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eNAM to serve as boon for Arunachal: Nirmala

* Modi Govt made India global growth engine

By Pradeep Kumar
ITANAGAR | May 29 | India has undergone vast transformation during last 48 months to become global growth engine with 31% gross domestic product (GDP) against though 4% of many nations, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said here today.

Informing that her visit to the state intended to highlight actual tangible achievements made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP government in the Centre for the media, like other cabinet colleagues, to disseminate the information for the masses to benefit. All union ministers have been travelling across the country with the same mission, she said before enlisting never seen before benefits availed by crores of people by scores of people-centric schemes instituted by the government.

Arunachal Pradesh is an agrarian society but known for large scale agriculture production, especially ginger and large size cardamom but the farmers marketing through middlemen for lack of market linkage hardly get right prices for their products. However, the farming community would immensely benefit from National Agriculture Market or eNAM, an online trading platform for agricultural commodities that ensures better price, she said, adding eNAM has integrated 585 agriculture product marketing committees and its total transactions stood at



Rs 36,200 crore by January 2018, mostly intra-market. Over 90 commodities including staple food grains, vegetables and fruits are currently listed for trading, she disclosed.

When asked by this editor as to why Indian Air Force firing range in Dollungmukh area in Lower Subansiri district is not relocated though it has jeopardised 3,000 local denizens, local environment spoilt and government school fails to function due to scarcity as its building has sustained damages, she sought details from accompanying officers. However, state's IPR Minister Bamang Felix pitched in to clarify that the state Govt has taken up the matter with the Centre.

It may be mentioned that the residents have been demanding relocation of the IAF bombing zone notified without consulting them and raised it before visiting team of National Human Right Commission led by justice H L Dattu here on May 25 area as grazer why torn apart by bombing in 1992-93.

To another question, when the advanced landing rounds at Tawang, Walong,

Tuting and Ziro, taken over by IAF in 2009, would be made operational, she said that things were moving in right direction and lauded the state Govt for its cooperation.

When asked why the Army has delayed acquisition of 1,100 acres of land in East Kameng district where cultivation has been prohibited by district administration without giving any alternative, she said that it would be guided by Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. Moreover, even after acquisition for army firing range, the farmers could cultivate the land except during firing practice. The procedure involving individual ownership, community land, altitude and range needs the support of the state Govt, he added.

Responding to question the problems of the local people in banking transactions for inadequate branches and lack of internet facilities, particularly in border areas, she said that Bank Mitra is the panacea as proved by PMJDY, bust assured to act instantly if informed about the failure of

any bank in this regard. Moreover, plans are afoot to lay optical fibre cables in all border areas to improve connectivity problems faced by the people for which the cabinet had sanctioned additional funds 10 days ago and works would begin soon, she said.

On empowerment of women in border areas, she said that she had got the proof of *majhila shasaktikaran* when a group of people led by a very smart woman DC (Mamta Riba of Anjaw district) had received her at Kibithoo, the extreme border village along China, and briefed about road, telephone and mobile connectivity on both sides of the border precisely.

However, more recruitment of women in IAF, she said that women are already fighter pilots. But few after completing short service commission tenure went to court seeking regularization making the matter subjudice and prohibiting any policy formation.

The DDK's RNU staff with DSNG OB van from Guwahati ensured live telecast of the press conference in Dorjee Khandu Convention Hall here while state Governor Brig. (Retd) B D Mishra, Chief Minister Pema Khandu and DyCM Chowna Mein were conspicuously absent in state capital for which she did not hold any official meeting before returning.

However, a team of BJP leaders led by national executive member R K Khrimey had received her entourage.

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Staff Reporter
ITANAGAR, 29 MAY

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Sitharaman said that the Bharatiya Janata Party led National Democratic Alliance Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made not just marginal transformation but rather a significant transformation within 'just 48 months' in power.

The minister while addressing a press conference to highlight the achievements of the four-year reign of Narendra Modi government said that while the GDP of

the countries around the world are growing at lower rate, India has seen a surge in its GDP growth rate.

