

SPEECH OF DR. NAJMA HEPTULLA, HON'BLE GOVERNOR AT THE INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF NEW OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY OPERATION THEATRE, RIMS ON 23RD DECEMBER, 2020 (THROUGH VIRTUAL MODE)

Prof. A. Santa Singh,

Director, RIMS,

All the Faculty Members,

Distinguished Invitees present today,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me an immense pleasure to have this opportunity of inaugurating a newly constructed Operation Theatre of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of this premier Medical Institution of the country. I would have been very happy to be with you all in person on this joyous occasion, but cannot do so due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Operation Theatres are the heart of a hospital. Designing a safe environment incorporates features that prevent or control the risk of infection, fire, explosion and chemical and electrical hazards. Well-devised traffic patterns, material-handling systems, disposal systems, positive- pressure and well-dispersed clean ventilation and high-flow, unidirectional ventilation systems for special applications all contribute to a safe surgical environment.

Friends, among the diverse disciplines of medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology occupy a distinctive place, as the specialists in these areas cater to the well-being of the mother and that of the child. The right to being born and once born, the right to life of a child is secured through the skilled and caring hands of the obstetricians and gynaecologists. As such, your fraternity has a pivotal role in guaranteeing the constitutional directive of right to equality and right to life, including the right to health of vast sections of our population. It should certainly be a proud moment for the Obstetricians and Gynaecologists as also for the Doctors present here today to address the issues of family

healthcare, emergency obstetrics services, campaign against female foeticide and the occurrence of HIV/AIDS, among others. But, it is also an occasion to look at those areas that need our immediate attention and to devise innovative ways and means that could provide us with the requisite insight and determination to withstand various challenges towards creating an empowering and enabling environment for women's unimpeded access to affordable health services.

The fraternity of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists have a great responsibility in such a scenario. In this context, we should set the targets to bring pertinent health issues to the forefront, lay guidelines and influence policy makers, spread expertise and knowledge and foster partnership and unite the fraternity, assumes special importance. These are certainly laudable goals, which need to be secured in letter and spirit. I, once again, congratulate all the Doctors and Faculty members of this Regional Institute of Medical Sciences and all other Staff Members on this inaugural function of the newly constructed Operation Theatre of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

With these words, I have great pleasure in inaugurating the new Operation Theatre of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.