

SPEECH OF DR. NAJMA HEPTULLA, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR AT THE STATE LEVEL PAINTING COMPETITION ON ENERGY CONSERVATION, 2019 ON 14TH NOVEMBER, 2019 AT RAJ BHAVAN, IMPHAL

Shri L. Priyokumar, Managing Director, MSPDCL,

Shri Th. Kirankumar Singh, Director of Education (S),

Shri Alope Kumar Ghosh, Chief General Manager, Loktak Power Station,

Shri Rajesh Kumar, Sr. Manager (HR) and Nodal Officer, NHPC,

Friends from Media,

Distinguished Invitees,

My dear young competitors,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very happy to be with you all at the opening function of the State Level Painting Competition, organized by Loktak Power Station, NHPC as a part of "National Awareness Campaign on Energy Conservation". As far as I remember correctly, this State Level Competition under the theme "Energy Conservation" has been organized for the last three years successfully with an objective to promote energy conservation. The first competition was held here itself on 11th November, 2016 and it is a joy today to see all the lovely competitors.

I am also very happy to learn that in the National Level Painting Competition, 2018 held on 14th December, 2018, Manipur bagged three prizes at National Level and Shri Rajesh Kumar, Sr. Manager (HR), NHPC Ltd and Nodal Officer for Manipur was awarded with Best Nodal Officer. Well done and congratulations to all of you.

Organization of such competitions among the students will certainly have a good impact in the minds of young students. Therefore, to inculcate thought on energy efficiency among school children, Ministry of Power has taken an initiative and has been organizing painting competitions on Energy Conservation for the students since 2005.

It is heartening to learn that in order to create better appreciation and understanding of the need for energy conservation in the country, Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, Government of India had already launched “National Awareness Campaign on Energy Conservation”. This kind of steps will bring better understanding on the subject and help in nurturing the innovative ideas to make India as energy sufficient nation on the global map.

Painting has always had a special place in the life of humanity. The artist does not look at joy and sorrow, crisis and success, with ordinary eyes. His vision explores the heart of things, looks for many forms in one and shows them as such. So many beautiful paintings adorn Raj Bhavan, Imphal and I am in favour of keeping more and more beautiful paintings again in the Raj Bhavan. I also remember the famous Painter of Manipur - (Late) Shri R.K. Chandrajit Singh, popularly known as RKCS. I am fully confident that among the young students, there may be few Painters like renowned Painter Late Shri RKCS.

The central theme of today’s painting competition is related to awareness campaign on energy conservation among the students. It is, indeed, gratifying to note that this competition is being held at three stages, namely, School, State and National Level. At the National level, various attractive prizes will be awarded by the Ministry of Power on 14th December, 2019 as that day is also celebrated as National Energy Conservation Day. I hope that the students from Manipur will shine again at the National level too. May God bless you all.

I thank all the young participants of today’s competition and wish you all success in your future endeavours.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.