

SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF
MANIPUR DURING HIS VISIT TO JIRIBAM DISTRICT ON 3RD
DECEMBER, 2021.

The Deputy Commissioner of Jirbam Shri W. Malemnganba
Chenglei,

Shri M Brajakanta, - President Jibiram Olympic Association, Retired
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All the District Level Officers,

Representatives of various Civil Society Organizations,

Friends from Electronic and Print Media,

Brothers and Sisters,

After I have assumed the Office of the Governor of the State, my desire was to travel to all the District Headquarters of the State to get acquainted with the people and know the culture and tradition of the area. Till date, I have covered six Hill Districts and three Valley Districts and I am, indeed, very happy to meet all of you today in Jiribam, the States western most boundary, and adjoining Assam. Jiribam is also known as the Western Gate of Manipur and one of the fastest growing districts in Manipur and has Jiri river, which is a tributary of the biggest river in Manipur, the Barak River. I have been given to understand that before making a full-fledged Revenue District, Jiribam was a Sub-Division of Imphal East District for quite long time.

Most importantly, Manipur is now included in the country's railway map and Jirbam – Imphal railway line is the most expected and awaited line. With the one of the tallest railway bridges in the world, at 141 meters, this railway line is sure to bring accolades to Indian railway and the people of Manipur.

As you all are well aware that people all over the world are facing unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. However, due to the prompt action of our Government, this dreaded disease has been curtailed to a large extent. The relentless efforts of Health workers and front-line warriors are indeed commendable and praiseworthy by one and all. The Country was severely hit due the first and more during the second wave of CORONA. But we were lucky NOT to have a Third wave.

Now you must have heard about the latest version of the COVID virus, OMICORN. It is supposed to be having over 30 mutations. It is heard to spread very fast doesn't act like the older type of virus. This Omicorn is said to attack the Lungs directly, without any symptoms of Cough or cold, and thus reducing the time of treatment. Government is making relentless efforts to vaccinate and cooperation from the general public is quite mandatory at this critical juncture. Here, I would like to appeal to all sections of the society to get vaccinated, which is the best way to defeat this pandemic, which is the collective responsibility of both Government and people. We may not be able to eliminate this pandemic within a fortnight but may be able to prevent it because of precaution. I once again request all

citizens to coordinate with the District Level Officers and get vaccinated without any hesitation.

Everybody knows “Prevention is better than cure”. In order to enable us to prevent this dreaded disease, first of all we all have to be vaccinated, clean our Hands with soap often, maintain social distancing and keep our surroundings clean. This is similar to the, Swachh Bharat Mission, a clean India campaign, launched by the Government of India on 2nd of October 2014, under the leadership of our Prime Minister. Cleanliness is next to Godliness, this mission is intended to cover all the rural and urban areas for maintaining cleanliness all over the country.

Cleanliness and hygiene only, may not bring great opportunities to the people in the State, to enhance their economic status. The Economy of the people can be improved by the citizens getting actively involved with the Art, Culture and Sports of the State and by entertaining tourism. Manipur is a State which has a proud history in Culture and Sports. Citizens may further derive help from the Policies of Government of India like

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana

In Jan Dhan Yojana a new Bank account can be opened without any minimum balance. This would also cover Accidental Insurance cover of up to 2 lakhs person and offers loans of up to Rs 10000 without collateral.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana

In Mudra Yojana, entrepreneurs and small business people can get loan up to Rs 10 lakhs

Van Dhan Yojana

In Van Dhan Yojana, the Government helps the people from Forests and other backward areas to manufacture and promote their products by selling it out of the District.

People should visit their District Level Officers and get the these details about various schemes and enhance their lives. I am fully confident that all the District Level Officers will endeavor to keep the whole District clean and green and help strengthening the existing natural cover and also by developing the economy of the people thereby developing Manipur State in general.

With this I thank all the people for being present here and the District office for organizing this meeting. I am sure that in my next visit, this District will be converted in to a model District not only in the State but in the Country

Thank you,

Jai Hind.