

ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATEHOOD DAY

February 20: Arunachal Pradesh Statehood Day

Feb 20, 1987: Arunachal Pradesh became the 24th state of India

100% households were given free electricity connections

First Indian state to obtain “Organic Certification of Kiwifruit”

Largest hydropower potential in India of 60,000 MW

((Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region))

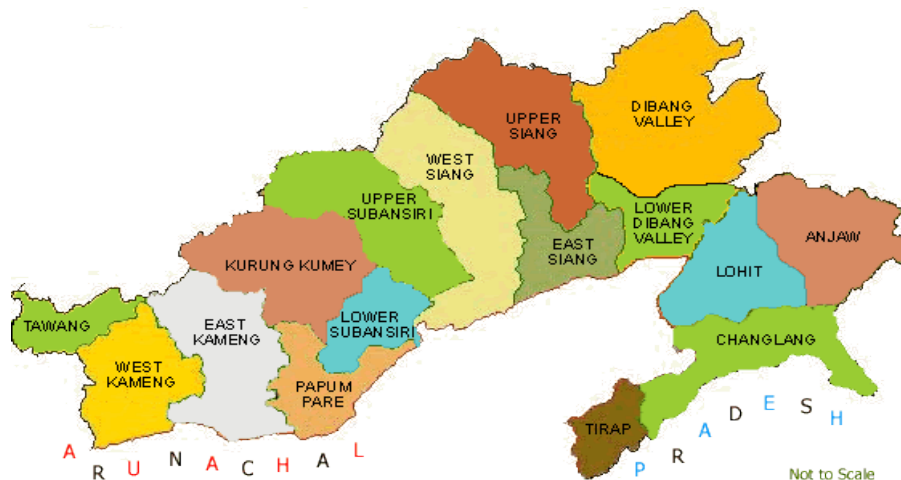
February 17, 2023

“The people of Arunachal Pradesh are exceptional. They are unwavering in their spirit of patriotism. It’s an honour to work for this great state and help it realise it’s true potential.”

- [Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)

ARUNACHAL PRADESH – LAND OF THE DAWN-LIT MOUNTAINS

Popularly known as the [‘Land of the Dawn-lit-Mountains’](#)¹, Arunachal Pradesh is India’s remotest state and **the first Indian soil to greet the rising sun.**



¹ https://arunachalpradesh.gov.in/about_us.html

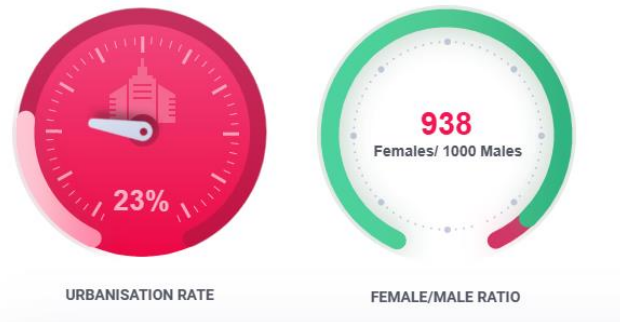
Arunachal Pradesh became a full-fledged State on [February 20, 1987](#)². Till 1972, it was known as the North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA). It gained the Union Territory status on January 20, 1972 and was renamed as Arunachal Pradesh. Administratively, the State is divided into sixteen districts. The capital of the state is Itanagar in Papum Pare district. Itanagar is named after ‘Ita fort’, meaning ‘fort of bricks’, built in the 14th Century AD.

DEMOGRAPHY³

Area: 83743 km sq.

Population: 13 lahks (2011 census)

The state consists of an [urban population of 22.94%](#) and the sex ratio increased to 938 in 2011 Census.



Arunachal Pradesh shares its international border with Bhutan to the west (160 km), China to the North and North-East (1,080 km) and Myanmar to the East (440 km)⁴.

The geographic location provides immense business opportunities in Arunachal Pradesh for **international trade with South Asian countries.**

LITERACY RATE

[The literacy rate](#)⁵ of Arunachal Pradesh has seen an upward trend since the last survey by more than 10% and is **65.38 %** as per 2011 population census.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS UNDER NESIDS

During the last eight years, the Government of India has taken a number of steps to complete multiple long-pending infrastructure projects in the North East.

