



GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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1. Hon'ble Speaker sir, I rise to present the Annual Budget for the year 2022-23.
2. It is my privilege to present this Annual Budget during the Golden Jubilee year of Arunachal Pradesh and Amrit Mahotsav of India's Independence. As observed by the Hon'ble Governor, it provides us an opportunity to celebrate our past and plan for the future. As a humble tribute to the contribution of the founding fathers of Arunachal Pradesh to its development journey, we have decided that one government institute will be named after every member of the Agency Council at the time Arunachal Pradesh gained its political identity.
3. At the outset, Hon'ble Speaker sir, I would like to thank Hon'ble Members of this August House for giving valuable leadership to manage the Covid pandemic. I also thank citizens of Arunachal Pradesh for their whole-hearted support during these troubled times. If we continue to work in the same 'whole of society' spirit, we will definitely achieve our development goals.
4. This pandemic has taught us many lessons. I have tried to assimilate our collective experiences in this budget as building blocks so as to make Arunachal future ready.

5. The first building block is 'Governance Reforms and Prudent Financial Management' so that the fruits of our efforts reach the last person.
6. The second building block is 'Sustained Investment in the Health Sector'. On this front, our state under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Pema Khandu ji deserves whole-hearted appreciation. We converged resources worth Rs. 450 Cr for massive upgradation of the health infrastructure in the state.
7. The third building block is going to be 'Continued Investment in Human Capital', particularly in view of our young population. Last year we announced Mission Shiksha through which we initiated a multipronged strategy to modernize school infrastructure and improve quality of education.
8. The fourth important building block is going to be our emphasis on 'Atma Nirbhar Arunachal'. When the entire world was grappling with the unprecedented pandemic, our visionary Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, gave the clarion call of Atma Nirbhar Bharat and we firmly believe that we can contribute majorly to this effort.
9. The fifth building block in the post-pandemic period will be 'Synergy and Convergence'. Converging resources and activities have remained the focus of our government during the last financial year. We would continue to act synergistically to ensure multiplier effect in all we do.

10. The sixth building block is our focus on 'Environment Protection and Climate Resilience'. Arunachal emerged as the first state in the country, and possibly among the first sub-national efforts globally, to affirm its commitments on climate change responsive and resilient actions through the 'Pakke Declaration'.
11. Hon'ble Speaker sir, I am pleased to share that our state has been adjudged the 'Most Improved Small State' in the category of 'Infrastructure and Governance' by a leading media group. This indicates that we successfully turned threats posed by pandemic into opportunities for reforms and development.
12. Last year, when I delivered my budget speech, the country was going through the most troubled times. The global economy was in deep recession while the Indian economy witnessed a contraction of 7%. However, under the able guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister successfully navigated the Indian economy through the severe storm. Today we are looking forward to a near 9% growth which clearly indicates a sharp V-shaped recovery and emergence of India as the fastest growing large economy in the world.
13. Let me now turn to the current financial situation of Arunachal Pradesh. The Gross State Domestic Product or GSDP was estimated at Rs. 26,365.00 Cr in Budget Estimate or BE of 2021-22 and Rs. 29,372.00 Cr in Revised Estimate or RE of 2021-22 at Current Prices as per the communication received from Ministry of Finance.

14. Normally, while preparing the budget estimates of a financial year, we consider the GSDP communicated by the Ministry of Finance. Since the GSDP for the year 2022-23 is yet to be communicated, the GSDP of RE 2021-22 that is Rs. 29,372.00 Cr is taken into consideration for preparation of BE 2022-23.
15. During 2021-22, the Share of Central Taxes as per Union Budget 2021-22 was estimated at Rs. 11,693.94 Cr. I am pleased to state that the same has been enhanced to Rs. 13,062.50 Cr in Revised Estimate for the current financial year 2021-22. This is an increase of 11.7%.
16. 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. 1,368.56 Cr in Revised Estimate 2021-22. This enhancement has been a welcome news after a hiatus of two years. Further, I welcome the initiative of Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance for front-loading the instalments of Share of Central Taxes for timely distribution to the states.
17. In the Budget Estimates of 2022-23, we are projecting revenue receipts of Rs. 24,253.54 Cr and capital receipts of Rs. 1,858.09 Cr making total receipts of Rs. 26,111.63 Cr, which is 15.64 % higher than the total estimated receipts of Rs. 22,581.00 Cr in BE 2021-22. The total receipts increased to Rs. 26,131.00 Cr in Revised Estimates of 2021-22.

18. Our Share of Central Taxes has been pegged at Rs. 14,348.54 Cr as per Union Budget 2022-23. It is a significant 10% more than the RE 2021-22. In addition, we have projected State's Own Tax Revenue at Rs. 2,090.00 Cr. The Non-Tax Revenue for 2022-23 is estimated at Rs. 935.00 Cr. Thus, our total estimated State's Own Revenue Generation is Rs. 3,025.00 Cr during 2022-23 which is also 10% more than the RE 2021-22.
19. In the Budget Estimates of 2022-23, we are projecting revenue expenditure of Rs.18,201.55 Cr as against the Budget Estimates of Rs.15,344.32 Cr in 2021-22. The revenue expenditure is estimated at Rs.17,695.89 Cr in Revised Estimates of 2021-22.
20. In the Budget Estimate of 2022-23, the Capital Expenditure including loan components is estimated at Rs. 7,507.81 Cr as against Budget Estimates of Rs. 6,968.68 Cr in 2021-22, which is an increase of 7.74%. The capital expenditure is estimated at Rs. 8,014.01 Cr in Revised Estimates of 2021-22. 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.

21. 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 from time to time, based on the recommendations of respective Finance Commissions. Our fiscal deficit was estimated at 2.19% of GSDP in BE 2021-22 and pegged at 2.55% of GSDP in the Revised Estimates of 2021-22.
22. For the Financial Year 2022-23, we are able to keep the fiscal deficit at an estimated 2.20% of GSDP which is not only within the norms of fiscal deficit targets laid down in the Arunachal Pradesh Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act 2006 but also at almost the same level as BE 2021-22.
23. We need to work in a coordinated manner to increase the financial resource base of our State. Our State's Own Tax and Non-Tax revenues contribute around 10% to the overall Budget. I am pleased to inform that Districts of Itanagar Capital Complex and Anjaw have witnessed growth in revenue and as such I have allotted an additional Rs. 20 Lakhs to these Deputy Commissioners under Untied Fund. I urge other Deputy Commissioners to focus on this area.
24. I am happy to mention here that our share of capital expenditure to the total expenditure has been consistently above the national average and the highest in the North-East Region. This indicates that we have successfully channelized our resources on return-yielding capital works.

