman), Miji, Khampti, Memba and Khamba and is targeted for completion by end 2023.
197. To promote and showcase our indigenous culture to the rest of the country, we are proposing to conduct a National Traditional Folk Music and Dance Festival, to be organized by the State during this year under the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' motif. I am setting aside Rs. **3 Crores** for this purpose.

198. Additionally, a sum of **Rs. 1 Crore** is being earmarked for organizing a State Folk Music and Dance Festival of Arunachal Pradesh.
199. Research Institute of World's Ancient Traditions Cultures and Heritage (RIWATCH) in Lower Dibang Valley District has been doing great service in the area of preserving languages and cultures and I have kept aside a sum of **Rs. 2 Crores** for this partner institute of the Government.
200. The Government is promoting and supporting the establishment of Gurukuls to encourage and promote local dialects, languages and culture while continuing with education.
201. I propose to support the existing indigenous one Galo and two Nyishi tribal Gurukuls while helping set up indigenous Gurukuls one each for the Adi and Tangsa tribes. For this, I am proposing an allocation of **Rs. 5 Crores** in 23-24.
202. The Government will prioritize the development of books on local folk tales of all major tribes, not covered so far, to be developed as supplementary reading material for primary and upper primary school students. Also, documentation of tangible and intangible cultural heritage of all major tribes would be taken up, for which the Departments of Research and Indigenous Affairs would evolve a concrete framework in consultation with Planning Department.
203. For the ongoing construction of Narottam Heritage and Cultural Centre at Borduria, Tirap district, an amount of **Rs. 2 Crores** will be allotted.
204. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, the Government has prioritized preservation and promotion of our rich, indigenous tribal culture. In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that that an MoU has been inked between Department of Art & Culture and Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) under Ministry of External Affairs.

205. The talent of our youth and artistes in all fields be it theatre, music and dance are impressive. To create a platform to show case the richness of theater, arts and cultures, I am happy to announce a sum of **Rs. 10 Crores** for the construction of **Arun Rang Manch**, an Auditorium cum Theater in Itanagar.
206. The Government will also take up the establishment of an ‘Institute of Performing Arts’ through a Government Society to be set up for this purpose. This institute will go a long way in preserving, protecting and promoting our rich indigenous art and culture in all fields such as Theatre, Music, Dance, Folk Arts, Folk Songs and Folk Story-Telling. To take up the work of setting up of the Society and design the Institute, I am setting aside a sum of **Rs. 2 Crores**.
207. This august House would be happy to hear that since 2016, our players have bagged 314 gold, 212 silver and 277 bronze medals in various recognized international, national and zonal events.
208. We have been ranked 2nd amongst all North Eastern States and 16th overall in National Games, and 3rd in recently concluded North East Olympic Games. With better sports infrastructure our state has the potential to transform to a sporting powerhouse.
209. The Government has disbursed cash incentives of **Rs. 3.83 Crores** from 2015-16 to 2021-22 to meritorious sportspersons for bringing accolades to the state.
210. As I have said in the beginning, Sports is an area of strength for us, and our sportspersons have proven their mettle on various platforms. Sports also gives the youth a sense of purpose and achievement besides keeping them away from the menace of drug addiction by keeping their energies productively channeled.
211. The Government has provided **Rs. 4 Crores** for the conduct of the Sansad Khel Spardha, which will be held in April, 2023.

212. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, our focus area in the field of sports has always been on creating enabling ecosystem for our high performing athletes, and providing them the requisite infrastructure, coaching facilities, and other requirements.
213. I am proposing a special coaching program for enabling highly skilled sportspersons to achieve their full potential. For the purpose of deployment of coaches, including guest coaches from national and international associations, I am setting aside an allocation of **Rs. 3 Crores**.
214. An additional allocation of **Rs. 1 Crore** is being kept for providing supplementary nutrition, through macro and micro nutrient-based diets, for sportspersons selected to participate in National, Asian Games or the Olympics.
215. I am proposing a cumulative allocation of **Rs. 2 Crores** for participation in the 37th National Games at Goa, the 3rd North East Olympic Games at Nagaland and the NE Zone Inter-State Badminton Championship 2023 at Itanagar as well as Olympic Day Celebrations in the State.
216. I am additionally proposing an allocation of **Rs. 1 Crore** for conduct of the State Paralympic Games in 22 disciplines.
217. To continue the ongoing construction activities of D.K. Badminton Academy, Chimpu an amount of **Rs. 5 Crores** has been allocated.
218. Towards setting up the permanent site of State Sports Academy Miao, in TCL region, an amount of **Rs. 10 Crores** has been allocated doubling the previous allocation.
219. I am also setting aside a sum of **Rs. 5 Crores** for the establishment of multipurpose indoor sports facility at SLSA in Itanagar.

220. Considering the popularity of football amongst the youth, I am allocating **Rs. 5 Crores** for “Mission Football” in the State.
221. The Government proposes to take up the construction of Outdoor Stadiums in the District HQs which do not have such a facility. In this view, I announce a sum of **Rs. 20 Crores** to construct an outdoor Sports Stadium at Seppa, East Kameng District.
222. To foster the spirit of unity and brotherhood amongst all the tribes of the state and provide a platform to for interaction and cultural exchange programmes, Arunachal Yuva Samanvay has been a successful initiative and I am happy to allocate an amount of **Rs. 3 Crores** for the Samanvay 23-24.
223. I announce **Rs. 2 Crores** as Grant-in-aid to Arunachal Pradesh Eco-Adventure Sport & Youth Development Society for supporting its operational activities aimed at promoting eco-adventure and sports.
224. Arunachal Pradesh is bestowed with a predominantly young population. In order to provide a platform for holistic implementation of youth engagement and outreach initiatives, the Government will take up priority activities as part of its Mission Youth.
225. A self-defence training program for girl students studying in Classes XI and XII in Government schools will be taken up to empower our young girls and increase their confidence. It will also provide employment opportunities for young martial arts sportspersons. For this initiative, I am proposing an allocation of **Rs. 1 Crore** in this year.
226. Volunteers’ programs of NSS, NYKS, NCC and Bharat Scouts and Guides are intended to give youth the opportunity to work through real challenges and make meaningful change. Young people who volunteer regularly develop a civic identity as leaders and change-makers, and therefore become more socially active adults. To promote and encourage volunteerism amongst our youth, I propose to earmark a sum of **Rs. 1 Crore** for conducting volunteer programs of NSS, NYKS and Bharat Scouts.

227. Our Government is committed to provide appropriate avenues of employment to our youth. Under our Mission Youth, I propose to earmark a sum of **Rs. 25 Lakhs** for providing support and assistance to Universities in the State to organize Mega Job Fairs for the employable youth on a pilot basis.
228. Through the concerted efforts of the Central and State Governments during the last 2 years, the number of underweight children in the State in the age group of 0-6 years has reduced by 4%, as per the National Family Health Survey 5.
229. To supplement the POSHAN Abhiyan aimed at building the nutritional status of children and women, I am pleased to announce **Phal se Poshan Yojana**, under which the Anganwadis will be supported to add 10-12 kg. of fresh locally available nutritional food items and seasonal fruits and vegetables every month to pregnant women, lactating mothers and children.
230. To pilot this initiative, I am proposing an allocation of **Rs. 2.5 Crores**. The Departments of Women & Child Development, Horticulture, Rural Development and Agriculture Marketing Board will work out details of the scheme.
- 231.** I am proposing to take up the upgradation of 60 Anganwadi Kendras by dovetailing existing schemes such as the ICDS, MGNREGS, etc. For this, I am proposing a cumulative allocation of **Rs. 6 Crores**.
232. Towards the initiative of “All India Tour for Rural Women folk” we are continuing with an allocation of **Rs 25 Lakhs** and for felicitation of women achievers an amount of **Rs 20 Lakhs** has been set aside.
233. **Hon’ble Speaker Sir**, investing in human capital also means providing for the vulnerable sections of our society as well as those who contributed to its development in their youth. The State currently supports over **42,000 old age beneficiaries**, over **6,000 widow beneficiaries** and nearly **3,000 disability beneficiaries** under the National Social Assistance Program.

