

INDEPENDENCE DAY (2015) MESSAGE OF THE HON'BLE
GOVERNOR OF NAGALAND & ASSAM
SHRI P. B. ACHARYA

Dear Citizens, Namaskar,

Today is the 69th Independence Day of our great nation, India - Bharat.

India's struggle for Independence has a long history. Every part of India, including the Northeast contributed equally towards the Nation's Independence. Many lives were sacrificed for the Cause of the Independence of our Motherland. On this proud day, we salute our patriotic leaders who gave us our hard earned independence.

Independence Day is a day of Joy, of Resolve and of Remembrance.

Joy - because after years of domination, a great and proud Nation like our India gained freedom from the yoke of colonialism.

Resolve - because we fought for our Independence so that every man and woman of our country will find enough opportunity to grow and prosper; the poor and the downtrodden people of our country will find enough opportunity to make a decent life and walk with their heads high as equal citizens of a great country.

Remembrance - because for this Day, that is, to achieve this Independence, hundreds and thousands of people struggled, suffered ignominious agonies and made incredible sacrifices and became Martyrs to the Cause. Without them, our Independence would have remained a dream. Let us reverently bow down our heads to their sacred memory.

Nagaland has waited for long 17 years for a honourable political solution. Now we all are aware that the Government of India under the dynamic leadership of Shri Narendra Modiji, our Prime Minister has signed the historic Naga Peace Accord with the NSCN(IM) led by General Secretary Shri Muivah on August 3, 2015. It shows the political will and trust of Hon'ble Shri Modiji, our Prime Minister, to solve the Naga political problem. On this day, I wish Shri Isak Chishi Swu, NSCN/IM Chairman, an early recovery and joining in implementing the Accord.

Let us assure that there will not be Trust Deficit in implementing the clauses of the Accord. It is the first strong step for permanent peace and development in Nagaland.

“Look North East and Act North East” is in action.
We are a pluralistic Society. We respect Diversity.

“Unity in Diversity is the peculiarity of India”.

“Alag Bhasha, Alag Vesh, Phir Bhi Apna Ek Desh”.

I appeal to all the groups to honour the feelings of the people and understand the need of the hour and join in the democratic process for peace and development of Nagaland. Let us make Nagaland a strong, peaceful, prosperous State. We have the potential.

We are proud that a number of beautiful Tribes with their rich culture and individual identities exist in our State. The diversity adds to the richness of our culture. We respect all Tribes. Everybody is equal. The need of the hour is to march together hand in hand with equal status.

Education empowers a person. It is not only for the personal development of individuals but it also should develop our Society. Our Universities are great knowledge centres. It is time now, that our Universities become not only knowledge centres but also development centres. Skill additions in the curriculum is must.

We have 68% youth of our total population with 18 to 35 years of age. These youths with educational skills will be a great human resource centre for the whole world. Youths are the assets of our country.

Women also play an equal role in the developmental activities. Gender respect and equal opportunity including in the field of politics will empower our women for peace and development of our country.

Senior Citizens with their long experience & dedication are to be respected and kept engaged in useful social activities. They are our guides. Our “Kisans” should get the right place in the Social Structure. They should get the remunerative price for their agricultural products. All welfare schemes like Jan Dhan Yojana, Atal Insurance should reach the beneficiaries. Organized and unorganized labourers should be identified for the central and state welfare projects for their benefits.

We are a Secular, Democratic Nation. All of us are one regardless of our religion whether one is a Hindu, Christian, or a Muslim.

Development of India means all inclusive development. We cannot develop without developing the Northeast and for this reason; the Govt. of India is according urgent importance to immediate all-round development of this region. “Look and Act North East is the goal.” Steps have been initiated for lasting peace and towards greater development and improvement of the infrastructure and communication networks of the region. “When the North-east develops, India prospers” Hon’ble Modiji our Prime Minister.

Insurgency and violence cannot be the means to any end. We must resolve to end all insurgency and violent means and must ensure that dialogue takes place. Talks are the only way to achieving positive results. We should Trust each other. “Violence and arms have no place in democracy” Hon’ble Shri Rajnath Singhji our Home Minister.

Let us all join our hands and minds for building a “Shashakt”, “Samriddh”, “Nirogi” and– “Shantimay” Bharat. A “Strong”, “Prosperous”, “Healthy” and “Peaceful” Nation.

“Kuknalim”
“Bharat Mata Ki Jai”
“Jai Hind”