



NATIONALIST DEMOCRATIC PROGRESSIVE PARTY (NDPP)

MANIFESTO

**FOR THE
NAGALAND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION, 2018**

- **DECISIVE LEADERSHIP**
- **STABLE GOVERNMENT**
- **VISIONARY POLICIES**

CHANGE IS COMING

NDPP shall:

- Support early resolution to the Naga political issue that is honorable, sustainable & acceptable to the people, and we assure that the party will not come in the way of any political agreement that brings solution to the Indo-Naga political imbroglio.
- Draw a fresh roadmap of progressive development, in order to usher in a new era of genuine peace & lasting prosperity, with active participation & involvement of all sections, particularly, the youth.

NDPP stands for:

- True democracy & an all-inclusive society.
- Good governance & transparency.
- Empowerment of youth & promotion of gender equality.
- Meritocracy & social justice.
- Progressive development & economic upliftment of all sections.
- Peace, universal brotherhood, unity & oneness of society.
- Recognition of talent & creativity, a society that supports innovation & allows art to flourish.

NDPP will combat:

- All forms of corruption, nepotism & favoritism.
- VIP culture, abuse of power & misuse of government.

ELECTION MANIFESTO

of

The Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP)

**For the 2018 General Elections to the
Nagaland Legislative Assembly**

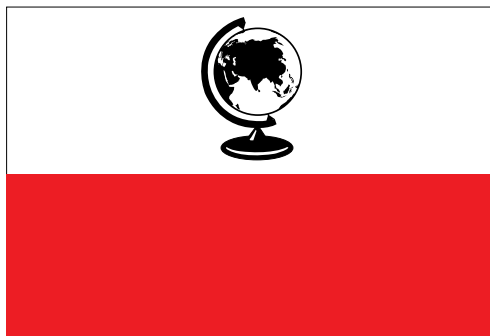
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INTRODUCTION

Placing our trust and aspirations on God Almighty, the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) was formed as a response to the people's desire for a political party that will carry the voice and aspirations of the masses and respond to a need for change in the system of Governance and perspectives to Development.

The foundations and ideologies of the NDPP are strong, clear and reflect the desire of the people. The Party is committed to bring about positive change, progressive development and all round inclusive economic growth. The Party is committed to stand up for justice, liberty, equality and respect for human rights. We will strive for peace, universal brotherhood, secularism and transparency in governance.

OUR POLITICAL STAND

The Indo-Naga political imbroglio has remained unresolved for several decades. The people have been crying out for peace with the expectation of a negotiated political solution through the present peace talks. Generations of every Naga family have given their blood and tears in the Naga political journey. All sections of society and generations of Nagas have been deeply impacted by the political conflict. The masses want the conflict to end and peace to prevail.

The unresolved political issue has created hurdles on all fronts, particularly on the economy and all-round progress of Nagaland. The younger generations are unable to strive towards their dreams and ambitions due to the challenges created by the political conflict and the denial of equal opportunity, at par, with their counterparts in the rest of the country and the world. Without the prevalence of just peace, no aspect of society can make progress. The political imbroglio needs to be resolved at the earliest possible, so that all-round development of the State can take place without any limitations.

The NDPP is of the firm opinion that the Indo-Naga issue must be resolved through a negotiated political settlement and a solution that is honorable, acceptable and sustainable must be reached at the earliest possible. The NDPP assures that the Party will not be a mute spectator but will be proactive and do everything possible to strengthen the ongoing peace process and play the role of active facilitator to bring early solution.

The NDPP commits that it will not come in the way of any agreement that comes about from the peace process and will pave the way for alternative arrangement that may be required for implementation of the political agreement.

The Party will make efforts to bring on board all sections to strengthen the peace process in the greater interest of the Naga people. The Party is of the strong opinion that the civil society, mass based organizations and tribal hohos must play a contributory role in our common endeavor of finding political solution.

Peace for development and development for peace shall be the NDPP agenda.



DECISIVE LEADERSHIP - STABILITY - VISIONARY POLICIES

Nagaland has been crying out for stability, strong leadership and policies that will change the destiny of the State in a positive manner. These aspects have been lacking under the present scenario and instability along with weak leadership has taken the State backwards. The NDPP assures stability and firm, decisive leadership. Stability is the first criteria for development and progress to follow.

The NDPP is led by three times Chief Minister, Mr. Neiphiu Rio, whose leadership is undisputed and proven. He is the only leader who has been able to provide stability to Nagaland in the past decade and a half.

- **THE ONLY CHIEF MINISTER OF NAGALAND TO HAVE SERVED 3 CONSECUTIVE TERMS**

- **MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TO THE LOK SABHA**

- **VISIONARY POLICIES**

- Initiated Youth Empowerment.
- Special Sports Policy.
- Dept. of Underdeveloped Areas (DUDA).
- Internationalisation of Hornbill Festival.
- Year of Farmers.
- Music Task Force (MTF).
- Women Department.

- **LECTURES / ADDRESSES DELIVERED**

- Public Lecture at Queen's University, Belfast.
- Addressed World Bamboo Conference.
- Addressed Jamia Millia Islamia University on Bridging South & South East Asia.
- Addressed International Conference on Scheduled Caste & Minorities.
- Public Lecture at India Habitat Centre.
- Addressed the 9th World Human Rights Congress.

