

SPEECH OF DR. NAJMA HEPTULLA, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR AT THE ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION OF THE ASSAM RIFLES PUBLIC SCHOOL ON 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019 AT ASSAM RIFLES PUBLIC SCHOOL, IGAR (SOUTH), MANTRIPUKHRI, IMPHAL

Maj. Gen. K.P. Singh, IGAR (South),

Dr. Alka Jain, Principal, Assam Rifles Public School,

All the Officers and personnel of Assam Rifles present here,

Distinguished Invitees,

Members from the Media,

Teachers of the school and

My dear young students,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very happy to be here today and to see the assembly of young students on the occasion of 2018-19 Annual Day Celebration. It is also heartening to know that this institution has been serving as an excellent study centre of the State for the last more than three decades, shaping the future of the young generation.

As you are well aware, peace is a pre-requisite for prosperity. In our State of Manipur, people of different communities and religions have been living together harmoniously since time immemorial. If we adopt the philosophy of tolerance, then each one can go his way, adopt his views and make his contribution to the upbuilding of the State as well as the country. Young students need to inculcate this idea in their minds. It will make them better human beings and worthy citizens of our great country. I would like to advise all the students of Manipur, particularly students of this school through this function to learn to respect others not only their life and property but also their intangible possessions such as their good name and reputation. You should try to avoid small talk or gossip and particularly slandering

others. 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 the country. Let me also iterate that education of the students should not be disturbed at any cost for meeting the ends of some vested interests. Nothing detrimental to the educational health of the students should be encouraged. Therefore, I appeal to all concerned not to disturb education under any circumstances considering the profound importance of education in the civilizational development of a Nation. Fortunately, there may not be any disturbance of education in the Assam Rifles Schools because of its location.

The motto of the school is 'To lead towards enlightenment from the darkness of ignorance'. It is indeed a noble thought and I am happy that the school has been truly living this thought as evidenced from the result of students in the curricular and extracurricular activities. Besides, the humanitarian task taken up by the school to promote assistance to 26 Below Poverty Line students of the state for education and hostel facility is indeed commendable and praiseworthy. It is also satisfying to know that the school provides special assistance to the BPL day scholar students with exemption of tuition fees in addition. The aims and objectives of the school such as developing competence for pro-active participation in day-to-day activities, developing basic mental abilities & skills, growth in physical health and developing proficiency in games and sports are quite encouraging and will stand the students in good stead. I am hopeful that the students of the school, with the love and care they have been brought up and nurtured, will be able to meet squarely the challenges that may come in their way. I am also quite impressed to see the achievements in school examination, games and sports in State and National level competitions. I am sure that the students of Assam Rifles Public School will continue earning laurels not only for the school but

for the State and the country as well. My blessings are always with you in your future endeavours.

I am glad to know that as done during the previous years, Annual Day has been organized by the students of this institution along with the teachers. This will help in strengthening the love and affection between the teachers and students and bring them closer. Such efforts of the institution deserve appreciation and encouragement by all with unflinching support from the Assam Rifles authorities.

Once again, I would like to extend my congratulations to the organizers for this beautiful event that brings together all concerned under one roof. My best wishes to Assam Rifles Public School in all their endeavours towards promoting a high standard of education. I strongly encourage this initiative and wish that the Annual Day Celebration would continue to be an ideal platform for students to showcase their talent and creative values.

With these words, it gives me a great pleasure to inaugurate the Annual Day Celebration of Assam Rifles Public School.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.