25. I am pleased to inform that Arunachal Pradesh has been successful in ensuring prudent fiscal management throughout the pandemic. In spite of huge reduction in available resources in the last two financial years, we did not compromise on basic development schemes and not even once did we default in honoring our committed liabilities such as salaries, wages and loan repayments.
26. I am happy to inform that through meticulous planning and allocation of resources, in the last two years, we could allocate Rs.1,800 Cr for schemes under old SIDF, Additional RE, CCI, SPA and other such projects. We also cleared all pending demands under Centrally Sponsored Schemes worth more than Rs. 3,200 Cr. We can now confidently approach the new financial year with sufficient financial space due to significantly reduced levels of carry forward liabilities.
27. We believe in participatory approach of governance. Through the 'Jan-Bhagidari Portal' and one-to-one meetings with many stakeholders, we received several useful and productive suggestions. We will be felicitating the top three suggestions today.
28. **Hon'ble Speaker sir, our culture is our pride.**
29. Carrying forward the ancient and time immemorial traditions of our ancestors, we are the proud tribal communities of Arunachal Pradesh, inhabiting this beautiful land for centuries. No other region in the world would have such culturally rich tribes co-existing peacefully as one. We are indeed one of the biggest repositories of diverse languages and cultures.

30. During my last Budget Speech, I mentioned about the need for 'accepting modernity while adhering to traditions'. The fact that I am speaking on this aspect before elaborating on other development issues indicates the singular importance of the matter. Hon'ble Members, each one of us has the responsibility to preserve our rich tribal and indigenous culture without which our prosperity will not lead to happiness.
31. The Department of Indigenous Affairs was established to promote, preserve and nurture our cultural heritage. I am happy to mention that resource allocation for this department was significantly enhanced to Rs. 42 Cr in 21-22. We will continue with high levels of allocation on various projects under this department.
32. Much of our traditional knowledge, history, social unity and value system is reflected in priestly chanting. In the last budget, I had announced that Government will provide an honorarium to registered indigenous priests. I am happy to inform that we have registered over 3,000 priests. I propose to increase the allocation for honorarium to registered indigenous priests to Rs. 4 Cr.
33. The Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Gurukul school in East Kameng has captured the popular imagination. In 21-22, we provided Rs. 3 Cr for establishing two indigenous schools. We will establish an Indigenous Gurukul school in Wada Bagang village, Chyang Tajo in East Kameng in the coming year. For establishing 2 more such indigenous learning schools, I propose to allocate a sum of Rs. 3 Cr.

34. In 21-22, we provided Rs. 4 Cr for establishing indigenous prayer centers. I am happy to propose a significantly enhanced allocation of Rs. 10 Cr for the same this year.
35. Along with allocating Rs. 3 Cr for construction of tribal cultural centers, I propose Rs. 8 Cr for comprehensive upgradation of the Siddharth Vihar Community Hall in Itanagar. We will also establish a Donyi Polo Kumko in Pasighat for which I propose to separately earmark Rs. 2 Cr.
36. Arunachal is a treasure house for folklore, folk songs, traditional medicine, spiritual healing systems, innate knowledge of mountains, rivers, topography and medicinal plants. Serious efforts are required to preserve, document and digitize this rich knowledge for the sake of future generations.
37. 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. We will further strengthen this initiative.
38. It is a matter of pride for us that Research Institute of World's Ancient Traditions, Cultures and Heritage - RIWATCH, situated in Roing, is emerging as a leading cultural research institute linking vibrant and living 'Cultures' with sustainable prosperity. It has been making remarkable contributions to promote study and research in culture, ethnic life, traditions, mother tongues and sustainability. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh would continue to partner with such organizations for preservation and enrichment of our culture.

39. **Hon'ble Speaker sir, Governance Reforms and Prudent Financial Management will guide us in the coming year.**
40. The Co-win App through which India conducted the world's biggest vaccination programme proved that with adoption of right technology we can overcome all bottlenecks and reach the last citizen.
41. It is a matter of pride for all of us that our Hon'ble Chief Minister Pema Khandu ji has taken up the mission of Governance Reforms in Arunachal Pradesh as an article of faith. Through adoption of modern management and technological tools in governance we would continue to improve ease-of-living so that no citizen is left behind.
42. 100% implementation of e-Office in Civil Secretariat is nothing but a miracle! My sincere thanks to all the government officials for making it possible at the fastest possible speed.
43. Establishment of 'Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board' and completely re-engineering the same after initial hiccups indicate strong political will of this government for reforms and bringing in an era of transparency and efficiency. The Board has made us proud by successfully conducting many examinations and has emerged as a role model in the country.

44. Hon'ble Speaker sir, I on the behalf of all the legislators, thank you for launching the e-Assembly module. I also thank Hon'ble Chief Minister for launching the e-Cabinet module. With the implementation of e-Abkari, the excise collection has become easier and business friendly. The Ease of Doing Business Portal covering 10 Districts in the first phase is now live.
45. Hon'ble Chief Minister deserves appreciation for adopting e-Pragati for close monitoring of projects. I am confident all the Departments will expeditiously implement priority projects taken up in e-Pragati reviews.
46. The electronic payment system launched by the Department of Power in 9 towns has been received well with 14,000 customers joining this platform.
47. Immense benefits to the citizens are accruing through these initiatives. I, therefore, take this opportunity to announce that Government has decided to observe the year 2022-23 as **Year of e-Governance**.
48. We will take up 22 e-governance projects to commemorate the year 2022. These projects covering Government-to-Government and Government-to-Citizen interfaces, once implemented, would bring in Total Quality Management concept in governance.

49. Hon'ble Members, under this e-governance initiative, we will implement

- (i) e-Application,
- (ii) e-Tele-Medicine,
- (iii) Hospital Management Information System,
- (iv) e-Seva portal,
- (v) e-Learning,
- (vi) e-Atma Nirbhar Arunachal Portal,
- (vii) e-Indigenous Culture portal,
- (viii) Community Radio,
- (ix) Digital Café in every Government Library with e-Granthalay,
- (x) Digital Connectivity to all administrative headquarters,
- (xi) Digital Connectivity to Higher Secondary and Secondary Schools,
- (xii) CM-Dashboard,
- (xiii) e-Monitoring and e-Geotagging,
- (xiv) e-Office in Districts and Directorates,
- (xv) e- Human Resource Management System including e-Annual Performance Appraisal Report,
- (xvi) e-Treasury and Integrated Finance Management System,
- (xvii) e-ILP,
- (xviii) e-DBT,
- (xix) e-Shakti,
- (xx) e-CCTNS
- (xxi) 4G to 1,683 villages and
- (xxii) e-Pragati with Web-Portal and Mobile App.

50. Hon'ble Speaker sir, we have already started our journey to achieve the 22 goals. I propose to make an allocation of Rs. 22 Cr to carry out the above e-governance initiatives.
51. Improving 'Sustainable Development Goals' or SDG score is synonymous with improvement in development. Therefore, the State Government has announced a SDG trophy to create healthy competition amongst the districts.
52. Hon'ble Speaker sir, this year we will expand the scope of our training initiatives for Arunachal Pradesh Civil Service officers and other State Government officers for induction as well as In-service training. I propose to allocate Rs. 5 Cr for the same.
53. Space Applications have immense utility in Arunachal Pradesh as majority of our area is remote, mountainous and difficult to access. Remote sensing can be used for effective planning of resources in such areas for which I am earmarking Rs. 5 Cr. I also propose to provide an initial allocation of Rs. 7 Cr to the Department of Science & Technology for taking up innovative projects.

