

SPEECH OF DR. NAJMA HEPTULLA, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR AT THE '20TH BATCH OF GNM GRADUATION CUM MUOLVAIPHEI RURAL HEALTH & RESEARCH CENTRE HOSPITAL INAUGURATION CEREMONY ON 22ND JUNE, 2018 AT MUOLVAIPHEI, CHURACHANDPUR DISTRICT.

Dr. H.L. Liensang, Chairman Board of Governors, Muolvaiphei Rural Health & Research Centre Hospital,

Other Members of the Board and Faculty Members,

Chiefs and Public Leaders of Churachandpur,

Distinguished Invitees,

Friends from Electronic and Print Media,

Dear young GNM Nursing students,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very happy to be with you all this morning on the joyous occasion of Graduation Ceremony of GNM Nursing and inaugural function of Muolvaiphei Rural Health & Research Centre Hospital. The service rendered by this Rural Health & Research Centre, as a Non-Governmental Organization, for the people in general and the people in the hill areas in particular for more than two decades is commendable. It is heartening to know that the Research Centre Hospital is presently running one School of Nursing, one College of Nursing and one Widow Shelter Home and it is poised to further expand its services. My good wishes are always with you.

Graduation ceremony is an important event of any Institute which acknowledges the achievements of the new graduates. At graduation ceremonies, I always remind the graduating students that they are very fortunate to be where they are at that joyous moment and that they should thank their teachers, friends and especially their families who have been a constant source of support. They should keep themselves well grounded and they have to constantly remind themselves that they should try to utilize their

full potential for the well being of the society which has enormously contributed for their success.

The remote areas in the state especially the hill districts suffer from lack of proper health services. It is largely due to poor connectivity and belies the concept of medical assistance at your doorstep. Soon after I took over the gubernatorial charge of this state, I came to realize this shortcoming and earnestly pursued for introducing 'Flying Doctor' with the Central Government. Under this, there will be medical outreach for timely medical assistance through helicopters. Such a service will be a reality soon as the Central Government has announced for starting the 'Flying Dispensary'. I am also pleased to see today that Muolvaipei Rural Health & Research Centre Hospital here will be in a position to partly bridge the gap along felt need of the health care system in the district.

I am hopeful that the Health & Research Centre would be able to meet a part of the requirement of trained Nurses within and outside the state. I have always maintained that the girls of Manipur do exceedingly well in the hospitality sector and they have a good prospect ahead. It is an undeniable fact that the Nurses constitute an indispensable cog in the wheel of any healthcare system in the world and proficient Nurses are always in demand. It is known to be a profession of dedication and sacrifice and its source of sustenance is the boundless love for fellow beings. This brings to my mind the image of "Lady With The Lamp" Florence Nightingale who was the embodiment of the virtues of the profession. I urge upon all those who have joined this profession to live up to the ideals set by her.

As the graduating students are on the threshold to embark upon a new journey to enter into the next phase of their life, I urge upon them to be efficient and committed to the chosen profession. They must always remember the adage that success has no guaranteed magic formula but one

can always pick up some major contributory factors to success. I wish them all the very best in their future pursuits.

During my visits to rural areas in the state, I find that buildings exist, but doctors, health workers and medicines are not available. People see the buildings, but they do not get adequate health care and soon they start losing faith in the system. Those selfless and generous people who have taken the trouble to establish this Health & Research Centre Hospital is really laudable and I am fully confident that this Health & Research Centre will be able to look after the unfortunate and needy people of the area to a great extent.

I wish each one of you success in your chosen career and I have no doubt that you will make a major contribution in making Manipur developed in the health sector. With these few words, it gives me immense pleasure to inaugurate the Health & Research Centre Hospital and may your path be blessed.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.