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NOTIFICATION

The 2nd December, 2021

No. For. Env (SAPCC)-261/2021.—The following declaration adopted by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh in the State Cabinet held on 13th November, 2021 at Pakke Tiger Reserve, Seijosa, Arunachal Pradesh is hereby published for general information.

Pakke Tiger Reserve 2047 Declaration on Climate Change Resilient and Responsive Arunachal Pradesh

We, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, in the 12th meeting of the Council of Ministers in the year 2021 held at Pakke Tiger Reserve, Pakke Kessang, Arunachal Pradesh, considering the matter of Climate Change Resilient and Responsive Arunachal Pradesh;

Recognizing the increasing body of evidence on the direct and indirect adverse impacts of the ongoing climate change which pose a serious burden on the well-being of all at all ages and sustainable development;

Noting that as per the recent Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) unabated climate change has already been affecting every region on Earth, in multiple ways with far reaching implications. And also that an increase of 1.5°C of global warming will lead to increased heat waves, longer warm seasons, and shorter cold seasons with adverse impacts on the tolerable thresholds for agriculture and health besides other development sectors;

Aligning the State of Arunachal Pradesh with the "Panchamrit" gift extended by the *Hon'ble Prime Minister of India* to the Global community at the Conference of Parties (COP) - 26 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to fight climate change, viz.;

- (i) Indian's non-fossil energy capacity to reach 500 GW by 2030;
- (ii) India will meet 50 per cent of its energy requirements with renewable energy by 2030;
- (iii) India will reduce its total projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes from now to 2030;
- (iv) By 2030, India will reduce the carbon intensity of its economy to less than 45 per cent; and
- (v) By 2070, India will achieve the target of net zero emission.

Deeply concerned that climate change impacts such as intensifying water cycle(s) leading to intense rainfall and associated flooding, intense drought spells, dips in seasonal snow cover and melting of glaciers could undermine and endanger human well-being, ecosystems' functioning and economic progress across the world. And also, that the fragile geology of the Himalayan Mountain system and the diverse social, economic, cultural and ethnic features supported by its landscapes in Arunachal Pradesh are especially vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change;

Recognizing that collective human actions have immense potential to influence and determine the future course of climate and that there is an urgent need for an inclusive, comprehensive, effective, efficient, and evidence based progressive engagement to mitigate and adapt with resilience to significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change in Arunachal Pradesh backed by scientific knowledge;

Acknowledging that Arunachal Pradesh specific climate change response action will have intrinsic relations with related efforts to realize sustainable development goals whilst averting and minimizing the loss and damage due to the adverse impacts of climate change;

Upholding the significant importance of the protection, conservation, enrichment and restoration, as appropriate, of various Greenhouse Gasses' (GHG) sinks and reservoirs present in the State, including the protection of the integrity of all ecosystems and the biodiversity values they support, particularly to realize resilient food production systems to safeguard food security in the State. And also that ecosystems-based management is integral to realizing climate resilient landscapes;

Recognizing the imminent need to enhance coping capacities to deal with the various adverse impacts of climate change relevant to the State by fostering climate resilient and low GHG emission development trajectories whilst ensuring that resource flows and their effective utilization complement the climate-resilient and responsive sustainable development in the State;

Committing to foster pragmatic, inclusive and transformative policy approaches to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation;

Emphasizing the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks of Arunachal Pradesh;

Noting that economic benefits and opportunities associated with strategic, decisive, pragmatic and immediate actions to transition to climate aware and responsive economy and communities will yield potential and desirable economic, ecological, social and cultural dividends;

Recognizing the importance of ongoing efforts to address the climate change challenges with the synergistic involvement of the States in the North-East Region and other States of the country, including inter-state collaboration, national and inter-governmental organizations, and other key actors such as communities, development agencies, non-governmental organizations, private sector, academia and the climate research community;

Encouraging organizations and contributing to processes at all levels to stimulate and scale up sharing of best practices, experiences and expertise with a view to adopt local and collaborative action(s) towards climate change mitigation and adaptation;

Taking into account and highlighting the potential contribution Arunachal Pradesh can make towards the fulfillment of the targets and goals within the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) of India in pursuance of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change;

Willing to be persistent in our efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and intending to lead by example through policies, strategies and knowledge-based management and action toward increasing the adaptation capacity and climate resilience of Arunachal Pradesh in the face of ongoing climate change;

Celebrating "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" in this 75th year of India's independence and looking forward, in the next twenty-five years approaching the centenary celebrations, to accelerating comprehensive, smart, climate resilient and inclusive development of the People and Land of the Dawn-Lit Mountains with its mighty rivers and abundant natural resources with all-round efforts;

ENDORSING the Pakke Tiger Reserve 2047 Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change Resilient and Responsive Arunachal Pradesh,

Do, hereby, agree to prioritize the following five broad themes – *Panch Dhara* – and underlying *seventy-five strategies* with sector-wise resource allocation within respective budgetary envelopes for coordinated, systemic, sustained, and ambitious engagements in the State of Arunachal Pradesh to urgently tackle and mitigate climate change impacts in the State and realize climate resilient and responsive landscapes in tune with the national policies on climate change response: