

SPEECH OF DR. NAJMA HEPTULLA, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR AT THE INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF FREE COUNSELLING AND AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR ADMISSIONS TO UNDERGRADUATE, POSTGRADUATE AND DOCTORAL PROGRAM FOR NORTH EAST STUDENTS ON 26TH MAY, 2017 AT IBSD CAMPUS, TAKYELPAT, IMPHAL

Prof. Dinabandhu Sahoo, Director, IBSD,

Principals and Professors of Colleges from Delhi University,

All the participants,

Friends from Media,

Distinguished Invitees,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am indeed very happy to be here with you this morning. I am also very pleased that Institute of Bio-resources and Sustainable Development under Prof. Dinabandhu Sahoo has initiated various programmes for the welfare and upliftment of students from the North Eastern States. I am happy for all these endeavours.

Today's function of Free Counselling and Awareness programme is yet another initiative of Prof. Sahoo for providing better educational opportunities to the students from the North East especially Manipur. Bringing the leading educationists from Delhi University to interact with interested students, parents and local academicians of North East India for providing better education facilities will be of great help to the students from North East States.

I strongly believe that this Counselling and Awareness Programme will prove to be very helpful to the aspiring students from North East States. Every year, significant number of students from the North East including Manipur migrate to major capital cities in the country to pursue further studies. Delhi is one such city where a large number of students converge

every year and as we all know, they experience near unbearable situations quite often during the process of admission. They face difficulty right from selection of colleges and subjects to dealing with the competitive educational environment. They need guidance and counselling for these crucial moments to enable them to take into their stride such impediments.

The students of Manipur are very talented young people and given the right opportunities, they can excel in their chosen academic fields. They need the guidance as envisaged in today's function from the academicians coming from Delhi. I am happy that the Principals and Professors from Delhi represent some of the most reputed colleges in the country. I am sure a whole world of new educational opportunities and possibilities will be made available to the students through this initiative. It will certainly ease the problem of the students from the state seeking admission in Delhi.

On this memorable occasion, I congratulate IBSD and the academicians from Delhi and wish them all success in their effort to bridge the gap between the students and their aspirations in the pursuit of higher studies. This is certainly a step also for promotion of harmony and prosperity in the North Eastern region and the country at large.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.