A total of **29 projects at a cost of Rs. 623.87 crores** have been allocated to Arunachal Pradesh under the [North East Special](#)



² [Introduction – Department of Information, Public Relation & Printing \(arunachalipr.gov.in\)](#)

³ [683927ARUNACHAL PRADESH AT A GLANCE 2021 \(FINAL\).pdf](#)

⁴ [Business Opportunities in Arunachal Pradesh - Investment & FDI \(investindia.gov.in\)](#)

⁵ <https://www.census2011.co.in/census/state/arunachal+pradesh.html>

[Infrastructure Development Scheme \(NESIDS\)](#)⁶. Some of the major achievements of the state under NESIDS are as follows:

- ✚ **Greenfield Hollongi Airport (now renamed as “Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar”)** - Providing connectivity to Arunachal Pradesh with an estimated project cost of Rs. 955.67 crores.
- ✚ **Three National Highway projects** completed in Arunachal Pradesh (66km in length).
 - ✓ Hunli to Anini (16 km) NH313
 - ✓ Singer River to Sizoh Nallah (23 km) NH 513
 - ✓ Pasighat to Pangin (27 km)
- ✚ **Tourism development at Tawang with provision of sewage and water treatment plant** at Tawang District in Arunachal Pradesh under NESIDS at a Project Cost of Rs. 32.98 crores. The project aims at augmenting two critical areas - Sewage Management System and Water Supply System - at Tawang Township, an area which has large tourism potential.



WORK DONE UNDER MAJOR SECTORS IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH⁷

Major industries of Arunachal Pradesh include agriculture, art and crafts, weaving, cane and bamboo, horticulture, power and mineral-based industry.

1. POWER

Arunachal Pradesh has **one of the highest potentials for generating hydro-power in India.**

⁶ <https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2022/jul/doc202272271901.pdf>

⁷ [Business Opportunities in Arunachal Pradesh - Investment & FDI \(investindia.gov.in\)](#)

A number of hydro projects have been completed in the state over the past nine years.

- ✚ **Kameng Hydro Power Station⁸**: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated the Kameng Hydro Power Station in Arunachal Pradesh to the nation on November 19, 2022, the biggest Hydro Power Project implemented by NEEPCO Ltd., under the Ministry of Power. The project stretches over more than 80 kilometres in West Kameng District of Arunachal Pradesh at a cost of approx. Rs 8200 crores. This will make **Arunachal Pradesh a power surplus state with huge benefits to the National Grid** in terms of grid stability and integration and balancing of solar and wind energy sources in the grid. The project will form part of the **projected hydro capacity addition of 30000 MW by 2030.**



" Aerial shots of Kameng Dam and Hydro Power Station , Arunachal Pradesh"

- ✚ **Pare Hydro Electric Project**: Pare Hydro Electric Project, 110 MW in Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh was completed at an estimated revised total cost of Rs. 1640.31 crores.
- ✚ **Subansiri Hydro Electric Power Project (2000 MW)**: Subansiri Lower (Hydro Electric Project) in Arunachal Pradesh- Assam (2000 MW) and the Development of Power System and its Transmission and Distribution System by the Ministry of Power is under implementation which is expected to bring huge development to the region.

MORE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE POWER SECTOR:

- ✚ **100% households in Arunachal Pradesh were illuminated with free electricity connections** under **the Saubhagya scheme** in March 2019.
- ✚ As on February 16, 2023, over **4,99,498 LED bulbs**, **42,713 LED tube lights** and **32,508 Energy efficient fans** have been distributed by EESL across the state under the **UJALA Scheme**. This has resulted in estimated **energy savings of approx. 64.8 million kWh per year with avoided peak demand of 13 MW, Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) emission reduction of 52,543 t CO2 per year and estimated annual monetary savings of nearly Rs. 26.64 crores** in consumer electricity bills as on February 17, 2023.

⁸ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1877233>

2. HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

Quality health infrastructure is one of the key focus areas of the state government. The state of Arunachal Pradesh has Bakin Pertin General Hospital Pasighat which has been upgraded to 300 beds, and equipped with world-class medical devices; Ramakrishna Mission Hospital has 200 beds and Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS) College & hospital.

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare laid the foundation stone of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) branches in Arunachal Pradesh⁹. NCDC will provide a boost to public health infrastructure with prompt surveillance, rapid detection and monitoring of diseases, thereby enabling early interventions.

ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER AYUSHMAN BHARAT IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH



Health & Wellness centre, Arunachal Pr... @hwcarunach... - Feb 14 ...
 #Healthtalk along with #NCDScreening done for #elderly during
 #HealthMela at HWC Lhou, Distt. Tawang
 @ArunachalNhm @PemaKhanduBJP @AloLibang @AyushmanHWCs
 @MoHFW_INDIA @USAID_NISHTHA

The total number of functional AB-HWCs in Arunachal Pradesh is 344 as on February 15, 2023.

2,966 people have been benefitted from free treatment under the Ayushman Bharat scheme which has limit up to Rs 5 lakh each. Also, 80,515 Ayushman Cards have been created **and 62 hospitals (60 public and 2 private) empanelled** under the Ayushman Bharat scheme as on February 16, 2023.



