



ANNUAL BUDGET 2025-2026

SPEECH

OF

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Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

1. With your permission, I rise to present the annual Budget for the year 2025-26 to this august House of the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly,

“When you come upon a path that brings benefit and happiness to all, follow this course as the moon journeys through the stars”

- Gautam Buddha

2. Our budget proposals over the past years have been tailored to bring happiness to all our citizens, building a happy and prosperous Arunachal, and ensuring the benefits of development reach all parts and regions of our beloved Arunachal Pradesh. Today, as I have the honour to present my 11th budget, I will strive to unerringly follow the course laid out by previous budgets for building a Viksit Arunachal.
3. Guided by the motto of Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas given by our visionary Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji and the leadership of our dynamic Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, I am presenting our Budget proposal today to build upon the success and roadmap laid over the past few years.
4. We have achieved key milestones in every sector of governance. We have adhered to the principles of Development, Decisiveness, and Doorstep Delivery, ensuring effective and efficient delivery of benefits to all our citizens. For this, I thank every member of TEAM ARUNACHAL, as well as the Government of India for their support.
5. Our government truly follows the principle of Development.....Promised.... Development Delivered. For our Government, promise and delivery go hand-in-hand. We promise only what we can deliver and deliver what we promise.

2024-25 as Year of Youth

6. As we convene for this Budget session, I would like to highlight the considerable progress we have made in the previous years. I want to emphasize several key initiatives that have paved the way for our continued growth and development.
7. Hon'ble Members may recall that we observed 2024-25 as the Year of Youth, channelling substantial resources into education, health, skill development, tourism,



industrial growth and sports, with a specific focus on fulfilling the aspirations of our youth. This was our tribute to the transformative potential and the efforts of our youth in nation-building.

8. We became one of the first States to financially support students gaining admissions into top global Universities, IITs and AIIMS, and launched ambitious schemes to help youth become Commercial Pilots and to join the Merchant Navy. We also launched the innovative Arunachal Olympics Mission to enable top performing sports persons participate in the 2028 and 2032 Olympics. We launched the Arunachal Agniveer Abhiyan, providing reservations in Government recruitments for Agniveers, as a mark of respect for their service to our Motherland.
9. We made significant investments in the health sector to provide quality healthcare services to our citizens. We prioritized investments in infrastructure and economic development. We launched Phase II of the ambitious Chief Minister's Comprehensive State Road Development Plan with an outlay of Rs. 3,040 Cr. Our commitment to social justice was evident, with record allocations for social security, and specific attention to women and child development. Resources were allocated to boost tourism, and to promote industry, handlooms, and handicrafts.
10. These efforts, combined with our investments in education, infrastructure, and economic development, have laid a robust foundation for the future. The Budget for 2025-2026 will build upon this foundation to further enhance the prosperity and well-being of all our citizens.

Growth Indicators: Inclusive Growth and Various Indexes

11. On February 21, 2025, we completed 100% of our target of constructing 35,591 houses under the PMAY (G). This comes close after we became the first Northeastern State to be declared Har Ghar Jal under the Jal Jeevan Mission. These significant achievements are a testament to our sustained efforts in ensuring inclusive growth in every part of the State.
12. We have implemented all flagship Centrally Sponsored Schemes in mission mode and have achieved saturation coverage in 8 out of 14 flagship schemes. Going forward, our highest priority will be to ensure 100% saturation of all flagship schemes amongst all eligible beneficiaries. Hon'ble Members, I call upon you to



continue to be partners in this mission to ensure that no one is left behind.

13. Arunachal Pradesh ranks among the top three states in the 2023-24 Household Consumption Expenditure Survey, with a Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) of Rs. Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Two Rupees (Rs. 9,832.00) in urban areas and Rs. Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five Rupees (Rs. 5,995.00) in rural areas. This achievement reflects the state's economic growth and the success of initiatives to improve infrastructure and quality of life.
14. We have also received 'A' Grade in Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (RECL) integrated ratings of DISCOMs with a score of 72.3 for FY 23-24, as against 'C' Grade earlier. This remarkable accomplishment places us 3rd amongst the country's Power Departments, showcasing our dedication and commitment to reforms in all sectors of governance.
15. I am delighted to announce that Arunachal Pradesh has been recognized as the best performing state in maintaining law and order by India Today, a reputed media organization. This is a testament to the dedication and professionalism of our Police forces, and their commitment to ensure public safety and security.
16. We have reduced multi-dimensional poverty from 24.23% in 2015-16 to 13.76% in 2021, through sustained efforts in every field of human development. This significant achievement has been recognized by the NITI Aayog, Government of India. The 10.47% reduction in poverty is a testament to our efforts and the perseverance of our citizens towards building a 'Viksit Arunachal'.

Building a 'Viksit Arunachal'

17. Our goal is to ensure that by the end of this term, we will have bridged all development gaps. We will be guided by the transformative vision of "Viksit Bharat, Viksit Arunachal." This vision will drive our efforts to create a prosperous and inclusive future for all citizens.
18. As in the previous years, we held extensive consultations with the aim of preparing an inclusive Budget. Departments have been actively involved in providing valuable inputs. We have also received almost 1,200 ideas from the people through the Jan Bhagidari portal. The three most innovative ideas have been recognized and will



be rewarded, reinforcing our dedication to participatory governance.

19. Our consultations with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) have been instrumental in shaping the governance process. This collaborative approach has enhanced transparency and inclusivity, strengthening the partnership between the community and the government.
20. Through this budget and the ongoing Reforms 3.0 journey, we are laying the groundwork for a Viksit Arunachal by 2047 – an Arunachal where the aspirations of our citizens know no bounds. The budget will emphasize our commitment to policy stability, enhanced growth, and implementing reforms to create a predictable and efficient environment that fosters innovation, while outlining a long-term vision for prosperity and improved quality of life.
21. We have meticulously evaluated the implementation and outcome of previous initiatives. We recognize the multitude of ongoing schemes and programmes. We have accordingly proposed allocations for existing schemes and programmes, since their successful last-mile delivery is essential for the continued development and prosperity of Arunachal Pradesh.

Gratitude to Government of India

22. We have received unstinted support from the Government of India in our developmental journey.
23. 455 border villages in 11 Districts are being developed under Phase I of the Vibrant Villages Programme. Rs. 2,205 Cr. has been sanctioned for the construction of 105 roads of length 1,022 km connecting 125 villages along with the sanction of Rs. 104.99 Cr. for 187 Developmental projects in 156 villages.
24. Twenty two (22) connectivity projects and 212 other developmental projects have been sanctioned under the Northeast Special Infrastructure Development Scheme. Under this scheme, Rs. 121.77 Cr. has been recently sanctioned for the construction of roads from Amuli to Athuni via Leyaka Pass, and road from Riaga to Sango. 2,605 4G mobile towers are also being constructed to provide connectivity to 3,721 villages with an outlay of Rs. 2,675 Cr.
25. 8 new Navodaya Vidyalayas have recently been approved for KraDaadi, Leparada, Lohit, Lower Siang, PakkeKessang, Shi Yomi, Siang and Upper Subansiri



Districts.