- **AWARDS / CITATIONS**

- Recipient of National & International Awards, including Mother Teresa Millenium Award, National Human Rights & Duties Award.
- Silver Elephant Award from the President of India.



The NDPP Agenda: VISION: PROSPEROUS NAGALAND

In line with the motto of the party “deeds not words”, the NDPP is very clear with its development agenda and vision for a new progressive and prosperous Nagaland. We will redraw a new roadmap of all-round development, inclusive growth and economic progress of Nagaland.

This manifesto provides a small glimpse of the development roadmap that lies ahead. Apart from our commitment to implement all national flagship programmes and CSS projects in a transparent, accountable and effective manner, the NDPP will take the administration forward with new ideas, innovation and policies that are in tune with local needs and sensitivities. The NDPP will outline a new development blueprint and implement it in an aggressive manner in order to bring positive change to Nagaland.

1. TRANSPARENCY & GOOD GOVERNANCE

Nagaland is in dire need of good governance especially relating to transparency and accountability in government. Serious initiatives and efforts will be made at all levels of Government to combat corrupt practices, nepotism and misuse of government machinery for personal gains. The government will be responsive to people’s needs and government agencies will be made to understand the sensitivities of the citizens.

For this purpose, NDPP will undertake the following initiatives:

- i. An anti-corruption law in the lines of Lokayukta will be framed.
- ii. Committees will be constituted to examine the award of tenders and also review tenders that have been allocated and government undertakings that have been leased.



- iii. All projects at both district and state level will be strictly monitored by implementing an efficient Public Financial Management System (PFMS) and time-bound periodical inspections to be carried out.
- iv. All projects will require posting of names of contractors and monitoring engineers on prominent signboards so that the reputation and image of the concerned persons are available in the public space. This will also promote competition and quality control.
- v. Right to Information (RTI) Act will be implemented both in letter and in spirit.
- vi. A Zero Tolerance Policy for fighting corruption and nepotism will be taken up from top down.
- vii. All Ministers and MLAs will be required to declare assets and sources of income, including of their spouses and dependents, within a period of 3 months.
- viii. Effective and efficient austerity drives and accountability measures will be strictly implemented. A high-powered committee consisting of government and non-government members will submit recommendations and action plans on austerity measures within 3 months and implementation of accepted recommendations will begin within 100 days.
- ix. Procurement of luxury vehicles for official use, misuse of government machinery for private purposes and arbitrary spending of government funds will be checked from day one.
- x. Push for systematic reforms towards e-governance or Electronic-Governance for delivery of government services, exchange of information and feedback through e-governance, government services will be made available to citizens in a convenient, efficient and transparent manner. This would effectively facilitate schemes like Direct Benefit Transfer.

- xi. Strengthen the PIMS (Personnel Information Management System) by linking it to a central database unit. This biometric linkage will help to weed out bogus or proxy government employees, false pensioners, ghost employees, etc.
- xii. Each government department and government institution will have websites and internet portals that portray all activities of the department, composition of employees, implementation of programs, policies and projects and reflect use of budgets and finances. These portals will also compulsorily have feedback facilities from citizens.
- xiii. The Quality Control Board shall be fully activated and strengthened to supervise the implementation of projects.
- xiv. All national welfare flagship programmes will have vigilance committees with representation from non-government agencies including civil society and tribal hohos.
- xv. A scheme for addressing public grievances will be launched.

2. CONNECTIVITY

a. Roads

The present state of deplorable roads needs immediate attention. Good quality and safe roads will be given topmost priority from day one.

- i. Improvement work on all roads within towns, cities and urban areas will begin within one month.
- ii. The Dimapur-Kohima four lane highway project will be completed within a given timeframe.
- iii. All district headquarters will be connected through good quality two-lane highways.



- iv. PMGSY to be effectively and strictly monitored so that every village in Nagaland is connected through quality roads.
- v. Traffic congestion in urban areas will be streamlined by constructing overpasses and bypasses. Kohima and Dimapur by-pass road will be undertaken on priority to bring relief to commuters.
- vi. Facilitate India's Act East policy undertaking road connectivity projects to the international boundary via Myanmar and into the ASEAN countries, ensuring that the highways pass through human habitations so that the population gets benefits from infrastructure development.

b. Air Connectivity

- i. Air connectivity from Dimapur to the rest of the country will be enhanced with more flights and more airlines. This will improve air connectivity and also ensure checks in high airfares.
- ii. A regional airline that connects within the region and also internally in the state will be introduced on a public private partnership mode (PPP) with fixed wing aircraft and helicopter service. This service will ensure consistent air connectivity for the citizens of the state apart from providing air services during emergencies and calamities, medical airlifts, etc.
- iii. Dimapur Airport will be upgraded and intake capacity will be increased. The airport will become a hub for connectivity with more facilities and modern public conveniences like restrooms, lounges, medical center, banking services, restaurants, shops, etc.
- iv. Greenfield airports, landing strips and helipads will be set up in different districts as per feasibility.
- v. We will pursue for introduction of international flights from Dimapur like flights to Myanmar and Thailand to begin with.

