

SPEECH OF SHRI P.B. ACHARYA, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF NAGALAND AT THE INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF HORNBILL FESTIVAL AT KISAMA ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. At the outset, I convey my warmest greetings to the people of Nagaland on the occasion of the 51st Anniversary of the Statehood Day. Nagaland is blessed by the visit of Smti Sumitra Mahajan, the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha who graced the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 29th November, 2014. And today, we are humbled by the visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji. His visit to Nagaland speaks volume of his concern for the people of the State.

2. On behalf of the Government and the people of the State, I welcome Shri Modiji, our visionary Hon'ble Prime Minister to this Hornbill Festival. Sir, your presence has made the occasion more dignified and difference. Sir you made India awakening and know its potentiality,

3. Friends, we are happy that the dynamic and visionary Prime Minister Shri Modiji has a vision for development of the North Eastern States. Ahead of his visit to North Eastern States, Hon'ble Prime Minister tweeted that **“India will not develop until North East develops”**. Let us therefore, stand united and work hard to fulfil the vision of our great leader Modiji for development of North East and to make India a superpower.

4. I congratulate the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri T.R.Zeliang and the State Government for organising Hornbill festival every year. The festival is not only for showcasing the dances, music and culture but also brings the people together and thereby develop a sense of belongingness and national integration.

5. As we celebrate the Hornbill Festival, we must renew our thoughts and re-dedicate ourselves towards achieving socio-economic development of the State. I hope you will agree with me that things cannot change and improve on its own. We need to exert our utmost to improve things.

6. There is enormous potential in Nagaland; the youth have potential and creativity. It needs to be channelized for productive purposes

which will benefit not only the individual but the society as well. Our women are not lagging behind. They also have to be politically empowered.

7. Friends, we must ensure that the resources available with us should be sensibly utilised to achieve the higher level of progress, balanced development and to improve the quality of life.

8. On this occasion, I take this opportunity to appeal to all stakeholders that the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Modiji's recently launched programmes such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Jan Dhan Yojana and Toilet Movement should be implemented in letter and spirit in the State.

9. Friends, the Hornbill Festival, the **Festival of Festivals**, has made Nagaland one of the tourist destinations. I am happy that inflow of tourists from within and outside India visiting the State is increasing year by year during Hornbill Festival. This is a good sign and therefore, we must create a conducive environment for promotion of tourism industry in the State.

10. With these few words I conclude my speech. I wish the Hornbill Festival Celebration a grand success.

Thank You
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Jai Hind