



**MESSAGE**

**Of**

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR  
SHRI P S SREEDHARAN PILLAI**

**GOVERNOR,  
MIZORAM**

**On the occasion of**

**71<sup>st</sup> REPUBLIC DAY 2020**

CHIBAI

On the auspicious occasion of the 71st Republic Day of the great Nation of India, I convey my greetings to all the people of Mizoram. Today is a day of remembrance. We remember with deep gratitude the countless sacrifices made by a number of freedom fighters, in order that we attain valuable nationality, integrity and sovereignty.

Our Constitution begins with the phrase, "India, that is Bharat." Since ancient times, Bharat has made valuable contributions to the world in terms of inclusiveness, tradition and culture. It is home to all the major religions of the world. From time immemorial, it has always occupied a grand place in the affairs of the world.

I believe with full conviction that this century will belong to India. The 21st century will be that of India, not with a view to conquer or invade other countries, but rather for the betterment and prosperity of the world, and the achievement of world peace. The essence of Bharat is Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, which means that "the world is one family". It is in the nature of India to accommodate everyone, irrespective of language, caste, creed, etc.

Unfortunately, in these times of division and disagreement within the country, the very sovereignty of the Nation is under challenge as prompted by Anti National Forces. We must remember that now, more than ever, Unity of the country is the need of the hour. We must make all efforts to ensure that the trinity of nationality, integrity and sovereignty remain upheld.

Coming to the State, I am happy to report that in a short period of only one year, my Government has taken up a slew of initiatives on various fronts and laid a strong

foundation on which to build a strong and self-reliant Mizoram. For the successful implementation of the flagship programme 'Socio-Economic Development Policy' (SEDP), fourteen Boards have been created. And in order to achieve the overall development of the State, the Government has taken a number of new developmental initiatives in the Autonomous District Councils.

I am delighted at the successful conduct of the first Sinlung Hills Council election last year, which I am confident will ensure lasting peace in the region. I express joy at the successful organization of the Mizoram State Games, which I am sure will give further boost for our sporting achievements. I also commend the public, the Church, the NGOs, and all the people of Mizoram for their respective roles in promoting integrated development in the State.

In conclusion, I make an appeal to all the citizens to work with the Government, both at the Centre and the State, so that we continue to develop India and Mizoram towards ever greater heights. On this day, let us rededicate ourselves to the Constitution, and the various ideals that the National Freedom fighters sacrificed their lives for.

Once again, I wish you all a Happy Republic Day.

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Jai Hind.