54. The State Government has decided to use 'Drones for Social Impact' since effective utilization of this emerging technology can help in improving various aspects of governance. Also, mainstreaming of this technology will create several skilled jobs that did not exist in the recent past, for example drone pilots, maintenance, software, and logistics technicians. This new initiative will be implemented by various Departments and I am happy to make a provision of Rs. 50 Lakhs each for the Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Health & Family Welfare and Forest, Environment & Climate Change, respectively.
55. With a view to expand financial inclusion, it is my pleasure to announce that:
- i. The State Government will make payment of Rs. 330/- per annum per subscriber for all contingency workers, casual labourers and Auxiliary Labour Corps or ALCs working with State Government and aged between 18 to 50 years for providing life insurance cover of Rs. 2 Lakhs under the 'Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana'.
  - ii. Additionally, Government will pay Rs.12/- per annum per subscriber for 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.

56. Hon'ble Speaker sir, we feel sincerely that for 30 or more years of dedicated service to the people and Government of this State, timely payment of pensionary benefits is owed to government servants. With this view, I propose to introduce an 'Online Pension Management System' for ease of management of the pension and other pensionary benefits which are due to the retired Government servants and eligible family members. A fund provision of Rs. 1 Cr has been proposed for this.
57. Government of Arunachal Pradesh has established 'Arunachal Pradesh Innovation and investment Promotion Park' which is the first of its kind of facility. We have incubated 31 startups this year and propose to incubate many more.
58. To further harness bright ideas, I am happy to announce 'Arunachal Pradesh Start-up Policy' through which we would provide assistance to young entrepreneurs to ideate and build their startups. I propose an allocation of Rs. 10 Cr to implement this initiative.
59. With more than 400 successful entrepreneurs accessing subsidy for their businesses, 'Deen Dayal Upadhyay Swavalamban Yojana' has emerged as a popular flagship scheme for the State. I am happy to inform that, encouraged by the response from young entrepreneurs, I propose a jump in allocation to Rs. 50 Cr for subsidy under this scheme which will lead to an investment of Rs. 125 Cr.

60. I propose to increase the Untied Fund at the disposal of Deputy Commissioners from current level of Rs. 50 Lakhs to Rs. 75 Lakhs. I suggest that Deputy Commissioners may take up innovative projects to ensure no citizen is left behind.
61. In a 'significant step' in the history of strengthening grassroot democracy in the State, our government has devolved powers to the 'Panchayati Raj Institutes' or PRIs in 29 subjects. The devolution of power is based on 'Sustainable, Participatory, Inclusive, Comprehensive and Empowerment or SPICE formula that has evolved after several brainstorming sessions with stakeholders.
62. The Government is committed to provide 10% of State Own Tax Revenues to the PRIs to enable our local bodies to undertake local area development. I am happy to propose an allocation of Rs. 123 Cr for the PRIs in Arunachal Pradesh.
63. **Hon'ble Speaker sir, 'Sustaining Investments in Health' is key to progress towards universal health coverage.**
64. I would like to thank all the Hon'ble MLAs, PRI members, community-based organizations, youth associations, NGOs, spiritual and religious leaders for the excellent cooperation with the Government during the ongoing pandemic. Due to our collective efforts, the State recorded the second lowest mortality rate in the country with recovery rate consistently being over 99%.

65. With the kind permission from Hon'ble Speaker and the selfless volunteerism of Hon'ble MLAs, a Dedicated Covid Hospital was established in MLA Apartments at Chimpu where 1,538 indoor patients have been treated so far. This dedicated COVID Hospital at Chimpu, managed by TRIHMS, did a tremendous job in saving lives and mitigating hardships of the COVID-19 affected patients. And I must say that the professional treatment, care and services provided by this hospital matched the best in the country.
66. With the cooperation of the Legislative Assembly, the Government has decided to convert the MLA quarters into a specialty hospital when the Pandemic is over. The Hospital at Chimpu will have four separate centers of Maternal & Child Health, Ophthalmology, Tertiary Cancer Care and Sports Medicine & Physical Rehabilitation.
67. I thank Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji for the courageous and generous decision to provide COVID-19 vaccines free of cost to all eligible categories. The State has administered a total of 16.5 Lakhs doses of COVID vaccine so far contributing to the national effort, which is the largest immunization program in the world. And these globally acknowledged efforts have not only helped to lower the risk of severe disease and mortality but also resulted in a sharp V-shaped economic recovery.

68. The 108 Ambulance service was launched on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021, the 'International Day of Yoga', with 84 basic life support ambulances. Out of the 2,167 cases that have been served, 519 were pregnancy and 166 were cardiac cases. The average response time from call to scene is 15 mins 30 seconds in rural areas and 13 mins 13 seconds in urban areas. Due to large geographical area of our State, the average kilometre per patient covered is 183 kilometres.
69. To add to the fleet of the much appreciated and needed ambulance services, I am proposing a specific allocation of Rs. 6 Cr for provision of additional two patient transport ambulances in each district to be placed at the disposal of the District Medical Officers.
70. I am happy to inform the Hon'ble Members that from a 33% human resource gap with respect to the sanctioned posts, we have managed to reduce the overall shortfall in human resources for health to just 6% in our State.
71. Speaking of health human resources, you may be aware that there is a need for nursing professionals across the world, particularly in Japan. As such, I propose to earmark an initial provision of Rs. 50 Lakhs for engaging Japanese instructors in all our nursing schools and colleges on contractual basis.

72. The Government is upgrading 18 District Hospitals in the State with an amount of Rs. 250 Cr and the work is progressing rapidly. It gives me satisfaction to announce that in the coming financial year 2022-23, 60 identified Primary Health Centers or PHCs and Community Health Centers or CHCs will be upgraded, one each in every Constituency into Model Units to be called Golden Jubilee PHCs and CHCs. Towards this end, I propose to earmark an amount of Rs. 30 Cr.
73. The Bakin Pertin General Hospital at Pasighat is one of the oldest hospitals in the State providing valuable service to the people. The Government has decided to upgrade the Hospital and I propose to allocate a sum of Rs. 20 Cr. to initiate the upgradation work in the coming year.
74. In order to share the workload of TRIHMS, we will build a 40 Bed District Hospital with a Maternal and Child Wing at Doimukh at a cost of 10 Cr. I also propose to increase the grant-in-aid to TRIHMS from the current level of Rs. 28 Cr to Rs. 40 Cr.
75. Our government envisions transformation of the 'Casualty Rooms' in all general and district hospitals into state-of-art 'Emergency Care Centers'. In order to launch this initiative aimed at providing quality, accessible and affordable emergency care, I propose to earmark an amount of Rs 2.5 Cr under the new initiative to be called 'Chief Minister Health Emergency Life Protection Service' or CM-HELPS.