234. As you are aware, the Top-up given by the State Govt to each beneficiary under the National Social Assistance Program (NSAP) for old age, widow and disability pension is much more than the central allocation given by Government of India under the centrally sponsored schemes.
235. As such, these four components would be grouped together and renamed individually as CM Old Age Pension - below and above 80 years, respectively, CM Widow Pension and CM Disability Pension under an umbrella **Chief Minister's Social Security Scheme (CMSSS)**. Rather than add top-up funding to the national schemes, there would be a separate allocation in the Annual Budget 2023-24 for the State Scheme - CMSSS, for which I have kept aside **Rs. 150 Crores**. The amounts being given under the NSAP by Govt of India would continue to be given to the beneficiaries separately.
236. Towards the Drug abuse awareness and training of stakeholder Departments in collaboration with National Institute of Social Defense, an amount of **Rs 50 Lakhs** has been allocated.
237. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, the fruits of development available to us today would not have been possible without the sacrifice and valour of our ancestors, who went unrecognized so far. It is our privilege that we were able to undertake the service of remembering, recognizing and honouring the immense contribution made by our forefathers to India's struggle against colonial rule.
238. Our Government has identified 220 Unsung Heroes of our freedom struggle as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav programme. An exhibition showcasing the lives, struggles and achievements of our unsung heroes was recently inaugurated by the Hon'ble President of India.

239. I consider it my personal fortune that, in this Golden jubilee year, I was able to contribute in bringing to life the history of our Brave-hearts, including ‘Unsung Heroes’, Martyrs and ‘Freedom Fighters’. I would like to congratulate all those who were involved in the laborious field and academic research to properly document their lives from archival records and materials. For continuing with the documentation effort as well as spread the legends of their unmatched heroism, I propose the creation of a ‘Research Unit’ in the RGU, Arunachal Pradesh.
240. I am honoured to announce an amount of **Rs 7.8 Crores** towards construction of State Memorials at 13 locations for our unsung heroes to commemorate their participation in India’s struggle against colonial rule.
241. I also take pride in announcing an amount of **Rs. 5 Crores** for the construction of 1962 War Memorial & Park at Neelam Village under Deed Circle to honour the grit of our brave and courageous soldiers and the supreme sacrifice made by them in the line of duty.
242. Rifleman **Neelam Tebi** laid down his life for the Nation while standing firm against the first wave of Chinese aggression in 1962 War. Rifleman **Lamtu Tikhak** and Rifleman **Madar Tayeng** also made the supreme sacrifice while fighting the enemy in the 1962 War for the sake of protecting the country. I consider it a privilege that this duty of commemorating their bravery and sacrifice is being discharged by our Government.
243. To keep the people of Arunachal informed and empowered, and to enable access to a world of knowledge, I am pleased to announce an amount of **Rs. 11 Crores** for the construction of 11 Library Buildings across the State at Tawang, Seppa, Changlang, Yupia, Basar, Boleng, Ziro, Tato, Palin, Lemmi, and Daporijo,
244. **Hon’ble Speaker Sir**, Our **Vision Pillar V**, ‘Atma Nirbhar Arunachal’ is aligned with ‘**Unleashing the Potential**’, ‘**Reaching the Last Mile**’ and ‘**Youth Power**’ Saptarishis.