c. Rail Connectivity

- i. The Dimapur railway station will be upgraded into a regional railway hub with upgraded facilities that include modern passenger reservation facilities, passenger waiting rooms and lounges, public conveniences, etc.
- ii. Railway line to Kohima will be expedited.
- iii. The foothill railway line will be pursued for implementation with utmost priority project. This line will connect several districts across the State and run parallel to a Road Expressway and usher growth with connectivity into the mineral belt and the rice bowl of Nagaland.

d. Public Transportation

- i. Upgradation of the state transport department with a new fleet of buses will be taken up. Improvement of bus stations with modern facilities will be a priority.
- ii. Special luxury bus services will be introduced between the commercial hubs and state capital.
- iii. Other initiatives will include computerization of ticketing system, online availability of tickets, discounts and special concessions for students, senior citizens and persons with disabilities.
- iv. State transport buses will be monitored with GPS systems and in and out facing cameras for safety and also for checks and balances.
- v. Each bus station will have medical centers and breathalyzer centers for monitoring of drivers. This will be done even in between journeys. Strict penalties and action including dismissal of service for erring drivers shall be imposed.
- vi. Private transport companies will be introduced on PPP mode to create employment and regulate the public transportation sector and to implement austerity measures in the government sector.
- vii. City bus services modern facilities and emphasis on passenger safety and convenience will be introduced wherever required
- viii. The State NST will be reformed, restructured and the possibility of converting it into a corporation will be seriously undertaken.



3. POWER SECTOR REFORMS

The dismal power situation needs immediate attention, for Nagaland, to make progress and for development to take place. Sufficient power supply and uninterrupted electricity will be pursued until achieved.

- i. Computerization of the power department, pre-paid metering systems, online payments and efficient consumer feedback systems will be put in place with cash-back benefits.
- ii. Replacement of outdated machinery and equipment will be done on a priority basis and effective strengthening and streamlining of the distribution network will be carried out which will also ensure reduction on loss of energy and power.
- iii. Farmers, producers and industrialists will be given power subsidies to promote production and increase use of modern machinery.
- iv. Emphasis will be made on development and promotion of non-conventional/alternate/ new and renewable sources of energy such as solar, wind, bio-energy and vortex turbines for power generation.
- v. Smart and Green villages will use renewable energy to reduce our overall carbon footprint which will positively reflect our national and international outlook.
- vi. We will promote as many green initiatives as possible, especially in public sector undertakings and target to have a respectable percentage of our energy consumption from renewable sources within a decade.
- vii. To bring about effective and efficient management of power department free from interference, all efforts will be made to convert power departments into independent bodies especially in urban areas.

4. HEALTHCARE

Nagaland's healthcare and its supporting infrastructure need urgent attention. Huge amounts of money are drained out of the State due to lack of quality healthcare in the State. The elderly, the children and the poor are the ones who suffer the most.

- i. The system of healthcare and related policies need a complete overhaul with serious efforts to root out corruption and the existing system of syndicates in supplying healthcare related products to the government.
- ii. Upgradation of all district hospitals and establishment of specialized departments will be undertaken with modern facilities in all required fields.
- iii. The Medical College will be made functional in a time-bound manner.
- iv. In order to improve our human resource, a scholarship policy of sponsoring doctors for further specialized education will be implemented.
- v. Implementation of national programmes and policies related to healthcare will be strictly implemented with emphasis on transparency and accountability.
- vi. Create better support system for people living with HIV/AIDS by providing affordable and accessible treatment.



5. RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND RURAL WELFARE

The majority of the state's population consists of rural population and rural Nagaland is the true reflection of Naga society. The foremost priority is to develop the rural sector and elevate the quality of lives of all rural citizens especially to arrest the migration from rural areas. A sustainable rural population with stable economy and gainful local employment is the objective of the party. Nagaland's economy can make progress and positively impact every life only if the livelihoods of the rural sections are elevated.

- i. For this, all national flagship programmes are to be strictly monitored and implemented.
- ii. An MLA 'Village Adoption Scheme' will be introduced within three months to facilitate strict implementation of flagship programmes and close monitoring of welfare policies. Apart from development, this policy will promote inter-tribal unity and bring the people of Nagaland closer to each other.
- iii. A Nagaland Smart Village Scheme will be introduced where village center panchayats will have internet connectivity, renewable energy projects promoted and clean sanitation programmes launched.
- iv. A Smart village will have common facility centers in the villages, which will include information kiosk for public distribution schemes (PDS), shopping center for village products and also multi-brand shops under PPP mode.
- v. A scheme of village excursions will be set up for exposure trips and study tours for rural sections to visit paces of interest within the state and other parts of the country.