26. Rs. 146 Cr. has also been sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme for the development of theme-based tourism circuits.
27. I have mentioned just a few projects that have been sanctioned in Arunachal Pradesh by the Union Government. This list is not exhaustive and there are many other such projects, which I will talk about in the later part of this Budget. The Union Budget for FY 2025-26 has allocated the highest ever funds for the Northeast. I extend our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the Government of India.

State Finances and Enhancement of State's Own Resources

28. I wish to inform this august House that the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Rs.47,823 Cr. at Current Prices as communicated by the Ministry of Finance in March 2024 is considered for estimation in BE 2024-25, RE 2024-25 and BE 2025-26.
29. I would like to share with Hon'ble Members the resource position of the State and the projections for the current financial year. During 2024-25, the Share of Central Taxes as per Union Budget Vote on Account was estimated at Rs.21,431.59 Cr. I am pleased to state that the same has been enhanced to Rs.22,610.55 Cr. in RE 2024-25.
30. I extend my sincere gratitude to our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji and our Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Ji for the additional allocation of Share of Central Taxes of Rs.1,178.96 Cr. in RE 2024-25 which has boosted our capital expenditure.
31. I also welcome the initiative of Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance for frontloading the instalments of Share of Central Taxes for timely implementation of developmental projects, and for substantially enhancing allocation under the 50 years interest free loan under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment. Under this scheme, a cumulative Rs. 5,137.70 Cr. has been released for Arunachal Pradesh, significantly enhancing our capital expenditure.
32. In the Revised Estimates of 2024-25, revenue receipt is estimated at Rs.33,546.26 Cr. and capital receipts at Rs.4,534.79 Cr. making total receipts of Rs.38,081.05 Cr., against total estimated receipts of Rs.35,840.79 Cr. in BE 2024-25, an increase of 6.25%, which stands at Rs.2,240.26 Cr.



33. In the Budget Estimates of 2025-26, we have estimated revenue receipts at Rs.34,544.07 Cr. and capital receipts at Rs.5,298.16 Cr. making total receipts of Rs.39,842.23 Cr., against total estimated receipts of Rs.35,840.79 Cr. in BE 2024-25, an increase of 11.16%, which comes to Rs.4,001.44 Cr.
34. Our share of Central Taxes is pegged at Rs.24,992.35 Cr. as per Union Budget Estimates 2025-26, which is the highest source of resources for the State and is 16.61% more than BE 2024-25. In addition, we have projected State's Own Tax Revenue at Rs.3,395.64 Cr. and Non-Tax Revenues at Rs.1,212.08 Cr. Thus, our total estimated State's Own Revenue Generation is Rs.4,607.72 Cr. during 2025-26 which is 15% more than BE 2024-25.
35. In the Budget Estimates of 2025-26, revenue expenditure is estimated at Rs.29,963.33 Cr. as against Budget Estimates of Rs.25,931.87 Cr. in 2024-25.
36. In the Budget Estimates of 2025-26, Capital Expenditure including loan components is estimated at Rs.9,878.90 Cr. as against Budget Estimates of Rs.9,533.34 Cr. in 2024-25.
37. In the Budget Estimates for 2024-25, Capital Expenditure was initially projected at Rs.9,533.34 Cr., 26.88% of total expenditure. This was later increased in Revised Estimates to Rs.11,744.47 Cr., increasing its share to 30.84%. For the Budget Estimates of 2025-26, Capital Expenditure is projected at Rs.9,878.90 Cr., representing 24.80% of total expenditure, which will definitely increase in the Revised Estimates for 2025-26 through focused efforts and strategic allocation of resources.
38. 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. Our fiscal deficit was estimated at Rs.993.08 Cr. (2.08% of GSDP) in BE 2024-25 and is pegged at Rs.1,035.07 Cr. (2.16% of GSDP) in the Revised Estimates of 2024-25.
39. For the coming financial year 2025-26, fiscal deficit is estimated at 2.02% of GSDP which is Rs.966.65 Cr. in absolute terms and is within the norms of fiscal deficit targets laid down in the Arunachal Pradesh FRBM Act, 2006.
40. The focus of our Government has been and will be on increasing capital expenditure to create socially and economically productive assets for accelerated and inclusive development of the State.



Principles of State Budget 2025-26

41. In line with the Union Budget, I envision this Budget around the principles of a Viksit Arunachal where we have:

- Zero-poverty
- 100% quality school education
- Access to high-quality, affordable, and comprehensive healthcare
- 100% skilled labour with meaningful employment
- More than 70% women in economic activities; and
- Farmers making our State the fruit bowl of India.

42. All our priorities in this Budget are geared towards the social, economic and political empowerment and achieving the highest human development potential of Garib, Yuva, Annadata, and Nari, our major priority groups. This is not a mere slogan, but for us, an emotion and vision that guides all our policies and schemes.

43. I will structure the Budget around 4 major pillars:

- a. Investing in People
- b. Investing in Infrastructure
- c. Investing in Economy and
- d. Investing in Innovation

44. Reforms as the Fuel is an overarching theme guiding all our interventions and aiming to implement 'Next Generation Reforms' that will drive development, ensuring all priority groups receive the support and opportunities needed to thrive in a dynamic global environment.

2025-26: Year of Human Capital

“We walk together, we move together, we think together, we resolve together, and together we take this country forward”

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

45. This Budget will facilitate a transformative phase in our state's development journey, with a comprehensive focus on nurturing our vibrant human capital. We reaffirm our commitment to build a skilled and dynamic workforce while fostering



a culture of technological advancement, research, and entrepreneurship. I am therefore proud to declare 2025-26 as the “Year of Human Capital.”

Pillar # 1: Investing in People

46. Hon’ble Speaker Sir, now I will come to the 1st major pillar of the Budget, “Investing in People.” These targeted investments represent our cumulative commitment to improve access and outcomes in various sectors related to overall human development and help all our citizens achieve their full potential.

Health

47. Our Government has provided cashless health insurance coverage of Rs. 5 lakhs to more than 1.8 lakh families under the PM Jan Arogya Nidhi and the CM Arogya Arunachal Yojana (CMAAY). We are also extending coverage under the PM Jan Arogya Nidhi to all citizens aged above 70 years. Under the CMAAY, we have processed almost 50,000 treatments of more than Rs. 123 Cr.

48. Our focus is on creating a comprehensive digital health ecosystem that enhances the security and monitoring of our healthcare infrastructure. I am therefore announcing a target of providing PM Ayushman Bharat Health Account Cards to all eligible families by March 2026 for the improvement of health data and digital records management. We are also working on an action plan to provide all Government health facilities with the necessary digital infrastructure and internet connectivity to enable doctors and patients to access and update digital health records, telemedicine services as well as HMIS and e-HRMS.

49. With our commitment to ensure safe and hygienic childbirth experiences for all women, I am pleased to propose the establishment of Safe Birth Clinics, as per LaQshya Guidelines, in all health facilities in underserved areas.

50. To address malnutrition and promote maternal and child health, we will establish Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres in a phased manner at District Hospitals which do not have such Centres.