245. To boost agriculture and horticulture sector of the State, the Government launched Atma Nirbhar Schemes in the year 2021-22 called 'Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana' and 'Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojana'.
246. You will be happy to know that 9,622 individual farmers have benefitted from the Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana in the FY 2022-23, which is more than twice the number of beneficiaries in FY 2021-22. Further, 3,531 individual farmers and 345 SHGs were provided financial assistance under "Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojana".
247. Under the new verticals of 'Atma Nirbhar Pashu Palan Yojna', and 'Atma Nirbhar Matsya Palan Yojana' a total of 405 and 1,060 beneficiaries, respectively, have been verified and selected so far. The 'Atma Nirbhar Plantation Yojana' has covered 1,029 beneficiaries in the State.
248. Since Agriculture and Allied Sectors are the backbone of our state's economy employing the maximum number of people, we can very well imagine the number of families, especially youth and women, touched by the schemes and the consequential benefits for the economy.
249. Let me now briefly touch upon the various initiatives successfully implemented by the Government under central schemes such as PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCD).
250. Under PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi, **99,665** farmers have been covered with an amount of **Rs 142.67** crore released directly into their accounts.
251. Similarly, **70,204** farmers have been issued the PM-Soil Health Card and **7,504** farmers have been covered with an amount of **Rs 59.34 Crores** under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). The Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCD) has benefitted **15,099** farmers with an amount of Rs. 23.25 Crores released so far.

252. Traditional methods of Agriculture need to be supplemented with modern technological implements for better production and higher yield. Under the CM's Agriculture Farm Mechanization Programme, **6,714** agricultural implements have been distributed. Additionally, under Chief Minister's Krishi Samuh Yojana (CM KSY), 50 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) have been covered in 22 districts.
253. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, as a result of our continued efforts in the agri-horti sector, Arunachal Pradesh ranks **1st in Kiwi Production, second in Large Cardamom production** in India and is the largest producer of Khasi Mandarin Oranges in the region. The oranges of Dambuk in Lower Dibang Valley district are being exported to the UAE.
254. The Rural Backyard Development Programme for Sheep and Goats – a sub-mission of the National Livestock Mission is further improving the economic well-being of the farmers. We have added 30 ambulances to improve veterinary services to farmers at their doorsteps, as part of the central government's Livestock Health and Disease Control Scheme.
255. A fish museum, the first-of-its-kind in the North-East, would soon be built in Arunachal Pradesh. The museum would be a part of the Integrated Aqua Park (IAP), sanctioned by the Union Ministry of Fisheries. The existing Tarin Fish Farm (TFF) would be upgraded as the IAP which will also serve as a training centre.
256. In a unique initiative, animal vaccine delivery was done via drone in Arunachal Pradesh. A test run for Livestock vaccine delivery by Drone code named 'Vaccines from Sky' was successfully organized from Kangkong village to Paglam in Lower Dibang Valley district covering an aerial distance of 30 Km.

257. For further strengthening Atma Nirbharta and provide self-employment opportunities. I am proposing an enhancement of front-end subsidy under the five existing verticals Krishi, Bagwani, Pashu-palan, Matsya-palan and Plantation scheme to **Rs. 375 Crores** from the present Rs. 310 Crores.
258. I am proposing a new vertical of '**Atma Nirbhar Khadya Yojana**' with an allocation of **Rs. 25 Crores** for assisting FPOs, FPCs, MSMEs in promoting food processing and value addition in agriculture and allied sectors through providing them with working capital in the nature of revolving funds with additional support from Banks. The guidelines of the scheme will be worked out by APSRLM along with Agriculture, Industries and Planning Departments, and NABARD.
259. This will make a total of **Rs. 400 Crores** allocation to the Agriculture and Allied sectors, entailing a consequent investment of Rs. 900 Crores. I am also proposing that, as earlier, 50% of the schemes under the above verticals remain earmarked for SHGs.
260. Under Atmanirbhar Krishi Yojana and Atmanirbhar Bagwani Yojana, the allocation is being increased to **Rs. 125 Crores** from the present Rs. 100 Crores. The Bagwani vertical will be used intensively for horticulture mechanization and expanded to include a 'Bagicha' component.
261. I am also proposing a special drive under the Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojana to include the cultivation of Walnuts, Persimmon, Blueberries, and Avocados. The temperate and tropical regions of our State are best suited to grow these crops to meet national and global demands. Under the special drive, we are setting ambitious targets of 70,000 Walnut trees over 2,000 hectares; an additional 1,00,000 Persimmon plants over 2,500 hectares; Blueberry plants in 50 hectares and 1,00,000 Avocado trees over an area of 350 hectares.
262. Under the Atmanirbhar Plantation Scheme an allocation of **Rs. 75 Crores** will be made. We will take up a 'Natural Rubber latex Collection Center' to support the Rubber plantations in the State through central assistance.