76. Hon'ble Speaker sir, concerned about the growing menace of drug-addiction in the State, the Government has adopted the 'Arunachal Pradesh Policy on Psychoactive Substance 2021' for coordinated efforts. Under the harm reduction pillar of the multipronged strategy, we will establish state-of-art treatment and rehabilitation centers at Namsai, Itanagar and Bomdila. I propose to increase the allocation of 'Chief Minister's Nasha Mukti Abhiyan' from Rs. 4 Cr to Rs. 15 Cr for this purpose.
77. Hon'ble Speaker sir, through you, I would request Hon'ble Members of this August House to take up this agenda as a mission in your areas and lead the communities in collectively fighting this menace.
78. **Hon'ble Speaker sir, 'Continued Investment in Human Capital' is the surest way to unlock the unlimited potential of our youth**
79. We had observed the year 2021-22 as the 'Year of Education' and initiated 'Mission Shiksha'. Our objective is to ingrain the crucial importance of Education in shaping individuals as well as societies. In fact, every year we should collectively remind ourselves of our commitment to the education and skilling of our children and youth for a progressive, modern, innovative and Atma Nirbhar Arunachal.

80. With focus on improving quality education, infrastructure is being developed in our schools and colleges. In the year 2021-22, our plan target was to provide Rs. 1,000 Cr to the education sector. I am happy to inform that we ended up investing Rs. 1,330 Cr, which is much higher than our initial target. The expenditure on education sector is 11.34% of total plan expenditure.
81. Taking a page from the success story in the health sector, we have decided to converge State and Central resources to the tune of Rs. 500 Cr to upgrade infrastructure in 50 identified Government schools under the 'Golden Jubilee Model School Programme'.
82. Additionally, the Government of India would be investing more than Rs. 500 Cr in 12 Ekalavya Model Residential Schools under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and 8 other Model Residential Schools under Ministry of Minority Affairs in Arunachal Pradesh over a period of time.
83. Hon'ble Speaker sir, the Government would proactively work on early operationalization of Arunachal University at Pasighat. I propose to earmark Rs. 5 Cr as grant-in-aid to the University.
84. I am also happy to earmark Rs. 2 Cr to provide buses, high mast lights and furnishing of auditorium in Rajeev Gandhi University at Itanagar.
85. I am pleased to announce 'Mukhya Mantri Shiksha Kosh' of Rs. 7 Cr for higher secondary and secondary schools which will provide needed funds at the disposal of the School Principals to deal with the urgent issues of shortage of subject teachers and minor repairs.

86. I take pleasure in announcing 'Mukhya Mantri Champion Fund' to create school champions by holding school level competitions like essay, elocution, drawing, painting, story writing, quizzes and sports events. I propose to allocate Rs. 3 Cr for this.
87. Further, to make up the loss of education due to COVID-19, I propose to start 'Catch-up Course' in all classes and make an allocation of Rs. 5 Cr for the same.
88. In order to encourage academic excellence at the school level, I intend to provide laptops to 10 District toppers of Class-X and Class-XII each from Government schools.
89. We have also decided that an award of Rs. 2 Lakhs would be given for securing admission in IITs, IIMs, AIIMs and NLUs under the 'Golden Jubilee Meritorious Student Award' scheme.
90. The Government proposes to establish a residential school for the children of the Puroik community to provide quality education at an estimated cost of Rs. 2 Cr.

91. There have been many local level initiatives to promote reading habits in our students. One such movement is called Bamboosa Library Movement in Lohit. This was started in a humble bamboo structure in the year 2005 by the District Administration and pioneered by a dedicated social worker Padmashree Satyanarayan Mundayoor ji. He is known as Moosa uncle to his students. I have been personally associated with this movement since its inception. As a token of our appreciation, I propose to earmark Rs. 50 Lakhs as grant-in-aid to Bamboosa Library to further strengthen this movement. I urge other districts to come forward and launch similar library movements.
92. Our district and sub-divisional libraries are our assets. Through you Speaker sir, I urge Hon'ble Members to support these libraries by giving leadership as well as financial assistance. This year I propose to allocate Rs. 2 Cr for creating Arun Gyan Kendra, a digital corner in each of the libraries from where the readers can access the best of the subscriptions.
93. The theatre play 'Arunachal - Ek Safarnama' recently enacted in the Golden Jubilee celebrations by our youth is a testimony of their talent and creativity. I propose to create a platform to bring such artists together and for training of our theatre actors, artists and other support technical talent.

94. All of you would agree with me that there is no dearth of talent in our State. With a view to nurture and encourage our youthful and creative talents, I take pleasure in announcing the 'Arunachal Achiever's Award' to recognize notable achievements in the fields of Arts & Culture, Literature, Science, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Sports by individuals for which I am making an allocation of Rs. 20 Lakhs.
95. Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society or APLS has emerged as a platform for budding literary personalities in the state. Last year we provided a corpus fund of Rs.1 Cr to this society. I am happy to provide an additional Rs. 1 Cr to APLS to support such literary work in future.
96. Girl child is extremely dear to us. Arunachal has a good track record on women empowerment and the Government is committed to further strengthen these efforts.
97. The Government has decided that an additional Rs. 5,000 would be provided as fixed deposit over and above existing Rs. 20,000 for the girl child born in Arunachal Pradesh in the golden jubilee year under the 'Dulari Kanya Scheme'.
98. The State Commission for Women will be supported to take up more activities on gender related issues and for bringing in gender parity.
99. In order to recognize women achievers, we will continue to provide Rs. 20 Lakhs per year and also provide Rs 20 Lakhs for undertaking exposure visits and educational tours of rural women.

100. To encourage our girls to take technical and skill-based courses in Polytechnics and Colleges, the Government will provide matching grants for apprenticeship to the girls passing out of Polytechnics and Degree colleges of the State with a fund provision of Rs. 30 Lakhs.
101. In order to support and handhold the women entrepreneurs, we are providing interest subvention to women entrepreneurs under 'Deen Dayal Upadhyay Swavalamban Yojana'. Our Government would ensure that the women applicants under the Atma Nirbhar Schemes would get preferential treatment.
102. Hon'ble Members, being a sports-loving State, it is heartening to see growing representation of Arunachal Pradesh on the victory podiums in various National and International sporting forums. Since 2016, our players have been among the medal's tally bagging 314 gold, 212 silver and 277 bronze medals in various recognized international, national and zonal games. Apart from laurels, sports also bring in a lot of benefits. The productive engagement of youthful energy and building healthy citizens also helps in fighting the drug menace.
103. Towards this goal, I am happy to announce the scheme of 'Golden Jubilee Multipurpose Activity Centers' through which we will develop facilities for open amphitheatre, band-stand, roller-skating, skate-boarding, yoga, futsal, volleyball, basketball hoops and chess. I propose to initially develop 5 such projects in 5 basins at a cost of Rs. 2 Cr. each.

104. I propose to allocate Rs. 5 Cr to Sports Academy in Miao. During 21-22, we provided Rs. 5 Cr for upgradation of infrastructure of Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy. I propose to provide additional 5 Cr during the next financial year. I also propose to provide Rs. 5 Cr for completion of Dorjee Khandu Badminton Academy. These Academies will help to provide scientific coaching and training to the emerging players of the State.
105. I am happy to mention here that we have provided full allocation for the balance work of sports stadiums at Aalo, Tezu and Chimpu which were taken up under Special Plan Assistance of Government of India.
106. I propose to converge the 'Mukhya Mantri Khel Yojana' with 'Deen Dayal Upadhyay Swavalamban Yojana' to encourage unemployed youth to start sports academies, gym, yoga center and sports club for which Government of Arunachal would provide front-end subsidy.
107. The Golden Jubilee Stadium at Yupia which was inaugurated on our 36<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day is an asset we can be proud of. I propose an allocation of Rs. 10 Cr for Athletic Track, AstroTurf football ground and floodlighting in this stadium.
108. To take up a indoor sports facility project in Itanagar, I propose an initial allocation of Rs. 5 Cr. I also propose to construct a multipurpose center with covered gallery in Nafra with an estimated cost of Rs. 8 Cr.

