

SPEECH OF DR. NAJMA HEPTULLA, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> SHAHEED MANORANJAN SINGH MEMORIAL STATE OPEN FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT-2020 ON 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020 AT SAI COMPLEX, IMPHAL

Shri Anshuman Yadav, Inspector General of Police, Manipur & Nagaland Sector, CRPF,

Friends from Media,

All the participating teams,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Khurumjari - Namaskar

It is matter of great happiness for me to be present during the inauguration of 10<sup>th</sup> Shaheed Manoranjan Singh Memorial State Open Football Tournament-2020 which is being organized by Manipur and Nagaland Sector CRPF from 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 to 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. I have been informed that CRPF has been organizing this tournament for the last 10 years in the memory of Son of Manipur, Shaheed Manoranjan Singh who sacrificed his life for the Nation. The officer was awarded Police Medal for Gallantry (Posthumously). It is really a proud moment for me to be a part of this tournament which is named and played in memory of late Manoranjan Singh, Assistant Commandant of CRPF. I salute the brave officer for his supreme sacrifice and I also pay my respect to his mother Mrs. Ng. Memcha Devi who is present on the dais here today.

It feels great to learn that 25 top teams of Manipur from both valley and hill districts are participating in the tournament this year, making it one of the most sought after tournaments in the state.

Central Reserve Police Force is one of the largest paramilitary forces in the world which has been discharging dedicated and humanitarian services

and has also rendered exemplary services in Manipur to maintain peace and tranquillity in the state.

I thank CRPF for organizing this tournament which motivates our youth to come forward and become responsible citizens. I wish all the participating teams to make this mega event a grand success and play the game with vigor and in true spirit.

I hereby declare the 10<sup>th</sup> Shaheed Manoranjan Singh Memorial State Open Football Tournament – **OPEN**.

Thagatchari.

Jai Hind.