3. CONNECTIVITY

Today in Arunachal Pradesh, roads and highways are being built in not only the border areas but also at the most difficult terrains. The central government is going to spend about Rs 50 thousand crores more for the construction of roads.

- ✚ Under **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Scheme**, roads have been built in more than 85 per cent villages of Arunachal Pradesh.¹⁰
- ✚ The capital of Arunachal Pradesh was connected by Railways in 2015.

⁹ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1857098>

¹⁰ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1877251>

Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh dedicated to the nation **28 infrastructure projects of Border Roads Organisation (BRO), worth Rs 724 crores**, during an event organised at [Siyom Bridge on Along-Yinkiong Road in Arunachal Pradesh on January 03, 2023](#)¹¹. Five of these projects are in Arunachal Pradesh.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has envisioned a **boost to the tourism sector in Arunachal Pradesh with the addition of Donyi Polo Airport in Itanagar** on November 19, 2022. [Donyi-Polo Airport](#)¹² is the fourth operational airport in Arunachal Pradesh.

Under the [Vibrant Border Village Programme](#), work is going on at a rapid pace to stop migration from border villages and promote tourism there. A special campaign has been started by the government to connect the youth of border areas with NCC.¹³



CABINET DECISIONS
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Donyi Polo Airport Itanagar

Cabinet approves naming of Greenfield Airport at Hollongi, Itanagar as 'Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar'

- Name reflects people's reverence of the **Sun (Donyi) and the Moon (Polo)** to symbolise traditions & rich cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh
- Rs 646 crore** project is being developed by Airports Authority of India (AAI) with help of Central & State Govt

4. RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Jal Jeevan Mission has successfully provided [clean tap water to 1,56,979](#) households in Arunachal Pradesh as on February 16, 2023. The achievement made by the State is noteworthy because of the difficult terrain.

Under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana –Gramin (PMAY-G)**, 36,170 pucca houses have been registered, and [11,907 houses have been completed as on February 16, 2023](#). Besides this, 9,002 houses have been sanctioned, and 5,707 houses have been completed under the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana –Urban (PMAY-U) as on February 16, 2023**.

Under the **PM Kisan Samman Nidhi as on September 2022**, [99797 farmers](#) have been directly benefitted.

In tribal areas, [3 Eklavya Model Residential Schools are functional and 10 have been sanctioned, and one more is to be sanctioned](#) as on February 16, 2023, so that [no tribal child is left behind in education](#). Also in the first phase, [the National Education Society for Tribal Students \(NESTS\), Ministry of Tribal Affairs was launched on](#)

¹¹ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1888274>

¹² <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1877251>

¹³ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1811258>

[20th November, 2021](#)¹⁴ for 350 teachers from CBSE and Eklavya Model Residential Schools located in Arunachal Pradesh out of 6 States.

5. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST-BASED INDUSTRIES

Arunachal Pradesh is an agrarian state where more than [70 per cent population](#) is dependent on agriculture for their livelihood. The State is gifted with enormous natural resources and suitable agro-climatic zones.



Arunachal Pradesh is the [1st Indian state, to obtain "Organic Certification of Kiwifruit"](#) under the "Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD- NER)". Orange of Arunachal Pradesh, is Geographical Indication (GI) tagged.

Arunachal mandarin orange is more commonly known as **Wakro orange** which accounts for **almost 90% of the total citrus population**.

[Tremendous tourism potential of Arunachal](#)¹⁵ is powerfully supported by the incredible agro-eco tourism potential and therefore an all-encompassing growth of tourism sector shall be a reality when it is carefully planned. **Liberalized economic policy, Look east policy and the North East Vision Document- 2020** patronized by the union government is going to reward Arunachal in a big way.

6. TEXTILE AND HANDICRAFTS

For centuries, Silk has been intrinsic to the life of people in the North East but the flooding of low-quality silk in these markets also destroyed the Silk industry from North East. Setting up of the Khadi Silk Centre in Arunachal Pradesh is inspired by the Prime Minister's vision of creating sustainable development in the remotest of Indian places and **creating livelihood for the locals under "Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan"**.



¹⁴ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1848004>

¹⁵ [State Farmers Portal Agriculture Department \(arunachal.gov.in\)](http://StateFarmersPortalAgricultureDepartment(arunachal.gov.in))

ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER TEXTILE AND HANDICRAFTS SECTOR

- ✚ Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has **set up another “Khadi Eri Silk Training cum Production Centre”¹⁶** at Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh bordering China and Bhutan for reviving Silk Industry and create sustainable local employment on May, 2022.



- ✚ KVIC also inaugurated the **Eri Silk Training cum Production Centre** in Village Chullyu of Arunachal Pradesh on 17th September 2020.

- ✚ In December 2020, KVIC had also revived the **1000-year old heritage Monpa Handmade Paper Industry in Tawang**, a step that was also appreciated by the Prime Minister in his radio program “Mann ki Baat”.