109. **Hon'ble Speaker sir, we must strive towards 'Atma Nirbhar Arunachal' for generating employment and increasing incomes.**
110. Arunachal has the potential to emerge as the natural fruit bowl of the country and also contribute to the nation's food security. This one sector, with proper backward and forward linkages, could change the economic profile of our State. I am proud to recall the quote of our Hon'ble Prime Minister that Arunachal Kiwis are delicious and a must have in your homes!
111. Last year during the budget speech I had announced two path-breaking schemes titled 'Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana' and 'Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojana'. We took a major decision to provide front-end subsidy instead of usual norm of back-end subsidy, allocating a sum of Rs. 120 Cr for the subsidy. This is first of its kind of scheme in the entire country.
112. I am happy to inform this august house that these schemes have been a great success. More than 2,500 farmers under Krishi, more than 3,000 farmers under Bagwani and more than 600 Self-Help Groups have availed the benefits under these schemes. It is a heartening sight to witness women Group members proudly owning tractors.
113. Motivated by the success and overwhelming response from the farmers and Self-Help Groups, I am happy to announce a quantum jump in fund allocation under 'Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana and Bagwani Yojana' by 66% to Rs. 200 Cr from the current level of Rs. 120 Cr.

114. Arunachal Pradesh has immense scope for plantation crops like tea, rubber and areca-nut. I am pleased to announce a new scheme titled 'Atma Nirbhar Plantation Scheme' with an allocation of Rs. 60 Cr for front-end subsidy.
115. Animal husbandry is an integral part of our tribal culture. I am happy to announce a new scheme called 'Atma Nirbhar Pashu Palan Yojana' with front-end subsidy allocation of Rs. 30 Cr.
116. I am also pleased to announce a new scheme titled 'Atma Nirbhar Matsya Palan Yojana' and propose to allocate Rs. 20 Cr for front-end subsidy to promote fisheries sector.
117. Hon'ble Speaker sir, these five verticals of Atma Nirbhar Arunachal, that is Krishi, Bagwani, Plantation, Pashu Palan and Matsya Palan would have a total allocation of Rs. 310 Cr as front-end subsidy which will generate a huge consequential investment of Rs. 650 Cr in the State. This is unprecedented and we hope to completely revolutionize Agriculture and Allied Sector in our State benefitting our hardworking farmers.
118. Hon'ble Speaker sir, I propose that 50% of schemes under the above Atma Nirbhar Arunachal verticals be earmarked for Self-Help Groups.

119. I am also happy to announce a new scheme titled 'Har Ghar Green House' for setting up bamboo framed greenhouses. Farmers will be encouraged to set up such low-cost greenhouse which cost around Rs. 80,000/- for 500 square feet size. In the first year we propose to take up 1,000 such greenhouses.
120. Beekeeping is an important agro-based activity. I propose to provide Rs. 2 Cr for promoting bee keeping.
121. National Mission on Oil Palm has provided Arunachal an opportunity to contribute our part in lowering the national burden on import of edible oil. This effort by the Government is a way of transforming agriculture into a productive venture so as to ensure a vibrant agrarian economy in the State.
122. There is great demand for fresh vegetables, fruits, eggs, poultry and such other items for the Armed Forces. The Government has tasked the Arunachal Pradesh Agriculture Marketing Board or APAMB to connect our Kisans with our Jawans so that our Kisans can provide fresh products to our Jawans. To achieve this goal, I propose to provide Rs. 4 Cr to APAMB as revolving fund to act as facilitator and aggregator which will help our farmers tap this new market.
123. I take this opportunity to congratulate APAMB for successful launch of Kiwi in New Delhi. The government of Arunachal Pradesh has decided to support a similar initiative for which a sum of Rs 1 Cr shall be allocated.

124. Last year we worked in Mission mode to usher in 'SHG Movement' in the State and bring them under institutional credit. Arunachal State Livelihood Mission now covers all 25 districts including three districts of Tirap, Changlang and Longding or TCL. The State Government has ensured investment of nearly Rs. 14 Cr in the form of bank credit provided to the Self-Help Groups.
125. In the Golden Jubilee year, State Government has decided to support 500 Self-Help Groups with an amount of Rs.1 Lakh each to be maintained as a fixed deposit in their bank accounts.
126. Another Golden Jubilee decision taken by the State Government is to support 300 Primary Level Federations with a grant of Rs. 2 Lakhs each for procuring goods transport vehicles.
127. We are blessed with natural skill for producing high quality and beautiful textiles and handicrafts. Having launched 'vocal for local' movement in Arunachal, we would further enhance its scope. We will be happy to support startups in this sector and I appeal to the young entrepreneurs to come forward. I propose to provide Rs. 2 Cr to the Department of Textiles and Handicrafts as a revolving fund to procure local products.

128. To promote our traditional art, crafts and textiles, our women folk and SHGs have played a pivotal role. They have taken lead in taking such products to the marketplace. To encourage this, I propose a state-of-art 'Exhibition and Expo center' where our local products can be displayed. I propose a provision of Rs. 5 Cr for this purpose.
129. Our State is a treasure trove of many unique things. With the initiative of State Government, application for Geographical Indicator for five products namely, Khamti Rice known as Khao-Tai, Yak Churpi, Apatani Textiles and Tangsa Handloom have already been filed with the Registry. We are working on another five products namely Adi Kekir Ginger, Monpa Handmade Paper, Wancho Woodcraft and Beads-Craft, Nyishi Handloom Textiles and Hand-woven Woolen Carpets.
130. Development of Hydrocarbon sector in Arunachal Pradesh would be important to increase our resource base and make the State Atma Nirbhar.
131. We are working with Government of India to realize the Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 for North East by facilitating Exploration and Production Activities in the State. Recently, we have granted 2 Petroleum Mining Leases and 13 Petroleum Exploration Licenses for the Exploration and Production of Hydrocarbon resources of the State.

132. Hon'ble Speaker sir, soon Itanagar will be connected to the Gas Grid through the North East Gas Grid project. It will ensure reliable and uninterrupted natural gas supply to the consumers which is expected to boost industrial growth while conserving the environment.
133. 'Hydropower' would emerge as our key source for Atma Nirbhar Arunachal. Our Government has terminated 44 MOAs signed with private developers and offered these projects to Central PSUs for development.
134. With active support from the State Government, NEEPCO could commission the 600-megawatt Kameng Project and a private developer could commission 24-megawatt Dikshi project. So, it is a matter of pride that more than 60% of hydropower capacity addition in Arunachal has happened during the last two years.
135. This year two units of Subansiri Lower project with 500-megawatt capacity would be commissioned while the entire project will be commissioned next year generating 2,000-megawatt, thereby making it the biggest hydro-project in the country.