6. MODERNIZING AGRICULTURE& ALLIED SECTOR

Agriculture is the mainstay of the Nagaland economy and the largest percentage of the population is dependent on agriculture for their livelihood. We will give utmost importance to the improvement of the agriculture sector and take up measures that will introduce modern technology to the agriculture and allied sector for maximum output, price protection, marketing, infrastructure for storage and transport, use of technology and modern methods in farming. Some of the steps to boost this sector are as follows:

- i. Disbursement of agricultural machinery for farming and equipments based on new technologies will be made available to farmers in all districts in a transparent and judicious manner.
- ii. Pilot projects for indigenous products will be established so that the information and knowledge gained will be passed on to farmers through capacity building exercises.
- iii. Cold storage facilities will be established in the key agricultural belts.
- iv. Farmers will be given soft loans, prices will be protected and insurance policies and concessions on electricity will be introduced with the announcement of a new farmer friendly policy.
- v. An Organic farming policy will be actively pursued with a vision to turn Nagaland into the organic hub of India and indigenous seeds will be preserved.
- vi. This comprehensive Agriculture Policy will make agriculture and allied sector attractive for the younger generation so that youth can take up various types of farming as a business and also generate employment and create an increase in educated progressive farmers.
- vii. Agro-based industries, floriculture, promotion of medicinal plants and indigenous crops will form a crucial part of the agriculture policy.
- viii. Bamboo for a sustainable livelihood and a contributor to boost economy will be pursued as a policy with actionable plans and programmes. Nagaland will be promoted as a hub for ideas, innovation and development of products related to bamboo.
- ix. In the Agriculture sector the approach shall be to promote economic and commercial scale production of goods and commodities. For such purposes, we shall adopt the cluster approach in linewith One Village One Product (OVOP) in manner that is sensitive to local realities.



7. IT and TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Today's environment needs the most efficient telecommunications systems and stable information technology related infrastructure. The social environment and the economy has become knowledge based and connectivity is crucial for effective performance in all spheres of life.

- i. We will ensure high-speed internet connectivity to all administrative headquarters which will enable the government agencies to be connected with the government round-the-clock for any eventuality.
- ii. All government departments and public sector organizations will compulsorily have websites and portals for easy excess, transparency and connection with the masses. Digitalization of government agencies will be done for effective administration and also preservation of records.
- iii. Turn the dream of Digital India into a reality.

8. NDPP IS ANTI-VIP CULTURE

NDPP is a party with anti-VIP culture stand. The party will oppose any action or symbol that promotes VIP culture in our society.

- i. The Party has resolved that no functionary of the Party will use any sign of VIP culture including use of designation plates and nameplates.
- ii. An NDPP led Government will also not allow any government functionary to use symbols of VIP culture like designation plates. This policy will begin from a top down approach.
- iii. Major urban centers and cities will be under better security surveillance which will pave the way for Ministers and others to stop using pilot cars escorts.
- iv. For NDPP, the real VIPs are the citizens of the state.

9. PROTECTION OF OUR HERITAGE, ILP AND CITIZENSHIP

Our culture is our wealth. NDPP will leave no stone unturned to protect the rich heritage, culture and traditions of the people. We will maintain the secular ethos of the country and ensure that the constitutional rights of the people are upheld in letter and spirit. Freedom of religion and worship and the secular spirit of the Constitution will not be compromised in any manner.

- i. Technology will be used to strictly enforce and implement the Inner Line Permit (ILP) to ensure that illegal immigrants are not allowed in the State.
- ii. The ILP is only a temporary permit to enter and visit the State and an ILP holder cannot seek employment. Therefore, the government will formulate a policy where ILP holders can apply for work permits. Such a policy will encourage local employment, enhanced revenue generation and also improve monitoring mechanism of illegal immigrants.
- iii. A Citizen Registry exercise will be undertaken wherein, all illegal immigrants will be identified without the Registry Card.

10. MERITOCRACY & REWARD FOR HARD WORK

NDPP will strive towards achievement of a Meritocracy Culture. We will guarantee reward for hard work and steps will be taken to give positive hope to all those who strive hard and invest in hard work.

- i. Recruitment to any vacant government post will be done through merit.
- ii. For this, a transparent and a simple procedure for filling all government vacancies will be put in place, which will result in deserving candidates being rewarded.
- iii. Backdoor appointments will be stopped completely or canceled if done. Officers misusing their powers for such acts will be penalized.



11. YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

The youth are not just the future but also the present. The ideas, energy, innovation and efforts of the youth have to play a contributory role in shaping the destiny of the state towards a brighter future. Youth have to play a participatory role in framing of policy and implementation of programmes. For such an aim to be realistically actionable, we need to empower the youth on all aspects and in a multi-dimensional manner.

The basic fundamentals of achieving true youth empowerment begin with:

- i. Providing quality education and knowledge that allows youth to be equipped with knowledge and educational capability to face the challenges of the global village in all its aspects.
- ii. Providing quality upbringing, nutrition and all round healthcare that enables the youth to be physically fit.
- iii. Providing sustainable economy that ensures gainful employment that is reciprocal to the qualification and work effort of the youth.

Keeping these principles in mind the NDPP will pursue true youth empowerment with emphasis on human resource development, capacity building and innovative employment policies such as:

- i. An innovative merit-based youth employment scheme will be launched within three months.
- ii. The vision of the Music Task Force will be redrawn to adapt to changing trends and convert the approach to emphasizing on “music as an industry”.
- iii. The music industry will be given special focus with setting up of capacity building initiatives in human resource and building infrastructure in each district with training centers/institutes. These initiatives will be done with private and public partnerships to encourage entrepreneurship and private employment.
- iv. BPOs and Call Centers will be established in Nagaland to provide gainful corporate employment in our own backyard.

