

SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF  
MANIPUR, AT THE INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF  
PHYTOPHARMACEUTICAL LAB, IBSD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2021  
AT IBSD CAMPUS, TAKYELPAT, IMPHAL

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu ji, Hon'ble Vice-President,

Shri N. Biren Singh ji, Hon'ble Chief Minister,

Prof. Pulok Kumar Mukherjee ji, Director, IBSD,

Dr. Nanaocha Sharma ji, Scientist, IBSD,

All the officials of IBSD,

Friends from Electronic and Print Media,

Distinguished Invitees,

Brothers and Sisters,

Let me, at the outset, on behalf of the people of Manipur, extend a warm welcome to the Hon'ble Vice-President, Shri Venkaiah Naidu ji for his generous consent to grace the inaugural function of Phytopharmaceutical Lab, Institute of Bio-resources and Sustainable Development (IBSD) at Imphal.

I am, indeed, delighted to address this important function, organized by the Institute of Bio-resources and Sustainable Development (IBSD). I am very hopeful that the Phytopharmaceutical Lab will also be able to accomplish various humanitarian activities, particularly in health sector. Here, I would like to make a special request to the authorities of the Lab to go to the far-flung rural areas where medical facilities are almost nil and the people of those areas are also economically backward. The basic objective of this Pharmaceutical Lab is to provide quality medical facility and ameliorate the health conditions of the people of the State through this Lab, specially of the rural areas where adequate health and medicare facilities are not available. I am glad to learn that though it

newly started functioning, IBSD will tirelessly endeavour to fulfil the sentiments of the people of the whole North Eastern Region in general and Manipur State in particular.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that IBSD has involved on healthcare front and it has a long innings of dedicated service to the people of the State. Health is an essential prerequisite part of life. All social and economic activities of a country are closely related to the health standards of its people. Investment for eradication of diseases like malaria, tuberculosis, cholera, etc. and also for prevention and control of the HIV/AIDS and H1N1 is of great economic value. Currently, people of all over the world are suffering from COVID-19 pandemic. Fortunately, we are going to overcome, but it will take time. At this critical juncture, IBSD is also playing a pivotal role to prevent this pandemic and it is a matter of great satisfaction to know that the Lab conducted tests for COVID-19 successfully. Congratulations to all the Scientists, Researchers of IBSD. With the rapid advancement of medical sciences, many diseases can now be prevented or cured. However, we are still to do a great deal. As for example, a number of diseases have been stamped out through immunization. Small pox has disappeared from the surface of the earth. Currently, we are facing this Pandemic, but we have great hope that we shall overcome this also in due course because of the relentless and selfless services rendered by the dedicated Scientists and Researchers.

I am confident that all concerned in the Institute of Bio-resources and Sustainable Development will put in their best to make this Lab one of the most excellent centres for health and medicare in the State.

As you all are well aware, India is becoming one of the world's powerhouses for scientific research. The country has seen steady

increases in Government spending on research and development and has a critical mass of well-educated professionals and a vast pool of scientists and technologists.

India is pushing in medical science forward with nationwide initiatives, offering new career opportunities for scientists around the world. Medical Science in India is on the move in a big way. The Government has initiated multibillion dollar investments to kick start research in the field of medical.

There are so many multi-farious selfless activities of our dedicated Scientists for the development of our country. Being the Governor of one of the North Eastern States, I have full faith in our Scientists that they will certainly make attempts to explore the potentials from the North Eastern Region. In addition to other sectors, I hope our Scientists will undertake research in health sector such as on the wild herbs available in the North Eastern region, which have unique medicinal and aromatic properties. With these words, I wish for the continued and collective efforts of the Institute of Bio-resources and Sustainable Development in making successful in its endeavour to expand the health sector in the coming years to fulfil the aspiration of the people.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.