136. Hon'ble Speaker sir, at this juncture, I would like to extend sincere thanks to people of Dibang Valley and Lower Dibang valley Districts for whole heartedly supporting the resolution of the land acquisition issue for the 2,880-megawatt Dibang Multipurpose Hydro Project executed by NHPC. This has opened the gates for an investment of Rs. 30,000 Cr which would result in Rs. 600 Cr benefits to the State as free power and Rs. 60 Cr for local area development per year. The entire economic profile of the area would see an upliftment with this investment creating further economic and employment opportunities.
137. State has taken up a proactive role and decided to provide necessary skill training to our youngsters at ITI Roing which will be customised for hydro-power sector. This will help them getting employment as and when the vacancies are created.
138. The State and Central Government have jointly identified 29 slow moving projects with 32,000-megawatt capacity and decided to handover these to the Central PSUs for faster execution. This will ensure a massive investment of Rs. 4 Lakh Cr in coming decades with creation of significant employment, entrepreneurship and other economic activities in the State.
139. Hon'ble Speaker sir, 'Tourism' sector has immense potential to emerge as a major source of income for our citizens. Though we received a major setback during the pandemic, we are now ready to ensure recovery and oversee growth of this sector.

140. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 37 Cr for development of Parashuram Kund as an iconic pilgrimage destination of befitting status under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive or PRASHAD scheme.
141. In order to incentivise our young entrepreneurs to take up activities under Tourism sector including Home-stays, adventure tourism and eco-tourist lodges, we had launched 'Chief Ministers Paryatan Yojana' in which we allocated Rs. 4 Cr last year. Till date, around 300 entrepreneurs have benefitted from this scheme. Motivated by the success of the scheme, I propose to double the allocation to Rs. 8 Cr.
142. I propose to allocate a consolidated additional Rs. 15 Cr to the Tourism department over and above their normal plan allocation to take up activities like Arunachal Tourism Village, Adventure-tourism, Eco-tourism and Himalayan Car Rally.
143. Our State can be a magnet for attracting film tourism as we can offer best of the filming destinations in the world. We will work intensively to attract the film industry for patronising Arunachal as favoured film making destination.

**144. Hon'ble Speaker sir, I strongly believe that working with 'Synergy and Convergence' is the way forward to build integrated infrastructure for a better Arunachal Pradesh**

145. In this regard, through you sir, I would like to appeal to all the Hon'ble Members of this August House to support the endeavours of the State Government and walk hand in hand for a better and brighter Arunachal. Sir, as the popular saying goes, 'Alone one can perhaps go fast; but together we can go far!'. It is also a fact that 'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much' as Madame Hellen Keller, the famous disability rights advocate and author once so rightly said.

146. Our state has witnessed an unprecedented growth in infrastructure. Many of our remote areas are now getting connected by all weather roads. Not long ago we had to cross many rivers on ferries and sometimes on elephant back and resort to foot marches to reach our villages. Now we are proud to host best of the roads in the country.

147. With launching of PM Gati Shakti by our Hon'ble Prime Minister, the pace of development of infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh would further increase. Ushering an era of coordinated and synergized approach in infrastructure building would help us achieve our targets.

148. The results of our efforts on asset creation are visible today. We have completed construction of major infrastructure projects like District Secretariat at Ziro, outdoor stadium at Yupia and Ziro, Multi-storied RCC building and auditorium for Government Higher Secondary School at Daporijo, District Hospital at Longding, and many more such projects.
149. Township roads at Seppa, Yupia, Basar, Boleng, Hawaii, Khonsa are targeted for completion. Road from NH-52 to Nari ADC office, Double Lane Steel Arch bridge at Borum, Arunachal Guest House at Guwahati, Road to Tali ADC HQ and Steel Arch Bridge over Kumey river on Yangte-Tali road are targeted for completion in next few months.
150. Hon'ble Members, let's take this opportunity to congratulate our Hon'ble Chief Minister for taking efforts to travel up to Vijoynagar through extremely difficult tracks. It was only because of his visit and leadership the strategically important Miao-Vijoynagar road will also be completed soon.
151. Rural road connectivity is one of the key components of Atma Nirbhar Arunachal Pradesh. I propose to allocate Rs. 60 Cr. for upkeep of roads constructed under PMGSY.
152. The road construction activities in Subansiri basin has seen significant increase with roads to Taksing, Huri, Maza and Nacho being speeded up. Together with Border Roads Organization or BRO and National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd or NHIDCL, we are now constructing around 2,000 lane kilometers per year.

153. The work on strategically important Sela Tunnel and Nechipu tunnel is moving at a fast pace and is expected to be complete this year.
154. Hon'ble members, the impact of development of roads on the socio-economic life of the people is clearly visible now. We have seen a welcome trend of reverse migration, that is families migrating from towns in the foothills back to their native villages in pristine mountains due to improved connectivity.
155. This year, being the Golden Jubilee year, we have taken the Mission to inaugurate 365 infrastructure projects by infusing sufficient funds to complete and dedicate them to the service of the citizens.
156. The State Government is investing heavily on improvement of Capital complex road, 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'. Due to covid pandemic this flagship scheme could not move at desired speed.
157. However, I assure this august house that with anticipated improvement in financial position as the pandemic recedes, the government is committed for time bound implementation of the flagship scheme.

158. The traffic congestion at Itanagar and Naharlagun is a matter of concern. The first ever underpass has been greatly instrumental in lowering traffic congestion in Itanagar. State Government has already approved construction of bridge across Senkhi river at Senkhi view and the road from Borum bridge point to Naharlagun Helipad.
159. I am happy to announce that next year we would take up the Road from NH-415 near Railway bridge Lekhi to Borum Bridge and Construction of 2 lane road from NH 415 at Chimpu to NH-415 at Pappu nallah via Jullang.
160. Hon'ble speaker sir, the total road network of our twin capital cities is around 330 kilometres, out of which we have taken up 260 kilometres for upgradation. Under Phase-I, Rs. 100 Crore was sanctioned for the total road length of 94 kilometres which is targeted for completion by September 2022. Some roads with total length of 27 kilometres are also being taken up under Smart City project.
161. Next financial year we propose to take up another 60 kilometres of road improvement in the capital and I propose an allocation of Rs. 80 Cr for the same. With this, we will achieve 87% of fair riding road network in the capital city.
162. For taking up the other projects under capital complex decongestion and improvement, I propose to allocate Rs. 26 Cr.

163. In the year 2020-21, two schemes were taken up for providing connectivity to CO HQ located in East Kameng district and Lower Subansiri district respectively. I propose to allocate Rs. 4.5 Cr for 100% completion of these critical roads.
164. Itanagar-Jote Road connecting NIT campus has been sanctioned with an estimated cost of Rs. 90 Cr as the first State Highway and progress is well ahead of stipulated date of completion. I assure allocation of necessary funds commensurate with the progress of work.
165. The Double Lane Road namely 'Changlang-Margherita road' is in dilapidated condition. I propose to allocate Rs. 12 Cr for its repair and blacktopping.
166. I also propose an allocation of Rs. 7.5 Cr for reconstruction of 70 meters baily bridge over Subbung river on Dosing Pareng Yibuk Road which was washed away by floods last year.
167. We would construct a jeepable bridge for light motor vehicles on Sejiosa-Pakke Tiger reserve route with 260 meters span and propose an initial allocation of Rs. 5 Cr.
168. I propose an initial allocation of Rs. 930 Cr to Public Works Departments for various projects undertaken by the department. I am confident that as we move ahead in next financial year, we will be able to provide more resources. We will also converge available resources from various sources such as NEC, NESIDS and RIDF to complete priority schemes.