51. We are also undertaking several measures to improve the quality of healthcare infrastructure. The number of MBBS seats in TRIHMS has recently been doubled from 50 to 100. We are also committed to upgrade the Cardiology Department at TRIHMS. TRIHMS is also tying up with the State Organ and Tissue Transplant



Organization to increase organ donations and transplant activities. We also aim to establish a Medical College in Namsai District in PPP mode.

52. I am proud to announce the establishment of the Institute of Allied Health Sciences at Jang, to be built with a cumulative outlay of Rs. 492.50 Cr.
53. We have introduced a Compulsory Rural Posting for TRIHMS graduates, placing their services in non-operational Health and Wellness Centers. We are also in process of recruiting specialist and general practitioners, as well as recruiting and regularizing Nursing Officers and ANMs.
54. A comprehensive plan has been prepared for investments of Rs. 3,666 Cr. in the health sector over the next 3 years, towards upgradation and expansion of existing hospitals and health facilities, procurement of latest equipment and machineries, etc.
55. We will also upgrade District Hospitals at Doimukh, Ziro and Bomdila and the Bakin Pertin General Hospital this year, providing modern facilities, services, and equipment, and upgrade Operation Theatres in all General Hospitals in a phased manner.
56. We have started construction of the State Cancer Hospital at Midpu this year with an outlay of Rs. 217 Cr. to help improve treatment outcomes and address the rising incidence of cancer. We aim to setup Cancer Day Care Centres in all District Hospitals in the next 3 years.
57. I am pleased to announce the establishment of the Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Seijosa, Pakke Kessang which will be built with an outlay of Rs. 124.50 Cr.
58. The provision for a safe and secure working environment is essential for doctors, patients and other medical and paramedical personnel. Therefore, I am proposing the installation of CCTVs in all existing health institutions.
59. I am also proposing upgradation of the State Mental Hospital, Midpu to 100-bedded Arunachal Pradesh Psychological Health and Neuroscience Institute for enhanced focus on mental and holistic well-being, with necessary upgradation in infrastructure, human resources and equipment.
60. Our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji has recently called for a nation-wide campaign against obesity. In line with his vision for a Healthy and Fit India, I nominate

all Hon'ble Members of this august House as Ambassadors to help strengthen the fight against obesity.

61. Under the Mukhya Mantri Nasha Mukti Yojana, we are taking a multi-faceted approach to counter the ills of drug abuse and provide treatment and rehabilitation facilities to those in need. We have established 5 Drug De-Addiction Centres and constituted the Arunachal Pradesh Drug De-Addiction Society. In addition, I am proposing the establishment of a well-equipped De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Centre in the Itanagar Capital Region for long term treatment and rehabilitation. We will also strengthen Addiction Treatment Facilities in all Government Hospitals across Districts.
62. Arunachal Pradesh is alarmingly among the top three states facing issues of substance abuse. This issue has also been raised on multiple occasions by public representatives, CBOs and the people as one of the major impediments in the holistic development of our State. I therefore call upon all Hon'ble Members to work closely with local communities and all stakeholders to completely eradicate the scourge of drug and substance abuse.
63. I also propose the establishment of a Food Testing Laboratory in PPP mode, enhancing our capability to conduct comprehensive analyses and ensure compliance with national and international food safety standards.
64. I propose to earmark Rs. 369 Cr. this year towards the health sector.

Education

65. We have already embarked on our transformative action plan for the education sector, "Mission Shikshit Arunachal by 2029." Mission Shikshit Arunachal is a transformative initiative designed to revolutionize our State's education sector by improving infrastructure, eliminating single-digit enrolment and single-teacher schools, and equipping institutions with essential amenities. This plan prioritizes infrastructure improvements, strategic enrolment initiatives, and the elimination of single-teacher schools to ensure equitable access to quality education for everyone.
66. I express gratitude to all Hon'ble Members for the insightful discussions on 7th March 2025 focussing on key policies, challenges and initiatives aimed at enhancing educational opportunities across the State. This brainstorming exercise



and extensive deliberations for the preparation of the 3-year action plan for Mission Shikshit Arunachal have led to valuable suggestions and recommendations from Hon'ble Members.

67. We will incorporate these suggestions as part of the “Mission Shikshit Arunachal 2029” for the full-fledged implementation of the NEP, 2020 for the benefit of our students, teachers and our collective future.
68. A key focus of these programs is on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, which is our top priority. Ensuring proficiency in these fundamental areas is crucial as they form the bedrock of all future learning. By prioritizing FLN, we aim to provide students with the essential skills needed to understand and apply knowledge effectively across various subjects in higher classes as well.
69. As part of this, we are undertaking a School Readiness Programme from students of classes 1 to 5, and a learning enhancement programme and a learning recovery programme for students of classes 1 to 8 to improve learning outcomes
70. A Board Exam Performance Initiative is also being implemented for students of classes 9 to 12, leading to a 10% improvement in class 10 and 12% improvement in class 12 pass percentages last year.
71. Other initiatives such as Bagless Saturday Activity Day, a 100-day Reading Campaign and Aao School Chale programme are also under implementation to increase enrolments, attendance and improve learning outcomes.
72. A Vidya Samiksha Kendra has been established as centralized data repository, utilizing GIS and Artificial Intelligence for real-time tracking of teacher and student performance, and supporting decision-making through performance analytics and trend mapping.
73. Technology is also being integrated in the education system, with I-SAMS being developed as a comprehensive digital platform designed to streamline school infrastructure and resource management. Regular capacity building is also being undertaken for teachers, school heads, and the District Task Force focussing on key educational initiatives, competency-based teaching and assessments.
74. We will encourage our Universities to actively expand the range of subjects they offer in accordance with the National Universities framework, providing a wider range of academic disciplines to our students to graduate in, as per their interests and aptitudes.



75. We will undertake the construction and upgradation of infrastructure at various Government Model Colleges, Government Colleges and Government Engineering Colleges.
76. We will invest Rs. 3,000 Cr.in the education sector this year, by converging Central and State schemes and funds.

Women and Children

77. Women are the backbone of our society. They are mothers, sisters and daughters who hold us together. Recognizing the immense potential of Nari Shakti in building a Viksit Arunachal and a Viksit Bharat, we have been undertaking significant measures for the economic, social and political empowerment of our women.
78. Our efforts have yielded significant outcomes, impacting over 1.8 Lakh pregnant women, lactating mothers and children through our network of 6,225 Anganwadi Centres. We are committed to the wholehearted implementation of Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 ensuring nutritional wellbeing of adolescent girls, pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children.
79. In our pursuit of inclusive economic growth, we will also establish a Women Entrepreneur Cell in collaboration with the NITI Aayog. The cell will provide women entrepreneurs with access to resources, mentorship, and networking opportunities, enabling them to play a pivotal role in the state's economic transformation.
80. I am pleased to announce the establishment of Creches in all Government offices in a phased manner.
81. I propose to allocate Rs. 392 Cr. this Financial Year for women and child development.

Antyodaya

82. The venerated ideals of Antyodaya have been the hallmark of our governance. The 1st file signed by our Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu Ji on assuming office in this term was the allocation of Rs. 100 Cr. for the Chief Ministers Social Security Scheme providing monthly pensions to close to 70,000 aged, widows and Divyangs. I propose the continuation of the CM Social Security Scheme with an allocation of Rs. 100 Cr. for the Financial Year 2025-26.
83. This year, I am also proposing the conduct of comprehensive training programs



on Sign Language for guardians of deaf individuals, as well as the distribution of AI-based reading devices to visually impaired students.