263. An allocation of **Rs. 30 Crores** has been made under the Atmanirbhar Pashupalan Yojana and I am allocating **Rs. 20 Crores** under the Atmanirbhar Matsyapalan Yojana.
264. Our locally grown millets such as foxtail millet, proso millet, finger millet and pearl millet have high nutritional value and to strengthen and promote intensive cultivation of these crops in the International Year of Millet, an amount of **Rs. 2 Crores** is being allocated.
265. **Rs. 3.5 Crores** have been allotted towards completion of first phase of Infrastructure development at the State Horticulture Research and Development Institute (SHRDI). And I am pleased to announce a sum of **Rs. 10 Crore** for taking up Phase-II of developing this key institute.
266. In the recent past, hailstorms have damaged orange cultivation in the State, adversely affecting our farmers. To protect the orange crops, I am proposing an allocation of **Rs. 2 Crores** for Hail-Net covering of orange trees.
267. To help Arunachal Pradesh become one of the top exporters of organic and natural products in India, I announce an allocation of **Rs. 2 Crores** for export promotion and marketing in national and international markets with the Brand name 'Arun Natural'.
- 268.** The livelihood and lifestyle of the Brokpa Yak pastoralists is based around their livestock and high-altitude grazing plants. Recognizing multiple challenges faced by them, the Government proposes to support Brokpas through a special program covering pasture cultivation, fodder banks, insulated houses, health, education, animal husbandry & veterinary services, genetic improvisation, Yak Deemo units and formation of Self Help Groups. To kickstart the process, I announce a sum of **Rs. 5 Crores**.
269. I am thankful to the Government of India for earmarking funds for construction of Unity Malls in all States of the country to display and sell indigenous products.

270. I am proposing the establishment of three more Unity Malls in the State, including through strengthening and modernizing the existing District Emporiums. For this purpose, I announce a provision of **Rs. 10 Crores**.
271. We promote our traditional textiles and handicrafts and to continue with the scheme of purchasing such local products from various Artisans, Self Help Groups, Non-Government Organisations and Entrepreneurs under Atmanirbhar Bharat - Vocal for Local – an allocation of **Rs. 3 Crores** is being made.
272. To continue the promotional activities for the upliftment of Apiculture in the State, I have kept **Rs. 2 Crores**.
- 273.** Under Chief Minister Indigenous Textile Promotion Scheme (CMITPS), I announce an allocation of **Rs. 5 Crores**.
- 274.** Oil, Natural Gas and Coal are mineral resources which have the potential to substantially increase the State's own Resources. For preparation of District Survey Reports (DSR) in 5 districts, I am allocating an amount of **Rs. 2 Crores**.
275. To complete the projects under CM's Adarsh Gram Yojana, I am allocating an amount of **Rs. 50 Crore**.
276. **Mr Speaker Sir**, the construction of houses for all eligible beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Grameen) is being prioritized by the Government in saturation mode giving a major boost to our aim of providing Housing for All.
277. To assist the beneficiaries under this priority national scheme, an amount of **Rs. 25 Crores** is allocated as State Top-up through DBT, which is an increase of **Rs. 10 Crores**.