169. Air connectivity is important to unlock a region's economic growth potential in this day and age. We have started fixed wing flights connecting Pasighat and Tezu to Guwahati.
170. Dear Members, I am glad to inform you that the dream of having our own airport is coming into reality very soon with the Hollongi Airport scheduled to be commissioned in 2022. We have worked shoulder to shoulder with Government of India on this project and till date we have invested Rs. 175 Cr on the external infrastructure development of the Hollongi airport.
171. This airport would emerge as a major logistics hub in North East India. Government would build a state-of-art convention center in Hollongi and I propose an allocation of Rs. 10 Cr for the same.
172. Very soon we will be commencing fixed wing operations connecting many Advanced Landing Grounds or ALGs. Ministry of Civil Aviation has already signed an agreement with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for leasing two aircrafts for exclusive operations in Arunachal Pradesh.
173. I am happy to inform you that the Government of India has agreed, in principle, for construction of New ALG at Dirang and Development of an old abandoned ALG at Anini for Civil and Military operations.
174. Further, under the Regional Connectivity Scheme, we would be constructing Heliports at Itanagar, Daporijo, Tuting, Walong, Yingkiong and Ziro to enable faster and reliable connections to these locations.

175. I am happy to inform that we launched the first state-of-art premium luxury coaches for the people of Arunachal Pradesh connecting Itanagar to various destinations. The buses are being operated on a PPP Model. This year we propose to introduce e-Buses and I propose to allocate Rs. 5 Cr for the same.
176. The State is working closely with Ministry of Railways to develop the railway infrastructure in the State as mentioned by the Hon'ble Governor in his address.
177. In order to finance the major infrastructure projects in the State, we have established Arunachal Pradesh Infrastructure Finance Authority with a mandate to explore various modalities for funding infrastructure projects. NABARD has been our partner in development for the last two decades and we propose to sign a MOU to take up projects under NABARD Infrastructure Development Agency or NIDA so as to generate additional resources for infrastructure projects.
178. The Smart Street Lights along the 4-Lane highway from Chandranagar to Pappu Nalah has illuminated the township beautifully. This Rs. 7 Cr project was commissioned in just two months' time. Next financial year we propose to cover more stretches under smart street lights covering additional towns.

179. The work on 132 KV Transmission line creating a backbone infrastructure is progressing well. I compliment State Government and Power Grid officials for resolving many long pending issues leading to faster implementation of this project. The work on Roing to Chapakhowa line has also gathered pace.
180. I am happy to announce construction of 33 KV transmission line from Bana to Wessang with an estimated cost of Rs. 8 Cr to improve power supply in East Kameng District.
181. The Public Health Engineering Department deserves appreciation for accelerated implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission and targeting to achieve 100% Fully Functional Household Taps or FFHTs in 2023, a year before the national target. I propose to provide Rs.100 Cr to PHED for implementing the 'water for all' project.
182. Encouraged by the success of integrated water supply projects at Jia and Chongkham, the State has approved five more projects at Longding, Leparada, Mechuka, East Kameng and Tawang.
183. Because of resource crunch faced in the last two years due to the pandemic, we could not allocate funds for starting the water supply projects for Itanagar, Bomdila, Daporijo and Tezu townships. Since these are major projects, Government would undertake preparation of technically sound DPRs through specialised agencies and provide resources for work to begin in next financial year.

184. Hon'ble Speaker sir, we have been investing major resources in building the infrastructure. However, it is observed that our SOPs for management of these assets is not commensurate with the volume being created. I propose to establish a dedicated Asset Management Fund with 1% of project cost for every capital work to be deposited in this Fund for upkeep of infrastructure assets.
185. For the perennial problem of floods and related damages, especially in the foothill areas of our major rivers, Water Resource Department has prepared a comprehensive proposal which has been recommended to Government of India for funding support.
186. Hon'ble Speaker sir, We provided an allocation of Rs. 45 Cr this year for the prestigious High Court Building and would continue to earmark allocation proportionate to the physical progress.
187. I propose to allocate Rs. 10 Cr for upgradation of infrastructure for the district judiciary and Rs 2 Cr for e-litigation module implementation. We will also provide Video Conference Facility for conducting trials for the under-trial prisoners and for deposition of the vulnerable witnesses.
188. Modernization of Police Force is our priority. There has been a significant increase in the strength of the police force making it a strong force of 15,285 personnel capable of handling any challenge. All the police stations are now having CCTVs which has resulted in transparency. We have also established many Mahila Police Stations.

189. During the financial year 21-22, Rs. 98 Cr were provided for various activities like construction of police stations, offices, barracks, housing, mobility and weapons.
190. The State Government is working towards empowerment of misguided youth, if any, and as a step in this direction the State will be implementing a Comprehensive Surrender Policy for them to leave their affiliation with underground elements. This Policy will facilitate them to come back and join the mainstream. For this purpose, I propose to make an initial allocation of Rs. 5 Cr for implementation of this Policy.
191. During last 3 years we have spent Rs 155 Cr on Tirap-Changlang-Longding or TCL action plan for improving the policing infrastructure in the region.
192. We have also invested heavily on the mobility of the police force. We have inducted 119 vehicles last year and just recently the Government has sanctioned procurement of 300 vehicles for the police force.
193. We have taken up a Rs. 25 Cr project of upgradation of Police Training Center Banderdewa. I propose to provide Rs. 10 Cr for this project.
194. Hon'ble Speaker sir, I am happy to announce a Rs. 100 Cr Mission to construct housing for the police personnel and propose to provide an initial allocation of Rs. 25 Cr.
195. I also propose to make a provision of Rs. 2 Cr for the Mobility and Communication of the Special Task Force.

196. I propose to allocate Rs. 10 Cr for construction of Central Jail in Arunachal Pradesh. We will also establish Video Conference Facilities in various sub jails to reduce the movement of under trials to and from court.
197. We will take up construction of 3 Fire stations for which I propose to earmark Rs. 9 Cr.
198. Hon'ble Speaker sir, in the effort to make our urban centers more liveable, sanitation is of crucial importance. To augment sanitation capacities of the two urban bodies, an amount of Rs. 12 Cr for Itanagar and Rs. 3 Cr for Pasighat was allocated in the current financial year. This has given a major thrust to the waste management activities in the two cities, making them cleaner.
199. Under BE 2022-23, I propose a quantum jump in the grant-in-aid given to Itanagar Municipal Corporation from Rs. 1.78 Cr to Rs. 6 Cr and to Pasighat Municipal Council from Rs. 72 Lakhs to Rs. 2 Cr.
200. I congratulate the Itanagar Municipal Corporation for the perceptible change in the cleanliness in the city. They have displayed a can-do attitude and further raised our expectations. I suggest that we converge the available resources from State Plan, Central Schemes and Finance Commission Grants for synergistic action.