84. We remain steadfast in our commitment to inclusivity and equality by continuing and promoting initiatives that empower all sections of society. To support this commitment, we will continue providing grants-in-aid to institutions as earlier and provide grants-in-aid to the Deepak Nabam Living Home.
85. I propose to allocate Rs. 435 Cr. this year for Mission Antyodaya.

Skill Development

86. Our Government had launched the groundbreaking SEE (Skill Development, Employment and Entrepreneurship) Trinity aiming to provide 25,000+ employment and self-employment opportunities for our youth, especially women, by 2029. I am happy to inform the august House that a detailed roadmap in this regard has been prepared in collaboration with all stakeholders.
87. I am proposing the establishment of a new College of Science and Skill Development as a national-level University.
88. I am announcing a comprehensive initiative to modernize classrooms, training equipment and automate laboratories in all 7 ITIs of the State. We will also provide equipment and associated machineries for Industry 4.0 to ITIs.
89. I am also announcing the preparation of a policy under which we will provide subsidized loans of up to Rs. 2 lakhs to ITI pass-outs to enable them to start their own entrepreneurial ventures.
90. I propose an allocation of Rs. 106 Cr. this year towards the skill development sector.

Youth and Sports

91. Building on the foundation we have laid during the Year of Youth; I propose to unveil a series of further transformative initiatives dedicated to empowering our talented youth.
92. The recent "Rise and Shine" programme, where we partnered with Femina Miss India to provide an avenue for young aspirants to showcase their calibre and highlight our natural beauty on the national and international stage, has been an immense success. We will organise more such events in future.



93. We will continue to support initiatives such as the Arunachal Got Talent, YuvaSamanvay, Arunachal Battle of Minds, International 4x4 Fury Adventure Sports Championship, and Spelling Bee competitions to foster the overall growth and development of our youth. We will also continue to organize self-defence training classes for girl students in all Government schools.
94. We have constructed 20Futsalsin 20 Districts in the previous years. I am now proposing an expansion of this initiative, with the construction of an additional 8futsalsin remaining Districts.
95. Recognizing the vital role of delivery workers of e-commerce platforms such as Amazon, Ekart, APEats etc.play in this rapidly changing digital economy, we will enable their registration on the e-Shram portal to provide them access to social security and welfare benefits.
96. Arunachal Pradesh has recorded one of its best performances at the recently concluded 38th National Games, standing 2nd in the Northeast, with our sportspersons winning 13 medals at this prestigious event. As we strive for excellence, we are committed to intensify our efforts to secure a top 10 rank at the upcoming 39th National Games in Meghalaya.
97. In last year'sBudget,I had announced the construction of outdoor stadiums in a phased manner for uncovered Districts. This year, I am proposing the construction of stadiums at Lower Dibang Valley, Lower Siang, PakkeKessang and Longding Districts. In addition, we will take-up upgradation of the State Sports Academy, Miao, construction of a football stadium at Itanagar and integrated sports complex at Dirangwith a total investment of Rs. 474 Cr.
98. We will upgrade the infrastructure at the SangayLhaden Sports Academy to provide facilities that will nurture and develop athletic talent.
99. We have signedan MOUwith the Northeast United Football Club. As part of this we will set up football academies in Namsai and Yupia.
100. I am proposing establishment of 5 Sports Parks in all five Basins. I am also proposing a new Arunachal Triathlon Challenge, offering an opportunity for our athletes to display their prowess and endurance,and organisation of Winter Sports Festival and Aturto, a Mixed Martial Arts event.
101. We have successfullyhosted the 77th Santosh Trophy finals, now I am proud to announce that Government of Arunachal Pradeshwill host the South Asian



Football Federation U-19 Championship 2025, a premier youth football tournament that serves as a steppingstone for emerging talent of Arunachal Pradesh. This prestigious event will be held in May 2025.

102. I propose to allocate Rs. 120 Cr. for the Youth and Sports sector this year.

Indigenous Affairs

103. Our indigenous faith is the foundation on which all our developmental initiatives, and indeed our way of life, are built. We have always recognized the pivotal importance of safeguarding our rich cultural heritage and traditions, ensuring they continue to thrive for future generations.

104. Our first ever GI festival, recently organized in New Delhi, celebrated with the theme "Craft, Cuisine and Culture" has been a significant step in promoting our indigenous products at the national level. The display of 20 GI tagged products from Arunachal Pradesh such as our unique handlooms, handicrafts, wood crafts and bamboo crafts apart from unique agriculture and horticulture products represent a unique story of heritage, craftsmanship and dedication. We have declared the GI festival as a calendar event of the State Government and will also conduct such festivals in different parts of the country. We have also set ourselves an ambitious target of achieving 50 GI tagged products by 2030.

105. As part of our ongoing efforts to preserve our traditions and enabling learning in indigenous languages, I am proposing the establishment of new indigenous Gurukuls for the Apatani, Mishmis, Wancho, Tutsa, Sherdukpen, Sajolang, Bugun and Aka Tribes. We will continue to support construction of Indigenous Prayer Centres in remaining uncovered Districts.

106. I am pleased to propose a new signature state festival celebrating the diverse culture and traditions of Arunachal Pradesh, scheduled annually from 11 to 21 January. This festival will feature traditional music, dance, art exhibitions, and culinary showcases, providing a platform for local artisans and performers to shine. For this, I propose an allocation of Rs. 15 Cr. this year.

107. We will also support research and publications chronicling our rich indigenous history.

108. I propose an allocation of Rs. 60 Cr. this year towards this sector.



Art and Culture

109. We aim to showcase our composite culture to the nation and the world. In addition to our continuing engagements under the Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat initiative, we aim to celebrate our Statehood Day and indigenous festivals in Indian embassies abroad.
110. I propose to allocate funds for Phase II of the 1962 War Memorial and various State Memorials as mark of our heartfelt gratitude to our Bravehearts. I also propose to allocate funds for the upgradation of the State Museum at Itanagar, as well as for the renovation of the Malinithan Temple.

Pillar#2: Investing in Infrastructure

111. The construction and upgradation of infrastructure has been one of the highest priorities of our Government. Therefore, the 2nd Pillar of the Budget “Investing in Infrastructure” will be about our sustained, sustainable and substantial investments in high-impact infrastructure projects.

Connectivity

112. Our aim has been to connect all unconnected villages and administrative headquarters. Places like Vijoynagar, Tali and Pipsorang have been connected to the road network for the first time.
113. We have constructed over 1,707 km of National Highways, 13,000+ km. of rural roads and 220+ bridges in the last 10 years. We have also made significant improvements in connectivity by starting operations at the Donyi Polo Airport, construction of the Sela and Nechipu Tunnels and providing 4G networks in uncovered villages.
114. One of our most ambitious state-funded initiatives, the CMCSRDP Phase I was launched in 2019 and the Phase II in 2024 for upgrading and constructing roads and bridges. I am proposing an allocation of Rs. 500 Cr. this year under the CMCSRDP Phase II.
115. I am also proposing a new Chief Ministers State Rural Roads Development Programme for upgrading and constructing rural roads and bridges not covered under the PMGSY. This would be of paramount importance to achieve our goal of ensuring connectivity to all unconnected villages by 2029. For this, we will



invest Rs. 2,000 Cr. over the next 4 years.

