

**SPEECH OF THE HONOURABLE GOVERNOR ON THE
OCCASION OF THE VALEDICTORY CEREMONY OF
“UDYAM’2017” INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS TRADE FAIR
ORGANISED BY DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES &
COMMERCE, GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM**

It is indeed a pleasure for me to be amidst you on the happy occasion of the Valedictory Ceremony of “UDYAM’2017” Industrial and Business Trade Fair Organised by Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Assam in association with North Assam Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Tezpur and Laghu Udyog Bharati, North Eastern Region and Tezpur.

The trade fair is a reflection of strength of Indian Entrepreneurship and mirrors the progress made by the Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises, which form the backbone of our economy and are perhaps the most crucial link between India’s economic growth and social economic transformation. Our MSME units, Self Help Groups can prosper only if there is a concerted effort at widening the market for their products. I am happy to know that Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Assam has been consistently helping in meeting the need of this crucial sector, thereby contributing towards meeting the ultimate goal of equitable and inclusive growth of the Nation.

Any economic development has to have social ramification in order to keep pace with the rapid global changes. We need to constantly fine tune the skills of our work-force. There is an urgent need to incorporate skill development and vocational training in the process of our economic growth. The vision of inclusiveness is not just removal of poverty but it encompasses equality of opportunity as well as economic and social mobility for all sections of the society. This must be accompanied by an improvement in the opportunities for economic and social advancement. This outcome can only be ensured if there is a degree of empowerment that creates a true feeling of participation, so necessary in a democratic polity. Empowerment of the disadvantaged and marginalised groups is an essential part of inclusive growth. The vision must also include a clear commitment to pursue a development process which is environmentally sustainable.

I am happy to know that the theme of UDYAM'2017 is "ADVANTAGE ASSAM" and focus is on encouraging and preparing entrepreneurs to come forward as a "HAND HOLDING" for the Investors from other States and different Countries participating in Assam Global Investor's Summit on 3rd & 4th February'2018 at Guwahati and wanting to invest in Assam.

I learn that around 200 Exhibitors from almost all District of Assam, Major Industries like Patanjali Ayurved Ltd and Dabur India Ltd and other Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises and Traders from this region have

participated in this 5 days event. The Event was supplemented by Technical Seminars & Workshops on business opportunities for the benefit of the Participants.

I congratulate Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Assam, NACCI, Tezpur, LUB, NER, Tezpur, for organising a Fair of this magnitude in a successful manner.

Thanking you all

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