278. With support from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, we have setup 85 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras in the State. These Kendras have been provided capital financing of **Rs. 15 lakhs** each to build their value-addition capabilities in the supply chains of spices, fruits, and vegetables, not only helping members directly but through them thousands more.
279. I am proposing to allocate a sum of **Rs. 7 lakhs** to each of these Kendras as 'Revolving Fund' for their working capital requirements, which will help in additional income generation for over **30,000** members of these Van Dhan Vikas Kendra. An allocation of **Rs. 6 Crores** would be made for this purpose.
280. The 300 commercial vehicles provided to Primary Level Federations under the Arunachal Gramin Express Yojana (AGEY) scheme have greatly helped in accessing new opportunities and improving last-mile service delivery. To reduce transportation and intra-State logistics cost, I am proposing provision of 200 Vehicles to PLFs. Greater flexibility will be given to the Federations by allowing them to procure vehicles as per topography, requirements, and road conditions. I am keeping aside **Rs. 4 Crores** for this purpose.
- 281.** Our Government has been a pioneer in providing front-end subsidy to our youth, Self Help Groups and farmers. Based on the immensely encouraging response to the '**Arun Shree Rinn Yojana**', we have decided to support **1,000 more SHGs** with a fixed deposit of **Rs. 1 lakh** to be maintained in their bank accounts. As earlier, the SHGs will be able to raise loans against these deposits to participate in various income enhancing activities, as per their individual requirements. For this, I am proposing an allocation of **Rs. 10 Crores**.
282. In all, I am allocating **Rs. 20 Crores** for supporting Van-Dhan Vikas Kendras, Self Help Groups, and Primary Level Federations under the Arunachal Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission.

283. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, Our **Vision Pillar VI** 'Environment Protection & Climate Resilient Development' is aligned to '**Green Growth**' and '**Inclusive Development**' Saptarishis.
284. We know that Arunachal Pradesh has a rich and diverse terrain, reflected in its flora and fauna. With the adoption of the first sub-national level 'Pakke Tiger Reserve 2047 Declaration on Climate Change Resilient & Responsive Arunachal Pradesh', in November 2021 by the State, we identified 75 climate actions under the five Panch-Dhara objectives. With financial support 23 actions have been completed and rest are in various stages.
285. I am happy to inform this August House that the Pakke Tiger Reserve 2047 Declaration was selected by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India for showcasing in the India Pavilion in the UNFCCC Conference of Parties 27 held at Sharm El Sheik, Egypt.
286. A partnership with IIT Guwahati has been identified to foster technology packaging and development of model carbon neutral and carbon negative villages in the State.
287. Several Capacity Building and Awareness generation programmes covering Livelihood, Inclusion and Financial Empowerment (LiFE) were conducted for the benefit of the student communities and local communities. Five basin level capacity building programmes at Gram Panchayat levels have been further planned.
288. The Government is working for ecological stability of the Himalayan region while strengthening the forest-based economy of the State. Arunachal Pradesh has 2 Tiger Reserves, 3 National Parks, and 13 Wildlife Sanctuaries. This year, 3 eco-tourism Projects have been taken up for creation of jobs and generation of additional income for the local people.

289. Arunachal Pradesh Bamboo Resources and Development Agency (APBRDA) has been established for the promotion and development of the bamboo sector which is the second of its kind after Nagaland in North East India. After the ban of Single Use Plastic, use of Bamboo Products as a substitute to Single Use Plastic products will be promoted, as also innovative schemes to gain credit from the large carbon sequestration provided by our Bamboo plantations in both forest areas and community land.
290. For scientific management of biological resources with people's participation, 1,806 Biodiversity Management Committees have been constituted in various districts of the State. The Government is setting up Materials Recovery Facility in 21 Urban Centers of the State in the first phase, out of which 13 projects have been completed.
291. An allocation of **Rs. 7 Crores** is set aside for the on-going activities under Environment & Forest Department, including focusing on the Bamboo sector to realize the potential of this immense biomass resource.
292. To undertake the construction of Paryavaran Bhavan at Itanagar, I announce the sum of **Rs. 20 Crores**,
293. The following projects will be taken up in the Environment and Forest sector:
- i. Upgradation of Biological Park, Itanagar with a sum of **Rs. 5 Crores**.
 - ii. Establishment of Forest Museum and Martyr's Memorial with a sum of **Rs. 2 Crores**.
 - iii. Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Namsai Forest Division with a provision of **Rs. 5 Crores**.
 - iv. Establishment and maintenance of 4 Eco Tourism projects with a sum of **Rs. 4 Crores**.