116. I also propose a new 'Green Trail Initiative' under which we will establish a robust network of state-of-the-art wayside amenities including EV charging stations along five National Highway stretches.
117. We will also aim to undertake survey and DPR works for construction of a road between Karsingsa and Chandra Nagar via Pachin. For this, I propose to allocate a sum of Rs. 1 Cr.
118. We aim to start flight services from the new Terminal Building of the Donyi Polo Airport this year. We will also work closely with the Government of India to enhance and increase flight services, bringing us even closer to the rest of India.
119. We are glad that the Tezu Airport is covered under the ambitious Krishi UDAN Scheme. This has the potential to significantly enhance exports of agricultural, horticultural and indigenous products. Therefore, I am proposing the establishment of commercial warehouses and cold storage facilities near both Donyi Polo and Tezu Airports.
120. We will also work with the Government of India for the extension of runway lengths at Mechukha and Tezu to enable higher passenger traffic.
121. We will upgrade all operational civilian and District Headquarter helipads, equipping them to handle increased traffic and provide smoother experience for passengers. We will also establish new helipads at strategic locations.
122. In addition, we will explore the creation of a Helicopter Tourism Circuit, connecting iconic destinations and ushering in a new era of high-end tourism in Arunachal Pradesh. We have also requested the Government of India to establish helicopter services between Trashigang in Bhutan and Tawang.
123. I propose the upgradation of all newly created Divisional Commissioner Offices and conversion of newly created Deputy Commissioner Offices into Mini-Secretariats in a phased manner. We will also begin construction of the infrastructure for the Headquarters of Lower Siang District this year.
124. We will expedite the completion of construction of the Common Directorate Complex in Itanagar for which an amount of Rs. 30 Cr. has been earmarked this year. We will also examine the scope of construction of a new Block at the Complex to bring remaining offices within a single complex.
125. Hon'ble Members, you are all aware of the challenges faced in the timely



completion of infrastructure projects. I am therefore proposing the development of a dedicated Infrastructure Monitoring Portal, which would provide detailed status of all infrastructure projects carried out by all executing agencies.

Transport

126. As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the AP State Transport Services this year, we reflect on its remarkable journey and invaluable contributions to connectivity and development. From the running of public transport buses through co-operatives to the present fleet of BharatBenz and Volvo buses, it has played a pivotal role in bridging distances, facilitating trade, and connecting communities. We will increase the number of buses under the APSTS.

127. I am also proposing the construction of a modern Integrated Bus Terminal in Pasighat, as well the upgradation of bus stations in Tezu, Miao, and Aalo.

128. We are also examining the scope for the construction of a single-line Monorail system connecting the Donyi Polo Airport to Naharlagun railway station. I am allocating Rs. 1 Cr.this year for survey and preparation of DPR for this ambitious project.

Urban Development

129. Three multi-storey parking facilities have recently been inaugurated in Itanagar, strategically located at the Civil Secretariat, ESS Sector, and the APSTS Bus Station in Ganga Market to enhance ease of living for our citizens.

130. Around 5,000 street vendors have received collateral free loans under the flagship PM SVANidhi scheme. We have also notified 6 new vending zones for street vendors in ICR.We will now work towards enabling 24X7 market in Itanagar.

131. I propose the introduction of state-of-the-art Truck mounted Sweepers as part of Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban).

132. In an effort to boost financing of crucial infrastructure projects, we have set up a dedicated project monitoring cell to streamline and fast track the process of seeking clearances for externally aided projects. I am pleased to inform this august House that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has accorded in-principle approval for the Augmentation of Water Supply Project for Itanagar,for which a Detailed Project Report amounting to Rs. 452 Cr.will shortly be submitted to the Ministry.



133. We have also signed an MoU with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for the establishment of the State Climate Centre for Cities under the CITIIS 2.0 programme. This program will nurture climate planning and drive investments into urban climate action through evidence-driven approaches.
134. Towards the Urban Development and Transportation sectors, I propose an allocation of Rs. 296 Cr. this year.

Hydro Power

135. Hon'ble Members, the potential of hydropower development as the source of economic transformation and employment generation for Arunachal Pradesh is known to us all. I am pleased to inform this august House that we are on track to receive committed investments of more than Rs. 1.7 lakh Cr. for 14 hydropower projects with cumulative capacity of around 18,000 MW in just the next 3 years.
136. These projects will generate over 30,000 direct skilled and unskilled employment opportunities for our youth and will generate 63 billion units of electricity, provide Rs. 4,000 Cr. worth of free power and around Rs. 300 Cr. of Local Area Development Fund every year.
137. To ensure our youth are equipped with industry-relevant skills to take advantage of the innumerable job opportunities that would be created, we will work closely with Central PSUs for the adoption of existing ITIs and establishment of new ITIs, and their upgradation into Centres of Excellence. This collaboration will create hydropower specific job opportunities for our youth and elevate the quality of training and infrastructure at ITIs.
138. I am pleased to announce that we will also start our Energy Vision 2047 and Action Plan this year, focussing on the hydropower sector as well as other energy alternatives.
139. We also aim to revamp the State Small Hydro Power Policy, emphasizing the role of Independent Power Producers. We will prepare a policy for the establishment and Operation and Maintenance of small units, focusing on investor facilitation, streamlined single-window clearance mechanisms and long-term Power Purchase Agreements. We will also notify a separate policy for the revival of defunct and sick small HEPs to further enhance our hydropower generation.
140. We will also establish a task force to examine and prepare detailed plans to



access funds through green bonds.

141. I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji for performing the groundbreaking ceremony of the 2,880 MW Dibang Multipurpose HEP, being built with an investment of close to Rs. 32,000 Cr. The first five units of the 2,000 MW Subansiri Lower HEP will also be commissioned this year, with commissioning of the remaining 3 units expected by 2026.

142. I propose to allocate Rs. 100 Cr. this year towards the hydropower sector. This would be in addition to the substantial investments already being made in this sector, which I have detailed above.

Power

143. I am pleased to propose the new Chief Ministers Comprehensive State Power Development Programme with an outlay of Rs. 2,000 Cr, in convergence with Central funds, spanning over the next 3 years for the expansion and modernization of the power sector. We will also unveil a set of reforms this year to completely transform and restructure the power sector.

144. As we continue to develop, the demand for energy increases, necessitating the expansion and modernization of power infrastructure to ensure stable supplies. We are already undertaking Smart Metering Works covering all households in the State with an outlay of Rs. 182 Cr.

145. We are in process of upgrading our transmission and distribution infrastructure, and undertaking 'Loss Reduction Works' with an outlay of Rs. 788 Cr. We will also undertake electrification of left-out households and public places under the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan and electrification of border villages under the Vibrant Villages Programme with a cumulative outlay of Rs. 229 Cr.

