

SPEECH OF DR. NAJMA HEPTULLA, THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR AT THE INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF HALIMA AZIZ JUNIOR COLLEGE ON 24TH MAY, 2017 AT JAMIA HALIMA AZIZ EDUCATIONAL TRUST CAMPUS, KHABEISOI, IMPHAL EAST DISTRICT

Shri Y. Khemchand ji, Hon'ble Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly,

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Friends from Media,

Invitees,

My dear young students,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very happy to be here and see the assembly of young students along with their parents on the occasion of the inaugural function of Jamia Halima Aziz Junior College. I am also happy to know that this College is the first of its kind in Imphal East District. Well done.

It is a matter of immense satisfaction to know that the Jamia Halima Aziz Educational Trust has taken up various steps for the upliftment of minority communities in the field of education and infrastructure development since its establishment in the year 2004. The Trust is providing free education and accommodation facilities to both boy and girl orphans. It is encouraging to know that the Trust has also established a branch of the college at Moirang Kwakta village, Bishnupur District in the year 2011 mainly to provide educational facilities to the backward people of the area.

The positive steps taken up so far by the Trust such as sponsoring of deserving medical students belonging to economically weak families, social

welfare programmes to extend financial assistance to the orphans, adult education programme, computer training programme, sanitation programme, annual sports and vocational training programme are indeed laudable. I heartily welcome the generous steps of the Trust for the underprivileged.

As you are well aware, people of different communities and religions have been living together in the state of Manipur since time immemorial. Adopting the philosophy of tolerance, one can contribute freely to building of the state as well as the country. Young students need to inculcate this idea in their minds irrespective of caste or religion. Keeping this in view, I would like to advise all the students of Manipur through this function to learn to respect others, not only their life and property but their intangible possessions, their good name and reputation also. While at your respective institutions, you are given to small talk and gossip and take pleasure in slandering others. You should try to avoid all that. Whatever line of work you undertake you should bring to it an honest, disciplined mind. You will then succeed and have the joy of your work. Ultimately, you can become good citizens of the state and country.

On the other hand, it is not out of place to mention here that education for the students in Manipur is disturbed, now and then, due to the culture of bandhs, blockades and strikes. It should be of serious concern to all of us and we should allow our students to study in their institutions peacefully and pursue their academic sessions without any break so that they do well in their examinations. If we fail now, our future will also be affected. Therefore, I appeal to all concerned not to disturb the educational atmosphere in the larger interest of the students

It is a fact that the young boys and girls in the state love sports and cultural activities. They have hidden talents in these fields. They possess a rare quality of adjustment and requisite temperament. It is due to the unique

quality and hidden talent in our youths that they have been able to bring many prestigious laurels in various disciplines in national and international sports arena and cultural activities. We are proud of them. I hope that with the initiative and support of the Government and also with the appreciation and encouragement by the people of Manipur, our boys and girls will continue to bring further laurels for the state and the Nation.

I am fully confident that the Faculty Members and College Management authorities will be able to achieve their target for making this college a centre of excellence in due course of time. The college is another feather to the cap of the Trust which is already contributing much to the welfare of the people.

While extending my thanks to the organizers for inviting me to this function, I wish my dear young students every success in their future endeavours.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.