- v. A sum of **Rs. 1.5 Crores** is allocated for the Northeast Green Summit at Itanagar including Research and Publication on Pakke Declaration strategies
- vi. I am allocating a sum of **Rs. 2 Crores** for Strengthening of Van Vigyan Kendra Chessa and a sum of **Rs. 1 Crore** for Strengthening of environment wing for effective implementation of strategies under Pakke Declaration.
- vii. I am allocating a sum of **Rs. 1 Crore** for the establishment of Ayurvedic park at Tawang and a sum of **Rs. 1.5 Crores** for strengthening of GIS Lab for e-monitoring of Forest cover and plantations

294. I am pleased to set aside **Rs. 1 Crore each** for the up gradation of the two Mini Zoos at Roing and Miao. Furthermore, for the purpose of Red Panda Habitat Conservation, I am announcing a sum of **Rs. 3 Crores** for such habitats in Tawang, West Kameng and Shi Yomi Districts.

295. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, Arunachal Pradesh has immense potential in the tourism sector to provide employment and strengthen the State's economy. You would be happy to know that our State has recorded a 57% increase in the total tourist footfall from 2015 to 2022.

296. In fact, Arunachal Pradesh has entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for the first time ever through its road safety effort of framing the Largest Helmet Sentence "JAI HIND" by using 2,350 Helmets. The event was organized by Namaste Foundation in collaboration with Government of Arunachal Pradesh in Tawang and has attracted attention of the people far and wide.

297. The Government is making concerted efforts to harness the full potential of this sector. In this context, 13 tourist circuits have been approved covering all the major tourist destinations of the region. Our Government has launched eILP with auto-generation facility for facilitating short-term tourists.

298. In order to support entrepreneurs in the tourism sector engaged in various business enterprises, the Government introduced the Chief Minister Paryatan Vikas Yojana (CMPVY) under which more than 300 individuals have availed benefits. I am pleased to allocate **Rs. 10 Crores** for this very successful initiative for assisting more beneficiaries in setting up homestays, food courts and take up adventure and eco-tourism activities.
299. Simultaneously, we have launched Chief Minister Paryatan Shiksha Yojana, which sponsors three years B.Sc. and Diploma courses in Tourism, for which, I am allocating an amount of **Rs. 1 Crore**.
300. The Govt of India has approved two new tourist Circuits recently. These cover Dibrugarh – Deomali – Hukanjuri – Khonsa route in Tirap District and Dibrugarh – Kanubari – Longding in Longding District.
301. In order to effectively serve the increasing number of tourists visiting our State, four Tourist Facilitation Centers will be taken up at entry points, including for facilitating tourists coming to the two new circuits, at Ruksin, Hukanjuri, Namdang and Kanubari. Additionally, I propose to take up the development of Tourist Lodges in Tirap, Changlang and Longding Districts.
302. To promote our cultural heritage and natural beauty for attracting tourists, we propose to organize the Arunachal Pradesh Rang Mahotsav - a theatre festival in three cities of Mumbai, Kolkata, and Delhi. I announce an allocation of **Rs. 4 Crores** to make this initiative a success.
- 303.** We also propose to organize the Bhishmak Nagar Festival, for which I announce an allocation of **Rs. 1 Crore**.

304. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, we are all aware that our State is endowed with highest hydropower potential in the country. Our Hydropower projects will generate clean, green and renewable energy, supporting our Pakke Declaration resolve towards climate resilient and responsive development.
305. The State's and country's development through social, industrial and manufacturing infrastructure, providing direct and indirect employment opportunities, will be powered by our projects in a sustainable and environment friendly way.
306. As you are aware, the recently inaugurated 600 MW Kameng Hydro Power project has made us the second power surplus State in the North-East region. In fact, I am happy to inform you that in a span of 6 years, the installed capacity in the State saw a massive increase from 405 MW in FY 2015-16 to **1,270 MW** in FY 2022-23.
307. Out of the total installed capacity of 1,139 MW Hydro Power in the State, **734 MW has been added in just the last 7 years.**
308. Significantly adding to the 380 Km of 132 KV lines existing in 2015-16, we are building a strong 'power backbone' for the State. By the year 2024, we will have more than 2,000 Km of 132 KV lines plus more than 2,000 Km of 33 KV lines.
309. As I stated, under the national infrastructure push in border areas of Arunachal Pradesh, the Dibang Multipurpose Project of **2,880 MW** has been approved by the Government of India on 27th February 2023 with an estimated amount of **Rs.31,876 Crores.**
310. This is the largest project of the country till date and will bring prosperity to the State not only in the expected construction phase of 9 years through direct and indirect employment opportunities but also recurring benefits through 12% free power approximating **Rs. 560 Crores** per annum and additional 1% free power for Local Area Development Fund equivalent to **Rs.47 Cores** per year.

311. The Ministry of Power, Govt. of India has agreed to our proposal to **rejuvenate 29 stalled Hydropower projects** by assigning such projects to Central Public Sector Undertakings, namely NHPC, NEEPCO, SJVN and THDCIL. The total installed capacity of the 29 indicative projects is **32,415 MW**.
312. **Hon'ble Speaker Sir**, This Budget touches every person in the State from our beloved new-born girl children to the very elderly; from Indigenous Priests to Gaon-Burhas; from Pre-school Children to Higher and Technical Education Students; from Self-Help Groups to Farmer Producer Organizations; from Pedestrians to Flyers; from Environment Protection to Climate Resilient Development; from Minor to the Largest Projects; from Govt Employees to Self-Employed Persons, from Skill & Job Seekers to Job Givers; from the Poor & Vulnerable to MSMEs and Industrial Entrepreneurs; from Mining Resources to Tourism; and from preserving and promoting our Indigenous Traditions and Faiths to honouring our Unsung Heroes!
313. The investments and allocations in the announced areas and schemes will be phased in the prioritized sectors, and as per progress of work towards saturation mode.
314. The steadfast focus on development provides a solid foundation for economic growth and financial prosperity. The benefits of the work that has been done by this 'double-engine' government working in tandem will be reaped by the people for years to come. In the coming financial year 2023-24, the state's domestic production, per capita income, human development indices, employment opportunities, resources and tax collection will all see remarkable growth.
315. Fulfilling the aspirations of the youth, and livelihood generation through self-employment opportunities while continuing with our investment in infrastructure for improved connectivity will be the foundation of a prosperous and happy Arunachal Pradesh in the Amrit Kaal, ready to contribute to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's vision of a USD 5 trillion economy and become a 'developed' state of a 'developed' nation!

316. I invite you to walk with us on our roadmap of 'ATMA-NIRBHARTA through fulfilling 'YOUTH ASPIRATIONS and promoting LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES' by quoting from the vedic Unity prayer:

“Assemble, speak together; let your minds be all of one accord;,

The place is common, common the assembly, common the mind, so be the thought united.

A common purpose do I lay before you;.....,

One and the same be your resolve, and be your minds of one accord.

United be the thoughts of all that all may happily agree”

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I would like to recommend this budget to the Hon'ble House.

Jai Hind

Jai Arunachal