146. Hon'ble Members, the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana aims to light up rural households in the State and provide up to 300 units of free electricity every month. I appeal to all citizens of the State to get themselves registered under this scheme. We also aim to cumulatively install 10 MW of connected rooftop PV power plants at various Government establishments.

Law and Justice

147. Law and Justice are foundational elements in the development of a state,



providing an essential framework within which societies can thrive. We are committed to the full-fledged implementation of the 3 new transformative criminal justice laws passed by the Government of India, with a focus on justice rather than retribution. We are committed to ensure all our police personnel are trained in the implementation of these 3 laws under Mission Karmayogi.

148. We have recently granted Special Grade promotion to 3,558 personnel from Arunachal Pradesh Police, AAPBn, IRBn and Fire and Emergency Services.
149. I am proposing the upgradation of infrastructure at the Second Armed Police Battalion Headquarters in Aalo. I am also proposing establishment of a state-of-the-art forensic centre at Police Training Centre, Banderdewa.
150. We will install state-of-the-art AI Traffic Cameras and CCTV cameras in all cities and towns in a phased manner. I am also proposing establishment of new fire stations in all districts in a phased manner by 2029. This year, we will establish fire stations in Wakro, Chowkham, Hayuliang, Mebo, Kimin, Deomali, Miao, Lungla and Kalaktang.
151. Last year, we had allocated Rs. 108 Cr. for the construction of the building of the Permanent Itanagar Bench of Gauhati High Court, which will be completed by 31st of March 2025.
152. I propose to allocate Rs. 388 Cr. for 2025-26 in this sector.

Pillar#3: Investing in the Economy

153. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, now I come to the third pillar of my Budget "Investing in the Economy." These initiatives aim at enhancing economic growth, increase State's own resources and bring greater equity in economic development.

Agriculture and Allied Sectors

154. Agriculture and allied services hold significant importance for the development of our economy, primarily due to the state's predominantly agrarian social structure and its rich natural resources. The release of Rs. 22.65 cr. under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme has been a lifeline for our agricultural community, providing financial support for investments in agriculture and allied sectors. We have issued Soil Health Cards to 1.14 lakh farmers and Kisan Credit Cards to almost 1 lakh farmers. The recent enhancement of limits under Kisan Credit Card loans from



Rs. 3 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs will be of particular significance in enabling our farmers in investing in agricultural implements, high-yielding seeds and increase farmers' income.

155. We have notified a new 'Arunachal Pradesh Agricultural Policy 2025-35' to enhance agricultural productivity and improve farmer welfare. To further demonstrate our commitment, I am proposing an Agriculture Prosperity Fund with an initial outlay of Rs.500 Cr. by converging Central and State funds to support projects focused on innovation, capacity building, infrastructure development, irrigation, micro-irrigation, soil conservation and market linkage in the agricultural sector.

156. We are committed to full-fledged implementation of the newly announced "Prime Minister Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana" for transforming our agricultural landscape, ensuring prosperity and sustainability for our farmers. We will build on the success of our flagship AtmaNirbhar schemes by dovetailing them with the Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana, focusing on self-reliance and self-employment opportunities in agriculture through skilling.

157. I am happy to announce that under the National Mission on Edible Oils - Oil Palm, Arunachal Pradesh aims to expand oil palm cultivation to 35,723 hectares by 2025-26. Currently, 8,681 hectares are cultivated, supported by India's first integrated Crude Palm Oil mill in Roing and another at Ruksin.

158. I propose the 'Arunachal Millet and Buckwheat Mission,' a collaborative effort with Krishi Vigyan Kendras, aimed at revitalizing and propagating the farming of these traditional crops. This initiative will provide technical, financial and marketing assistance to empower our farmers. For this, I propose to allocate Rs. 2 Cr. to start with.

159. To ensure our farmers have access to high-quality, affordable seeds and planting materials, we will revitalize government-run agricultural seed farms, training farms and nurseries.

Horticulture

160. We have recently notified a Horticulture Policy, aiming to transform the State into a horticultural hub by leveraging our unique agro-climatic conditions to boost rural livelihoods, introducing modern technologies and promoting exports.

161. I am proposing a dedicated program to establish three Farmer Producer



Organizations and Cooperatives in cluster mode, focussing on mandarin oranges, kiwis, and other high-value crops.

162. We will restructure and strengthen the State Horticulture Research and Development Institute to promote research and development in the field of horticulture.
163. I propose a new Arunachal Pradesh Kiwi Mission in high-potential districts. We will also continue to promote key horticultural crops like pineapples, oranges, persimmons, walnuts, and large cardamom.
164. Recognizing the rising demand for natural and single flora honey, often referred to as a superfood, we will continue establishing honey production units. We will also notify a dedicated Apiculture and Honey Policy
165. We will also continue to promote the Arunachal Pradesh Mushroom Development Mission.

Animal Husbandry

166. We are taking decisive policy measures to uplift the Brokpa Community through support in yak rearing and market linkage. By providing resources and training in modern yak husbandry techniques, we seek to increase productivity and ensure the health and well-being of the yaks, while enabling enhanced incomes for our pastoralists.
167. We will also upgrade the existing Government fishing farms by dovetailing State funds with the PM Matsya Sampada Yojana.
168. We are offering front-end subsidies through the Atmanirbhar Krishi, Bagwani, Pashu-palan, Matsya-palan, and Plantation schemes to empower our farmers, promote self-reliance, and generate more self-employment opportunities in the agricultural sector. A total of close to 40,000 Farmers have so far been benefited from these schemes. This year I propose to allocate a sum of Rs. 161 Cr. for all verticals of AtmaNirbhar Schemes.
169. I propose to allocate a total sum of Rs. 1,112 Cr. this year under Agriculture and Allied Sectors.

Rural Development

170. The importance of strengthening the co-operative movement as a means of



rural empowerment and development cannot be overstated. The Government of India has announced the launch of the Rural Prosperity and Resilience Programme to foster entrepreneurship and investment-driven growth to enable economic self-sufficiency for rural communities. We will wholeheartedly implement this programme in Arunachal Pradesh.

171. The establishment of 11,730 women Self-Help Groups underscores our dedication to grassroots development and financial inclusion. Building upon this, I am pleased to propose the launch of the ARUNima initiative, a programme designed to empower SHGs members by enhancing their entrepreneurial skills through workshops and training in developing unique brand identities, marketing access, product photography, and e-commerce management.

172. We will establish Vocational Training Centres for SHGs offering training in skills such as digital literacy, crafts, and agriculture, tailored to the local economic context and opportunities.

173. We will also continue the full-fledged implementation of Schemes such as MGNREGA, PMAY (Rural) and SBM (Grameen) to further empower our rural communities.

174. I propose to allocate Rs. 1,142 Cr. this year for enhancing the Quality of living and prosperity of our rural areas.

Tourism

175. The recently notified Arunachal Pradesh Tourism Policy, 2025-30 aims to position the State as a premier tourism destination through infrastructure development, niche tourism promotion, and sustainable tourism practices. It focuses on various forms of tourism such as Farm, Wine, Spiritual, Adventure, Wildlife, Wellness, Tribal and Adventure and Eco-Tourism, while also promoting investments in the tourism sector.

176. We will employ a judicious mix of dedicated interventions and programs, skill enhancement opportunities, partnership with various agencies and targeted subsidies along with a whole of government approach to play a facilitative role in providing curated high-end experience for tourists, as means of economic growth and employment generation for our youth.

177. I propose to allocate Rs. 50 Cr. for the development of the river front at Parashuram



Kund focusing on improving visitor amenities, environmental conservation, and cultural heritage preservation.

178. I am proposing the development of a Buddhist tourism circuit covering heritage sites and sites of cultural significance across the State.
179. I also propose the development of a network of white-water rafting destinations, focusing on rivers where such activities are feasible.
180. Our Government will notify a Film Tourism Policy, positioning Arunachal Pradesh as a premier destination to attract film makers from India and abroad to shoot in Arunachal. We also aim to notify a separate wine tourism policy.
181. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I again wish to re-emphasize the significant potential the tourism sector has transforming Arunachal Pradesh's economic and employment sectors, along with ancillary benefits for almost every sector. We aim to enable investments in the tourism sector from entrepreneurs all over the world to provide once-in-a-lifetime experiences to tourists visiting our beautiful State. I believe the time is ripe for the Government to play a much more pro-active role as an enabler and facilitator to let entrepreneurial spirits and innovations soar.
182. I propose to earmark Rs. 108 Cr. this Year towards the Tourism Sector.

Industries and Mining

183. The UNNATI Scheme with an outlay of Rs. 10,037 Cr. which was launched by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji during his visit to Itanagar will aid significantly in attracting investments in specific green industries in Arunachal Pradesh and the entire Northeast, as well as for the creation of employment and self-employment opportunities for our youth.
184. We have also notified the Arunachal Pradesh Industrial Development and Investment Policy 2025, aimed at transforming Arunachal Pradesh into a hub of industrial growth and innovation. We are committed to provide high-quality infrastructure and extending robust institutional support for technology upgrades, while simplifying regulations for an efficient, proactive, and transparent administrative environment. This strategic initiative is designed to attract prospective investors and entrepreneurs, making Arunachal Pradesh their preferred investment destination.
185. We will enable the development of the state's food processing industry under the PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PM-FME)



186. Our State is blessed with significant mineral wealth, with reserves of coal, petroleum, limestone, graphite, vanadium etc. In a landmark initiative to capitalizing on our State's rich mineral resources, the Ministry of Mines has successfully concluded the auction of eight critical mineral blocks, including four blocks of graphite and vanadium, thus bolstering mineral security and supporting sustainable industrial and economic growth. We aim to undertake auction of 5 limestone blocks. We also aim to operationalize existing blocks already granted Production Licenses.
187. I propose to allocate Rs. 46 Cr. this year for our Industries and Mining Sector.

Start-ups

188. We express gratitude to the Government of India for expanding coverage of the PM Mudra Scheme to include eco-tourism and hospitality ventures by small and medium enterprises. This will help our youth access financial capital for setting up hospitality ventures with no requirement of financial collateral.
189. The State flagship Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Swavalamban Yojana has been instrumental in supporting entrepreneurial ventures of our youth. Till date, we have facilitated 1,273 youth and women to obtain funding to the tune of Rs. 388 Cr. Continuing with these efforts, this year we aim to support 1,000 entrepreneurs, for which I am proposing an allocation of Rs. 100 Cr.

Textile and Handicrafts

190. Recognizing the importance of our rich cultural heritage of textiles and handicrafts, we have launched the One Tribe, One Weave Mission this year for the preservation and promotion of indigenous textiles, provision of technical and financial assistance to weavers and establishment of Handloom Weavers' Development Centres in Districts. We have also launched an innovative Handloom and Handicrafts Policy, 2024 to harness the rich heritage of our indigenous textiles, promoting their growth and global appeal.
191. In line with our commitment to further empower our weaving community, we will establish Yarn Banks in select Districts to facilitate easy access of high-quality yarns to our weavers at reasonable prices.
192. The sericulture sector also holds immense potential for the sustainable development and economic growth of our region. I am therefore proposing the



start of a Large-Scale Eri and Muga Silk Farming. Under this, we will develop 556 acres of Eri and Muga silkworm food plantations, to enhance silk production, and empower local communities. I am also proposing the upgradation of sericulture farms at Lekang and Pasighat, transforming them into silk weaving production centres, and the development of Muga Seed Zones for Muga silkworm seeds at Jia and Pasighat.

193. We will also take steps to upgrade our renowned “Kaushya” brand of Arunachal Silk through product diversification, new product development and boosting production capacity.

194. I propose to allocate Rs. 41 Cr. this year for the Textile and Handicraft Sector.

Ecology

195. Our rich biodiversity and vast forest cover are not only ecological treasures but also critical assets for economic activities such as agriculture, forestry, and tourism.

196. The Pakke Declaration 2047, the first Ministerial-level climate declaration in the country underscores our collective commitment to robust climate action, prioritizing both mitigation and adaptation. The Declaration’s five broad themes, Panch Dharas, are supported by robust monitoring, reporting and verification mechanisms.

197. I want to place before this august House the significant strides we have achieved in the implementation of the Pakke Declaration. A set of 410 action lines were identified with a judicious mix of adaptation, mitigation and hybrid actions, out of which 147 actions have already been completed. A total of Rs. 1,776.21 Cr. has been invested in this, making Arunachal Pradesh a leader in environmental conservation.

198. I propose organizing Bird and Butterfly Festivals at the Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary, Namdapha National Park, Hapoli and the Pakke Tiger Reserve. I also propose the establishment of Nature Information-cum-Interpretation Centres at significant Wildlife Sanctuaries and Nature Information Centres in various Forest Divisions in a phased manner.

199. I propose to establish a Rhododendron Park at Mayodia Pass, a Rose Garden at the IG Park and a Sacred Grove at Rupa. I also propose to allocate funds for infrastructure development of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama Biodiversity Heritage Park, an Eco-Tourism Conservation Camp at Kamengbari and installation



of a Surveillance Tower at Deomali.

200. I am also proposing to establish a dedicated Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation for the Nongsaya Lake for rejuvenation and re-introduction of migratory birds species. For this, I am proposing a total allocation of Rs. 53.74 Cr., with Rs. 10 Cr. allocated this year.

201. For the effective implementation of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, we will undertake strengthening of the State Biodiversity Board and 1,806 Biodiversity Management Committees.

202. I propose to allocate Rs. 91 Cr. this year for the Environment and Forest Sector.

Pillar#4: Investing in Innovation

“What I do know, and what all of us here know, is that technology is a powerful agent of economic growth and social development.”

- Bharat Ratna Late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee

203. Guided by these visionary words by our former Prime Minister Late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji, we will embark on a journey of innovation in governance with the aim of significantly enhancing citizen service delivery and improving the quality of life of our citizens. This is the fourth pillar of my Budget “Investing in Innovation.”

204. I am pleased to propose the establishment of a Centre of Excellence in Emerging Technologies, where cutting-edge research will drive practical applications to usher our state into a new era of technology, innovation and growth.

205. In addition, I am pleased to propose a new initiative for conduct of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning skilling programs across the state for imparting our youth valuable skills in these emerging areas.