7. BAMBOO AND CANE CULTURE

Arunachal Pradesh has a vibrant craft tradition and every tribe excels in craftsmanship. Cane and bamboo are an important craft of this area, and the workmanship is of a very high order.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN BAMBOO AND CANE SECTOR:¹⁷

- ✚ **Abolishment of legal restrictions**¹⁸: Bamboo is an important part of the lifestyle in the north east region. Therefore, central government has abolished legal restrictions on cutting bamboo. Now farmers can grow, cut, sell and add value to bamboo, and conduct business in the open market.



Bamboo Auditorium at NIT, Arunachal Pradesh

- ✚ **Bamboo Auditorium at NIT, Arunachal Pradesh:** A Bamboo Auditorium with 100-person sitting capacity was constructed at NIT, Upia, Arunachal Pradesh at a sanctioned cost of Rs 74.60 lakhs funded by North Eastern Council, GoI during 2019-20.

¹⁶ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1824733>

¹⁷ <https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2022/apr/doc202241341501.pdf>

¹⁸ [Press Information Bureau \(pib.gov.in\)](https://pib.gov.in)

- ✚ **Bamboo Technology Park at Jota, Arunachal Pradesh:** A Bamboo Technology Park at Khamir, Arunachal Pradesh has been setup during 2021-22 with sanctioned cost of Rs. 1083.31 lakhs.
- ✚ A **Bamboo Jewellery and Utility Production unit** was set up for promotion at PumaVillage, Arunachal Pradesh at a sanction cost of Rs 50 lakhs.

8. TOURISM

Arunachal Pradesh has [12 tourist circuits](#)¹⁹. Each tourist circuit is distinctive in character with diversity of ethnic cultures, topography and vegetation.

9. MINING AND MINERALS

Arunachal Pradesh has a vast reserve of mineral oils and gas. The state also has coal reserves explored from Namchik- Namphuk mines in Tirap district. There is a huge reserve of dolomite, limestone, graphite, marble, lead and zinc etc. The [estimated coal resources in Arunachal Pradesh](#)²⁰ as per Coal Inventory of India published by GSI as on 01.04.2021 is 90.23 million tonnes.

- ✚ During FY 2020-21, Research items for Comprehensive petrological petrochemical and geochronological studies of the Abor & Lichi Volcanics of Arunachal Himalaya has been taken to understand their significance in the tectonic evolution of North Eastern India.
- ✚ Besides coal mining, the government is also making an attempt to tap other natural resources such as hydropower and oil for maximizing revenue generation.
- ✚ In 2019, the State Govt. allocated a sum of Rs. 32 crores to the Department of Geology & Mining, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh for payment of additional levy to the Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India.

10. FLORA & FAUNA

80% forest cover area (one-third of the habitat area) with rich flora and fauna of Arunachal Pradesh is characterized by [601 species of orchids, 622 species of medicinal plants](#). In Arunachal's rich and colorful flora and fauna orchids find a place of pride. Out of about a thousand species of orchids in India, [over 500 are to be found in Arunachal Pradesh](#)²¹ alone.

- ✚ Arunachal Pradesh Forest Development Corporation has established [an Orchid Research and Development Station at Tippi in West Kameng district](#) for propagation and

¹⁹ <https://arunachaltourism.com/>

²⁰ <https://coal.gov.in/sites/default/files/2022-04/PIB1813250.pdf>

²¹ [Flora & Fauna – Department of Information, Public Relation & Printing \(arunachalipr.gov.in\)](#)

conservation of these species. This centre has established a laboratory for orchids seed and tissue culture for this purpose.

11. OTHERS

- ✚ To connect with the power of Startup India, Arunachal Pradesh is also walking hand-in-hand through [Arunachal Startup Policy](#). As on November 30, 2022, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has [recognized 8 Start-ups in Arunachal Pradesh](#).²²
- ✚ **North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFi)** plays an important role in facilitating setting up of new industrial and service sector projects in the NE Region. The Corporation assisted 2917 projects in Arunachal Pradesh, with [total sanctions & disbursements of Rs. 19.73 crores and Rs. 16.42 crores respectively](#), in diverse sectors - education & training food processing, handlooms & handicrafts, healthcare, hotels & tourism, microfinance etc from 1st January, 2022 to 21st December, 2022.

Be it culture or agriculture, commerce or connectivity, trade or tourism, telecom or textiles – the Northeast has been receiving the top priority under the Government of India. From drone technology to Krishi Udan, from airports to ports connectivity – the Northeast is now the priority of the country.

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Video links

- [Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of Siyom Bridge in Arunachal Pradesh](#)
- [A glimpse of the grandeur of capital, Itanagar.](#)

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