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**MESSAGE**

**My beloved people of Arunachal Pradesh,**

Today, we are celebrating the 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday of Arunachal Pradesh as a State. It is a proud and momentous occasion for all of us. And on this auspicious occasion, it gives me immense pleasure to extend my heartiest greetings to you.

This is a day to rejoice as also to reflect on the responsibility that it casts upon us. All of us are aware that we started our journey on the path of development very late. Our responsibility is to ensure that we make up for lost time. Ever since I assumed my office I am always reminded of this responsibility towards the State and its people from within. Within a short span of about ten months we have made significant progress which is amply reflected in the ever biggest development package announced by Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India during his recent maiden visit to Itanagar. Now, it is the responsibility of my Government to translate this package into reality. To achieve this end, I seek your cooperation and support.

When State Government is taking necessary action with all the resources at its command to contain the menace of insurgent groups active in Tirap and Changlang districts of Arunachal Pradesh, it is naïve to expect that two decades old problem can be solved within few days. It hurts the feelings of every right thinking Arunachalee when a *bandh* call is given on the Statehood Day of Arunachal.

Insurgents of neighbouring states are creating problems in the said two districts of our State. Unwittingly, the organization calling *bandh* on this count is becoming a part of the problem. I would like them to be part of the solution.

We have to remain ever vigilant against threats posed to our unity and integrity by disruptive forces. Let us strive together to make Arunachal Pradesh and its people happy and prosperous.

**Jai Hind !  
Jai Arunachal !!**

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