206. Arunachal Pradesh became the first State to have constructed classrooms using the innovative 3D printing technology. We will construct 2 more schools using 3D printing technology this year, which will be a significant step in our endeavour to provide quality education to our schoolchildren.

207. We have already deployed AI based applications for analysis of Monthly Progress Reports of 67 Departments and will further integrate AI with applications such as the CM Dashboard, e-Pragati and evaluation of start-ups under the Entrepreneurship



Development Programme.

208. We have begun a new era of governance by holding meetings of the State Cabinet throughout the State under the Cabinet AapkeDwar initiative. The 1st such meeting of the current tenure was held at Nyapin in KurungKumey District, where 38 citizen centric decisions were taken. By bringing the Cabinet directly to people, we are ensuring the voices of every community are heard, and all Districts are equal partners in our developmental journey. We will continue such meetings in future.

209. Citizen service lies at the heart of our governance model. We have set new standards for doorstep delivery of services, with over 15 lakh beneficiaries availing benefits and entitlements directly at their doorsteps under the Seva AapkeDwar 2.0. We are now in process of launching the revamped Seva AapkeDwar 3.0, with the goal of ensuring comprehensive coverage of all flagship schemes for every eligible beneficiary, reaching even the farthest corners of our state.

210. We will promote “Work from Arunachal Pradesh” to establish our state as a premier Work From Homedestination by inviting professionals to work amidst our breathtaking landscapes for short-term assignments, boosting local economies, supporting small businesses, and promoting cultural exchanges.

211. We will invest in cutting-edge technology to create virtual reality and augmented reality tours of our cultural, heritage and tourism sites, allowing everyone to explore our rich history and traditions from anywhere, at any time.

Reforms as the Fuel

212. Reforms are not just a concept but the fuel that drives all our initiatives. It is with this spirit of innovation and commitment that I present to you a series of transformative reforms.

213. Building on the reforms undertaken in the past 9 years, the first Cabinet meeting of the new Pema Khandu Government approved 24 key initiatives as part of the transformative Reforms 3.0 journey, aimed at improving citizen service delivery and significantly reforming our administrative mechanisms. I am proud to announce that most of these reforms have already been implemented, and the remaining are also in advanced stages of implementation.

214. As part of the Reforms 3.0 Journey, we have already constituted the Institute



for Transforming Arunachal (ITA) as a State-level policy thinktank. We have also introduced the Arun Parivar Patrika Bill, 2025 in this Assembly, aiming to create a golden repository of all families residing in the State.

215. We also aim to upgrade the existing Administrative Training Institute into an Administrative Staff College providing training under the Mission Karmayogi and other programmes for our civil servants.

216. We aim to implement the Digital Indian Land Records Modernisation Program, under which we will establish 31 state-of-the-art Record Rooms across five districts, ensuring secure data storage, efficient land administration and easy access to land information for all.

217. We will also bifurcate the Tax, Excise, and Narcotics Department to create a dedicated Commercial Tax Department. The new department will enhance specialization and efficiency in tax administration, while the Excise and Narcotics Department will have a clearer mandate for regulating liquor and narcotics.

218. With the aim of enhancing administrative decentralization, and ensuring development projects are selected, implemented and monitored by people for whose benefit they are meant, we aim to involve local people, grassroots organizations and District and sub-District authorities in the preparation and execution of welfare schemes and programmes. We will take a big step forward in this direction by institutionalizing the process of bottom-up planning by preparing plans and programmes at field level units of governance in each Department. For instance, in education, schools would be the basic unit of planning, Sub-Health Centres in case of health and Anganwadi Kendras for woman and child development. This is part of our dedication to ensure saturation coverage of all schemes and programmes amongst all eligible beneficiaries. I am proposing an allocation of Rs. 1,000 Cr. this year, including programmes under SIDF, untied grants and other District level schemes and programmes, for the institutionalization of bottom-up planning in the State.

219. I am pleased to announce an enhancement in monthly wages for all 35,674 Contingent Employees, ALCs and Casual Labours serving under the State Government.

For Unskilled Workers:

- 0-5 Years of Service: Rs. 12,000 to Rs. 18,000

- 5-10 Years of Service: Rs.13,000 to Rs.19,000
- 10-15 Years of Service: Rs.14,000 to Rs.20,000
- 15-20 Years of Service: Rs.15,000 to Rs. 21,000
- 20-25 Years of Service: Rs.18,000 to Rs.24,000
- Over 25 Years of Service: New bracket of Rs. 30,000

For Skilled Workers:

- 0-5 Years of Service: Rs. 13,000 to Rs. 19,000
- 5-10 Years of Service: Rs.14,000 to Rs.20,000
- 10-15 Years of Service: Rs.15,000 to Rs.21,000
- 15-20 Years of Service: Rs.16,000 to Rs.22,000
- 20-25 Years of Service: Rs.19,000 to Rs.25,000
- Over 25 Years of Service: New bracket of Rs. 31,000

220. This enhancement will be effective from 1st April 2025 and will have an approximate annual financial implication of Rs. 268 Cr. on the State exchequer. In addition, to support Contingent Employees, ALCs and Casual Labours who will be leaving service on attaining the age of 60 years, I am pleased to announce the Arunachal Karmayogi Samman Nidhi for an amount of Rs. 3 lakhs. This initiative showcases our commitment to improve the socio-economic well-being of our workforce and providing a conducive and motivated dignified ecosystem. This shall be applicable only for those Contingent Employees, ALCs and Casual Labours with 20 years of continuous service. Detailed guidelines for the Arunachal Karmayogi Samman Nidhi will be issued by the Department of Finance, Planning and Investment.

221. To further promote grassroots development, I am pleased to announce increase of MLALAD funds from the existing Rs. 3 Cr. to Rs. 4 Cr. per Constituency.

Concluding Remarks

**सफलता वह नहीं जो हम पाते हैं,
सफलता वह है जो हम दूसरों के लिए करते हैं।
हमारे कार्य ही हमें प्रगति की दिशा दिखाते हैं।**

222. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, This Budget touches every person in the State with a specific focus on our major priority groups of Garib, Yuva, Annadata, and Nari. We have aimed



to enable every section of society to enable their aspirations and contribute towards the cherished goal of nation-building. This Budget outlines measures to enhance the potential of our greatest asset – our people and their human capital. It emphasizes investment in education, skill development, health, and social welfare, ensuring that every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

223. We are committed to uplifting the lives of the poor, youth, farmers, and women, who are the backbone of our State. In this “Year of Human Capital,” we aim to provide them with the tools, resources, and opportunities they need to succeed and contribute to our collective prosperity and build a more inclusive, sustainable, and resilient future. By investing in our people, we are investing in the future of our State and the nation.

224. We are at a crucial juncture in our history, driven by the vision of “Viksit Bharat,” where a developed Arunachal is essential, and we are resolute in our pursuit of this goal. Together, let us strive for a society, where every individual has the opportunity to prosper and play a role in our nation’s progress. Let our collaborative efforts lead to a brighter and more prosperous future for everyone.

225. Hon’ble Speaker Sir, with these words, I commend this Budget to the House.

Jai Hind! Jai Arunachal!

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