

SPEECH OF DR. NAJMA HEPTULLA, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR
ON THE INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF KUKI STUDENTS' ORGANIZATION
(KSO) NITE ON 29TH OCTOBER, 2016 IN DELHI.

Shri Robin Hibu,
Joint Commissioner of Delhi Police,

Shri Paul Hangshing,
Regional Provident Fund Commissioner,

Organizers of this KSO Nite,

Distinguished Invitees,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am extremely pleased to be with you all at the KSO Nite today. I express my good wishes to the Members of Kuki Students' Organization and felicitate them on their successful venture.

It is indeed laudable that the Students' Organization is venturing into this activity apart from engaging in their studies. I do hope that this Nite will also emphasize the importance of living together peacefully and harmoniously in our pluralistic society. As you are well aware that students form a large part of the population and it will be a good effort to motivate them through this Nite into nation building so that the society at large benefits from their contribution. Students today are not only idealistic but full of energy and this energy needs to be harnessed in the right direction so that besides learning skills and knowledge to acquire good jobs they also become good citizens and contribute to the well being of the society.

I am also very happy to know that Kuki Students' Organization in Delhi has been extending invaluable assistance to the community whenever there is any problem faced by them either in education or personal hardships. Besides in Delhi, this Organization is providing guidance to the students of the community in other major cities of the country in academic sector.

I have been given to understand that Kukis are also indigenous people inhabiting mostly in the hill Districts of Manipur, parts of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Tripura in India and Sagang in Myanmar. Even in Delhi itself,

around thirty thousand Kukis are here who are mostly pursuing higher studies, seeking for jobs and other opportunities.

It is indeed significant that the Organization instituted rewards for the members of the community in various fields such as achievements in academics, philanthropy, professions to encourage them. I hope this is a very good gesture of the Organization and this will continue for ever.

On the other hand, the role played by the Kukis to resist British from extending their colonial empire in the North East is also laudable.

I am extremely pleased to see the variety of programmes offered by the Organization which show that the Organization lays equal emphasis on co-curricular and extra-curricular activities thereby making a joy. I am confident that the Organization will prosper and will be one of the best Students' Organizations not only in Delhi but in other major cities also.

Thank you,
Jai Hind.