12. EDUCATION & STUDENTS WELFARE

The need of the hour is a revamp of the education department and overall upgradation of infrastructure, improvement of human resource and checking corruption.

- i. Technology will be used to combat some of the problems that have persisted like bogus teachers, ghost employees and proxy teachers. All employees will be made to link with bio-metric related technology to streamline the department.
- ii. Capacity building exercises for teachers and faculty will be carried out so that teachers are in-tune with current trends and latest teaching methods.
- iii. Infrastructure in the government colleges will be enhanced and the major colleges in the district headquarters will be planned to become centers of excellence.
- iv. Campus facilities and hostels will be upgraded with emphasis on educational infrastructure, sports facilities, entertainment and recreation and career-oriented courses.
- v. Pilot projects for E-Smart Classrooms will be introduced and will be expended throughout the state.
- vi. Students' scholarships will be released on time without any hurdles.
- vii. A new Students Insurance Cover Scheme will be introduced within a period of 3 months to provide for deaths and illness of registered students studying outside the state.
- viii. The Right to Education Act (RTE) will be implemented both in letter and spirit so that quality education is accessible to everyone.



- ix. Pending issues regarding teachers salaries will be resolved within a time frame so as to ensure that teachers are contended to provide their best efforts towards education of the students.
- x. Establishment of an Engineering College in the State on the lines of IITs will be pursued.
- xi. Centers of Excellence and institutes in the fields of hospitality and service sector, college of law, IT, mass communication, music and arts will be established.
- xii. Government will tie-up with universities and reputed colleges in other parts of the country and even abroad for exchange programmes, seminars and collaborative learning projects.
- xiii. Students will be sponsored for courses in institutions within and outside the country for specialized studies and capacity building.
- xiv. Campus recruitments, job fairs, placement events and career security action plans will be formulated for the students.
- xv. An action plan to make the Nagaland University a center of excellence and a hub for high quality higher education and research will be put in place. Exchange programmes, international partnerships and joint research-cum-educational studies will be realized within a set timeframe.
- xvi. Regulations for private institutions, especially on safety of transportation facilities, monitoring of staff and teachers, hygiene, essential facilities, etc will be put in place.
- xvii. Training centers and coaching institutes for students aspiring for the civil services and common entrance examinations will be established.

13. VETERINARY & ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

There is an enormous amount of wealth drain from the State due to import of meat and meat products. This trend has to be reversed with increased production of meat like pork, beef, poultry and poultry products. A comprehensive policy is needed to unleash and give fillip to this high potential sector as it has the scope to overturn our economy for the better.

- i. Modern technology will be introduced and foreign tie-ups will be formulated for improving and increasing the production of meat, especially pork.
- ii. Capacity building, transfer of technology and training of human resources in meat production will be pursued.
- iii. Scientific rearing of livestock and poultry, enhanced commercial rearing of indigenous mithun, and promotion of piggery projects in rural sectors will be key features of policy.
- iv. With increased production of meat, proven professionals will undertake branding and marketing of Nagaland's products.
- v. A veterinary college will be made functional in a time-bound manner.
- vi. Strengthening of quality checks on meat and meat product markets, reduction in imports, increase in local procurement and establishment of modern slaughter houses / abattoirs will be pursued.



14. INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE

For Nagaland to reach its desired goals of development and economic growth, development of the industrial and manufacturing sector is of paramount importance. While pursuing industrialization, we cannot compromise on protection of the environment and we must ensure that our policies and programmes are in tune with environmental needs and global requirements.

- i. A new industrial policy of the state will be announced within the first year.
- ii. The new industrial policy will give importance to empowering local entrepreneurs, establishing manufacturing hubs and establishment of economic zones.
- iii. Cottage industries, handloom and handicrafts and natural products of Nagaland will be promoted.
- iv. Private investment in the manufacturing sector will be aggressively pursued and a high level state investment body consisting of experts and promoters from government and non-government sectors will be instituted within three months.
- v. Nagaland will be promoted as an investment destination with conduct of meets, conduct of events and hosting of expos within and outside the State to draw investments with specific targets.
- vi. Make in Nagaland will be the most important aspect of a redrawn industrial policy.
- vii. Innovation and future sciences will be promoted through the industries department, especially in the field of new startups and will also be supported under capacity building.
- viii. Nagaland will be made into a producing State with villages having a production center and special bank to extend loans, supported by government facilitation will be instituted.
- vix. Ganeshnagar will be converted into a full-fledged economic zone and will be made into a hub for industries and commerce.

15. TOURISM

Tourism is one of the main generators of employment and creation of a sustainable economy. Nagaland is blessed with natural scenic beauty, rich traditions, vibrant culture and hospitable people. The tourism potentials of the state are enormous and need to be tapped in a planned and sensitive manner, without compromising on our culture, heritage and unique way of life.