201. Further, I propose to allocate Rs. 22 Cr for solid waste management including payment of wages and construction of Material Recovery Facilities for our other towns. For this purpose, Panchayati Raj Institutions may come forward and converge available funds from Finance Commission Grants and devolution from State Government.
202. There is acute shortage of official accommodation for government employees in Itanagar Capital Complex. Government proposes to construct modern multi storied flats in place of old, dilapidated SPT Quarters in various sectors of Capital Complex. Under Phase-I, it is proposed to construct 48 flats of Type-II and Type-III categories at an estimated cost of Rs. 20 Cr in selected sectors.
203. We need to work on low-cost vendor markets providing clean and convenient place for the vendors. We would also take up project of clean food street and development of public spaces in urban areas. I propose to make an allocation of Rs. 2 Cr to take up pilot projects.
204. One third of Arunachal Population lives in remote border areas covering half of Arunachal's geographical area. The patriotic citizens of Arunachal Pradesh are guardians of our frontiers and work shoulder to shoulder with Armed forces defending our motherland.
205. Government of Arunachal Pradesh is committed to develop these border villages and create livelihood opportunities so that our citizens can earn income through local activities.

206. Hon'ble Speaker sir, I thank you for leading a 'Legislator's Group on Border Areas' and providing very valuable suggestions for the development of border areas.
207. During the last Budget speech, I mentioned about the development of model villages in the border areas on pilot basis. We had a series of consultations with the stakeholders including the Government of India and now the template is ready to begin work. I propose to make an allocation of Rs. 25 Cr for integrated development of border villages over and above normal allocations under Border Area Development Programme.
208. In order to provide reliable power to the border villages, I am happy to inform the August House that we have launched the 'Golden Jubilee Border Village Illumination Programme' with a mission to construct 50 micro-hydel projects in remote border villages. In the first phase we have sanctioned Rs. 50 Cr for 17 projects covering 218 villages. Once the work on these projects commences, I propose to allocate another Rs. 50 Cr for second phase of 17 projects.
209. Hon'ble Speaker sir, I am also happy to inform that government has sanctioned Rs. 16 Cr for providing 6,000 streetlights in 700 villages in border villages of Arunachal Pradesh.
210. I thank Hon'ble Union Finance Minister for launching Vibrant Village Programme focused on northern border covering various aspects of development and service delivery. This will be immensely useful for border villages in Arunachal Pradesh.

211. Our thanks are also due to the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister for initiating a new scheme called Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North-East or PM-DevINE focused on bridging the development gaps in the North East region. This strong focus of the central government shall go a long way in improving the quality of life of the citizens in the State.
212. The State Government has taken up a comprehensive project to strengthen infrastructure in border villages to mitigate the issue of migration to urban centers. We have submitted a Rs 4,000-crore proposal to the Union Home Ministry as part of the plan. The project aims at building roads, health centers and educational institutions, besides electrifying villages, and augmenting water supply.
213. Recently we took up solar electrification of 8 remote villages in Tali circle in Kra Daadi district in partnership with Sri Sri Rural Development Trust in which one third of the total expenditure of Rs. 1.5 Cr was contributed by the trust and rest by the State Government. Encouraged by the success of this project, we propose to extend it to few more remote border areas.
214. I also propose to earmark Rs. 7.5 Cr for taking up repairs of foot suspension bridges in border areas, mostly used by the Border Guarding Forces.
215. Hon'ble Speaker sir, for the rapid development of border areas, I propose that we should adopt the model of 100% saturation of central and state schemes in select border villages in a time bound manner.

**216. Hon'ble Speaker sir, Climate Resilience and Responsive action will protect our environment and lead us towards Carbon Neutrality**

217. With the adoption of the 'Pakke Tiger Reserve 2047 Declaration on Climate Change Resilient and Responsive Arunachal Pradesh', we have displayed our firm commitment to take needed technical, administrative and financial steps to mitigate and address adverse impacts of climate change and usher in 'green development' through the five broad 'Panch-Dhara' elements and the 75 strategies underpinning them.

218. We have envisaged a multi-sectoral coordinated approach towards low emission and climate-resilient development. For ensuring proper coordination and monitoring of various departmental action plans, we are pleased to create a 'Pakke Tiger Reserve Declaration' Cell.

219. The Departments concerned would be encouraged to take initiatives under Pakke Declaration. For example, the Health Department is taking initiatives such as solar roof top power systems, tele-medicine and medicine from the sky for which I propose to allocate Rs. 50 Lakhs each. The Transport Department would be introducing electric buses, the Power Department would be installing smart pre-paid meters and the Forest Department would implement climate resilient forestry.

220. Hon'ble Speaker sir, you and the Hon'ble Members of this August House would be pleased to know that the State Government has initiated carbon credit trading from this year itself.
221. I propose to establish three new Biodiversity Conservation and Development Areas at Pasighat, Tawang and Ziro with an allocation of Rs. 3 Cr to encourage in-situ conservation.
222. Butterflies are indicators of the health of any ecosystem. Arunachal Pradesh is known to have rich diversity of more than seven hundred recorded butterfly species. I propose to earmark Rs. 1 Cr to create 4 butterfly parks at Pakke, Namdapha, Ziro and Pasighat respectively.
223. It is proposed to upgrade the Van-Vigyan Kendra, Chessa, as a Center for Excellence on Forestry with an allocation of Rs. 1 Cr.
224. Forestry based Ecotourism provides avenues for responsible tourism activities with the view to conserve nature while improving the livelihood of local people. In order to promote Forestry Eco-tourism with community participation I propose Rs. 4 Cr covering Tale, Pakke, Namdapha and Kamlang reserves.
225. Hon'ble Speaker sir, in the end I would like to state that we are proud of the achievements under the Pema Khandu Government. We are sensitive to the needs and aspirations of our citizens and remain committed for inclusive all-round development of the State to reach the last citizen.

226. The six building blocks on which this budget has been built, including good governance and financial prudence, would place our State in a higher orbit of development. It is our firm belief that a healthy, educated, self-reliant, entrepreneurial, synergistic and environmentally conscious society would lead to prosperity and, more importantly, enhance happiness.

227. With low population base, huge natural resources and peace loving, harmonious and culturally rich tribal societies, we can all aspire to achieve higher happiness index.

228. Let me recount here a few lines of a popular poet:

कल बेहतर एक दिन होगा,	Kal Behtar Ek Din Hoga,
मन चाहा जब हासिल होगा ।	Mann Chaha Jab Haasil Hoga,
जो आज अधूरा छूट गया,	Jo Aaj Adhura Chuth Gaya,
कल वह भी पूरा होगा ।	Kal Woh Bhi Pura Hoga;
कल वह भी पूरा होगा ॥	Kal Woh Bhi Pura Hoga!

229. I conclude with confidence that this budget would lay a strong foundation for Atma Nirbhar Arunachal Pradesh.

230. Jai Hind! Jai Arunachal!!