

SPEECH OF DR. NAJMA HEPTULLA, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR AT THE INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF THE 6TH CAU INTER-COLLEGIATE YOUTH FESTIVAL-CUM-GAMES & SPORTS MEET, 2019 ON 18TH NOVEMBER, 2019 AT COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, IROISEMBA, IMPHAL

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Friends from Media,

Dear Young Participants,

Distinguished Invitees,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to be here with you all today at the Inaugural Function of the 6th Inter-Collegiate Youth Festival-cum-Games & Sports Meet, Central Agricultural University. It is a matter of great satisfaction to know that this Annual College Week programme is mooted in every constituent Colleges of the University with Culture, Social Events and Games & Sports Meets as Inter-house occasions for the youths coming from different regions and States of the Nation belonging to diverse socio-economic backgrounds. I hope that the participants from different Colleges in different States under the Central Agricultural University will have a pleasant stay and also compete in a true spirit of sportsmanship.

The uniqueness of CAU is that the jurisdiction of this University extends to seven North Eastern Hill States, viz, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Nagaland and Tripura with 13 constituent Colleges and six Krishi Vigyan Kendras. Therefore, the Central Agricultural University has done a commendable job in uniting the youth of different constituent Colleges from different States of the North Eastern Region on a single platform. Such Festival-cum-Sports Meet can spread the right

message and infuse the right spirit of love, peace, compassion, hard work and commitment among the youth.

As you are all well aware, the North East is slowly inching up in the field of sports and I am glad to say that Manipur is leading in the region. Manipur is popularly known in the country as the “Power House” of sports and is also famous for its rich cultural heritage. We should build up on our strengths so that we can become world champions in different categories. I am confident that with the fresh initiative taken up by the Government of India in the recent past in the field of games and sports, the future is good for all the sports person of the country. Despite their busy academic schedule, participation by the students in this Festival-cum-Sports Meet also deserves appreciation and praiseworthy.

I congratulate all the participating players/teams as well as those who are participating in the festival because you all have made contribution towards the success of the Festival-cum-Sports Meet. I would also like to compliment the officials who are conducting the various competitions as without them, there can be no such Festivals and Games. To all those who had worked silently without rewards, I commend you all.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.