- i. The Hornbill Festival is the flagship event of Nagaland tourism's slogan, "Land of Festivals". The event will be further internationalized making it one of the premier cultural tourism festivals in South East Asia. The festival's contribution to the economy and employment generation will be further enhanced with in-depth study and the scope, dimensions and duration of the festival will be expanded accordingly.
- ii. New tourist circuits covering all the districts will be announced and infrastructure will be developed accordingly. PPP modes will be developed for establishment of homestays.
- iii. Other aspects of tourism that needs to be developed are eco-tourism, cultural tourism, adventure tourism, agrotourism and sports tourism.
- iv. Our cultural festivals will be promoted for domestic and international tourists and will be included in the tourists' circuits in collaboration with other neighbouring states.
- v. Nagaland will be promoted as a unique tourist destination that has multiple dimensions to offer to the travellers and the tourism strategy will be planned in such a manner that we target a specific clientele and refrain from attracting illegal immigrants and unwanted elements.



- vi. Other events that will be included into the tourism calendar will be literary meets, art and film festivals, folk and fusion music events, food and music festivals, etc so that we have events all round the year and there is a constant flow of tourists during all the 12 months.
- vii. A Nagaland Festivals Board will be established and it will be made to function in an independent manner with private and public partnership for conduct of festivals.
- viii. A new tourism policy of the state will be redrawn to incorporate new ideas, innovative events and programmes that promote the employment for the youth while contributing towards economic growth.
- ix. Tourism conclaves, seminars, tourism writers meets, etc will be organized to take Nagaland tourism forward.
- x. Nagaland's tourism policy will reflect the energy of our youth, innovation and new ideas, the vibrancy and color of our heritage, the richness of our traditions and the ever smiling hospitality of our people in joyous and celebratory manner.
- xi. Entry permits for domestic and international tourists will be made simpler and online technologies will be used for smooth processing of permits for tourists to visit Nagaland.

16. EASTERN NAGALAND

The eastern region of Nagaland is a pride for the entire State. The richness of the people's culture, age old heritage, rich bio-diversity and natural resources of the region are priceless assets for the entire Naga people. Unfortunately, the eastern part of Nagaland (ENPO areas) has remained backward on several aspects. The region remains much behind the rest of the State on almost all the fronts and needs a massive development plan to bring the region atpar with the rest of the State. Several measures and a development plan that is multipronged needs to be put in place to ensure positive and time-bound results. An elaborate development plan will be formulated for this region of which some of the salient feature will be:

- i. Establishment of a Mini-Secretariat for the region in order to bring administration and development to the doorstep.
- ii. Setting up of overall connectivity plan, which will include surface transport, air connectivity and of rail lines. This will be backed by reliable internetand telecommunications connectivity.
- iii. Establishment and upgradationof International Trade Centers along the international boundary for cross border trade and commerce.
- iv. Infrastructure of schools and colleges in these districts will be upgraded and teacher recruitment policy will be made transparent.
- v. A committee comprising of government representatives, representatives of civil society organizations like ENPO/ENSF will be responsible for recruitment.



- vi. A coaching centre for Civil Services Examination will be established with the aim of assisting students and youth to train for competitive exams and overcome domination of the creamy layer.
- vii. All development departments will have a special Eastern Nagaland Cell which will be part of the special development plan programme.
- viii. Bringing the region into the tourism circuit for both domestic and international tourists.
- ix. The legendary Longwa village will be promoted as a tourism destination with upgradation of amenity centers and establishment of a full-fledged museum.
- x. Common Facility Centers for skill development will be established for skilling and employment generation.
- xi. Banking and Financial services will be expanded with establishment of more banks and banking services.
- xii. Centers of excellence in the field of sports, music and the arts specifically for the region will be pursued.
- xiii. The reservation policy of the state in all departments will be strictly followed in a transparent manner.
- xiv. A meritorious awards scheme for the eastern region will be introduced to recognize excellence in various fields like academics, sports, literature, arts, etc.

17. SPORTS

Sports and games is no longer a hobby anywhere in the world. It is a serious profession that has evolved into a multi million-dollar industry. The fact that there is innate potential and scope for our people to do well in sports is a forgone conclusion. Our sportspersons need to be given appropriate infrastructure and quality human resource to reach the highest levels of sporting excellence.

The NDPP is of the view that Nagaland can become a recognized state in the international community through the achievement of our sportspersons. For this purpose, a new sports policy will be adopted, some salient features of which will be:

- i. Development of quality sports infrastructure in every part of the state. Each district should have facilities for indoor sports, good quality grounds or stadiums, training facilities and human resource support. The District Level Sports Complexes will be upgraded and more facilities added.
- ii. Artificial turf football grounds and floodlit stadiums will be set up in different parts of the State.
- iii. A Dr. T. Ao Football Academy that caters to the entire region will be established and a Centre of Sports Excellence will be established in Dimapur within one year.
- iv. Sports scholarships scheme will be introduced for active sportspersons who have the potential to win international medals.
- v. The Dr. T. Ao Sports Awards will be restored, the Nagaland Olympics will be held periodically and a School Olympiad will be introduced.