Ascribing the nation's 'positive' economic growth to 'Saaf Niyat, Sahi Vikas' (Clear intention, right progress) mantra of the government, and therein, the impact of various flagship programmes initiated by PM Modi, the defence minister also said that "India is no longer a Regional Power" under the current regime as it has prove itself to be the 'First Responder' to the problems of other countries in the recent times.

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Focus on better connectivity along borders: Sitharaman

Staff
REPORTER*

ITANAGAR, May 29: Defence Minister Nirjala Sitharaman during an interaction with media persons at Dorjee Khandu Convention hall said that the centre is focussing on better connectivity along

the border areas in the state of Arunachal Pradesh here on Tuesday.

Admitting that the defence personnel as well as villagers are facing connectivity problem, she said optical fibre cables (OFCs) will be laid soon along the borders for better connectivity.

"The government will



soon start work on OFC in the remote areas for better radio frequency and telephone connectivity," Sitharaman added.

The interaction with the media persons started with her highlighting the achievements during the four years of the BJP government at the Centre. The

Defence Minister briefed about various achievements of the government in education, banking, health and sanitation, food security and other sectors.

On the defence front, she said India carried out an historical surgical strike showing its strength. "Modernisation of de-

fence forces is going on at full pace. The long-pending one rank one pension has been fulfilled too," she said.

Sitharaman said development has reached the poorest ensuring better life to all. Country has had more than

3.6 lakh villages and 17 states and union territories open defecation-free (ODF). "Arunachal Pradesh being the second ODF state after Sikkim is a pride in itself," she added.

"Elimination of corruption, stringent action against black money which was promised

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by the Prime Minister can be seen today in country. The Special Investigation Team was set up in the first meeting after the NDA government assumed office," she said. The Defence Minister had earlier visited Kibithoo, one of the remotest villages in the State where there is no Indian radio frequency. People there tune in to Chinese networks.

"Women in the country are working in defence; there are many pilots, Army officers and policewomen. In future we expect there will be more women included in the defence from the State too," she said.

However, she refused to comment on reports of Chinese mining activity near the Arunachal Pradesh border. "They are mining in their own territory as I have heard through various sources but I won't like to comment more on it," she said.

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“We will soon start work on extension of optical fibre cable in the border areas. The Union Cabinet had discussed the issue and sanctioned the additional fund only 10 days before,” stated Sitharaman, who flanked by Arunachal IPR Minister Bamang Felix, was addressing a press conference at Dorjee Khandu Convention Centre here highlighting the achievements of the Narendra Modi Govt on completion of its four years in office.

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According to the Defence Minister, the country had notched up remarkable achievements during last four years under the leadership of PM Modi.

She mentioned, in a historic first India carried out surgical strike against Pakistan in 2016, fulfilled long pending demand of one rank - one pension for defence personnel, and modernization of defence forces is going on at full pace.

Highlighting the Modi Govt’s achievements during last 48 months through a power-point presentation titled “Saaf Niyat, Sahi Vikas” (clean intent, right development), Sitharaman said 31.5 crore Jan Dhan accounts have been opened in the country towards ensuring better life for all. She added according to the World Bank Findex report, India accounts for 55% of new bank accounts opened globally between 2014 and 2017.

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Stating that Swachh Bharat Mission has brought about a sanitation revolution in the country, she informed, over 3.6 lakh villages spread over 17 states/UTs have been declared open defecation free (ODF) villages, while 83% sanitation coverage was achieved in 2018 as against 38% in 2014.

The Govt also ensured food security for more than 80 crore people in all the 30 states and union territories of the country as against just 11 states during 2014, she said.

Under the Direct Bank Transfer (DBT) scheme, touted as the world’s largest cash transfer programme, with over 20.14 crore beneficiaries, Rs 3,65,996 crore has been directly transferred to their bank accounts under 431 schemes, thereby removing the middlemen, she informed.

Further claiming that India became “global growth engine”, she said India’s GDP in current prices increased by 31 per cent between 2013 and 2017 while global GDP increased by only 4 per cent.

She also highlighted the Govt’s multi-faced focus on doubling farmers’ incomes 2022 by helping them get the right price through the e-NAM platform, enhanced budgetary allocations, and its initiatives towards harnessing Yuva Shakti (youth power), among others.