- vi. Nagaland will be promoted as a hub for motor sports with reintroduction of the International Motor Rally. The state will be made into a motorsports destination and events that transcends borders and connects the ASEAN region, and beyond, will be supported to expand the horizons of not just sports and adventure but other aspects like tourism, commerce, culture, education, etc.
- vii. A Nagaland Marathon under the guidelines of the AIAF will be introduced.
- viii. A full-fledged Sports Academy will be established.
- ix. A scheme for coaches and training staff where they are given periodical training will be introduced.
- x. All major sports like football, cricket, badminton, etc will be made to introduced a premier league with support from the government.
- xi. A university of sports will be pursued and a separate full-fledged engineering wing for development of sports will be established.
- xii. Organized events in new upcoming sports such as cycling, water sports, equestrian sports, squash, will be promoted. Academies and centers of excellence in the fields archery, shooting and wrestling will be established within the first year.
- xiii. Nutritional and travel allowances for sportspersons will be increased to realistic levels.
- xiv. An exclusive Police Sports Battalion will be established.
- xv. Sports tours for schools and colleges will be introduced.

18. EMPOWERING THE FOURTH ESTATE

The press and media is the fourth estate of democracy. An independent and vibrant media is one of the fundamental requirements for any democracy to succeed. The press and media in Nagaland has always served the purpose of strengthening democracy by upholding the highest traditions of journalism.

The NDPP, while appreciating the contributions of the media, understands that the media needs the support and cooperation of the government to effectively carry out its responsibilities. We will undertake the following initiatives for the fourth estate:

- i. The state accreditation policy will be reviewed in consultation with journalists so that journalists are protected and their welfare is addressed.
- ii. A Press Club facility will be developed with modern amenities and facilities that cater to the needs of journalists and also for the press and media in Nagaland to host events, seminar and discussions.

19. DISABILITY POLICY OF NDPP

NDPP believes that no matter who you are and what your circumstances maybe, you should not be denied the opportunity to fulfill your potential. The Party recognizes that different abled / specially abled people face discrimination, prejudice and social exclusion. We understand that it is often not the person's impairment that 'disables' them, but the lack of facilities, access and support that is responsible for exclusion.

NDPP is, therefore, committed to realizing the full promise of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2016.

- i. We will protect and expand the right of citizens who are differently abled and work towards full equal opportunities at work, access to education and to health services.
- ii. We will develop accessible environments such as designated parking spaces, wheel chair friendly structures and other measures in reforming disability benefits.
- iii. We are committed to providing citizens with disabilities with real opportunities to achieve their potential, and the support they need to live fulfilling lives.



15. COMMITMENTS& ASSURANCES

- i. The NDPP stands for women empowerment and gender equality in letter and spirit. The party is of the view that the participation of women in leadership roles at all levels is a must for any society to make progress. Without the active participation and contribution of women, it is not possible to achieve the societal and developmental goals and therefore the NDPP will give utmost importance to empowerment of women and achievement of gender equality. Women will be promoted in leadership roles, the rights of women will be protected and traditional institutions will be encouraged to uplift the status of women and adapt to changing times and modern needs. NDPP supports reservations for women and taking all stakeholders into confidence will carry out the implementation of women's reservations.
- ii. The state will frame a policy whereby we declare a list of Nagaland Heritage Sites, which will include places of historical significance, and culturally historical sites. These sites will be protected and preserved while bringing them into the tourism circuit.
- iii. A Nagaland Citizenship Awards will be introduced to recognize contributions of citizens in all fields like social service, promotion of culture, artists, peace initiatives, etc.
- iv. A Clean & Green Nagaland scheme to spread cleanliness in a responsible manner will be launched within three months and the scheme will reward villages, colonies and communities that lead this movement.
- v. Urban Haats to promote local produce, handicrafts, and indigenous products will be established.
- vi. A Centre for Peace, Non Violence and Intertribal Relations will be established.
- vii. Memorials in honor of prominent citizens will be established, for example, a memorial in honor of P. Shilu Ao, the first Chief Minister of Nagaland will be developed.
- viii. Rural excursion and study tour scheme will be announced.
- ix. Walking Streets that will become centers for vibrant youth culture, music performances, food courts, etc will be set up in Kohima, Dimapur and Mokokchung to begin with.

- x. Dimapur will be promoted as a shopping destination not just for the State but as a viable destination in the north eastern region.
- xi. To promote our culture and cuisine, the dining areas in the Nagaland Houses will be converted into fine restaurants that reflect the true taste and culture of our State to the outside world. Meritorious people will be awarded these restaurants on a PPP mode in a transparent manner.
- xii. In order to promote peaceful co-existence and maintain better relations with our neighbors and adjoining states, exchanges in the fields of culture, sports, arts, etc will be regularly held within and outside the State. Similar exchanges will also be conducted in the mainland and even abroad.
- xiii. A museum of art and music that portrays the evolution of our music, arts and culture will be established.
- xiv. Information technology will be used to cover the proceedings of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly so that the discussions and debates of the House reach the citizens. This will ensure monitoring the performance of elected members and also ensure that the government departments follow up on assurances made on the floor of the House. It will engage and bring the citizens closer to the government machinery in a manner that strengthens democracy.
- xv. Skill development will be given priority with establishment of Skill Development Centers and Common Facility Centers that will generate employment and give a thrust to the local economy in a sustainable manner.
- xvi. Providing safe water supply to the citizens is a duty of the government and it will be ensured that all CSS projects and flagship programmes for providing safe water to every part of the state is undertaken.
- xvii. The government will introduce a scheme where citizens can avail logistical support and financial aid for visits to the Holy Land.
- xviii. Address safe drinking water and water supply issues for hill towns.
- xix. The feasibility of introducing cable cars will be studied and implemented with support from experts and professionals.



- xx. The NDPP as a regional party having a global outlook will take steps and implement policies that ensure our responsible role towards combating global warming in the international community's common endeavor of reducing pollution and controlling climate change.
- xxi. Pilot projects on use of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) will be introduced in selected areas and expanded in a systematic manner.
- xxii. The rich flora and fauna and the wildlife of the State will be protected with policies and programmes in a manner that is sustainable and economically viable for the local population. Waste disposal in urban areas in an eco-friendly manner and protection of our water bodies and rivers from pollution will be taken up as priorities.
- xxiii. Planned urban centers and smart colonies schemes will be introduced.
- xxiv. Modernization of all government departments will be undertaken in order to make the administration more effective, people friendly and smooth delivery of welfare schemes.
- xxv. Privatization, Voluntary Retirement Schemes (VRS) and leasing out of non-productive government units will be pursued in transparent manner.
- xxvi. The Public Distribution System (PDS) will be made transparent and technology will be used to ensure that the delivery of PDS reaches the targeted sections.
- xxvii. In the event of amendments or change in existing laws, regulations on issues like village councils, prohibition, etc; stakeholders, civil societies, mass based organizations and NGOs will be taken into confidence.
- xxviii. Policies relating to relaxation of land laws, establishment of planned townships and laws to make Nagaland an investment destination for manufacturing and commerce in the industrial sector will be undertaken.

16. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANIFESTO

To ensure that this manifesto is not just a political gimmick for electoral purpose, we will set up a high-powered body that monitors the implementation of the manifesto in a periodical manner. The body will be empowered to follow up with various departments and advice the government on actions to be taken in an effective and time bound manner.

The government will set clear objectives for the first month after formation and the 100 days targets will be made public. Performance of Ministers and the administration will be reviewed periodically.



CONCLUSION

The NDPP manifesto only gives a brief gist of the larger development agenda of the NDPP. It is meant to provide a guideline to make the masses understand our commitment and vision for the people. The NDPP is committed to focus on the task ahead and we assure the citizens of Nagaland that we will leave no stone unturned in our endeavor to bring positive change and progressive development to Nagaland. We promise to remove Nagaland from the present state of affairs where stagnation, instability and weak leadership has become the order of the day.

We will provide stability, decisive leadership and draw a new roadmap of development, which will be powered, by transparency and good governance.

We appeal to the electorate to support our party and join hand with us in our collective journey of taking Nagaland and its citizens towards a better and brighter future. We seek the prayers and blessings of all citizens and give our solemn commitment that we will serve with deeds not words.

We humbly request the electorate to cast your valuable vote for our candidates and join hands with the NDPP family for an exciting journey ahead that is destined to change the destiny of our land and people.

HIGHLIGHTS

OF THE MANIFESTO

• Good Governance and Transparency

• Good Roads and Better Connectivity

• Power Reforms and improved supply

• Anti VIP Culture and Austerity drives

• Meritocracy & Fairness

• Smart Villages& Smart Colonies

• New Tourism Policy

• Information Technology to combat graft

• Thrust on Sports

• New approach to promoting music as an industry

• Revamped Education

• Youth Empowerment

• Promote "Make In Nagaland" Slogan

• Tackle illegal immigrants issue

• Care for differently abled

• Protection of bio-diversity and natural resources

• Center for Peace & Non-Violence Inter Tribal Relations

• Positive role on climate change and pollution control

• Walking Streets of youth culture

• Nagaland Heritage Sites

• Holy Land tours, village excursions, study trips

• Organic Nagaland

• Master plan for upliftment of Eastern Nagaland

• Meritorious Scholarships, Citizenship Awards, Sports Citations

• Insurance cover for students studying outside

• Center for Sporting Excellence, Sports Battalion, Sports Academies

• Modernization of Government Departments

• Promotion of Naga Cuisine and indigenous food

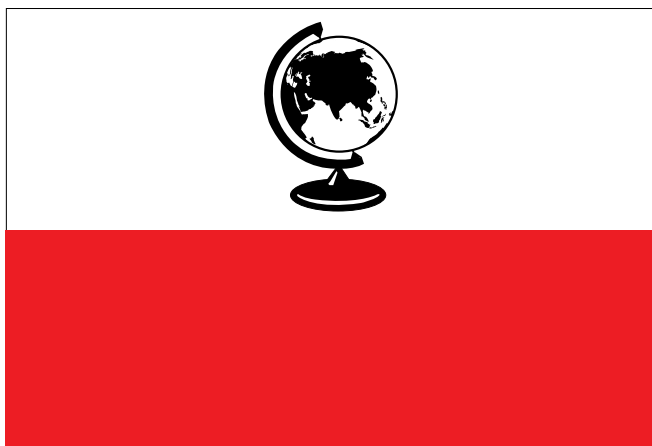
• Welfare for journalist and media





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