SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR AT THE INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF 2 (TWO) 10 KL LIQUID MEDICAL OXYGEN (LMO) PLANTS AT RIMS, IMPHAL ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 2021.

Prof. A. Santa Singh,
Director, Regional Institute of Medical Sciences,
All the Doctors and Faculty Members,
My Dear Medical students,
Friends from Print and Electronic Media,
Distinguished Invitees,
Brothers and Sisters,

I am delighted to be here at RIMS, Imphal, with you all today for the inaugural function of two -10 Kilo Litre, Liquid Medical Oxygen Plants and to mark another significant event in the rejuvenation of this great Institute of Medical Sciences in NE Region. My heartiest congratulations to you all.

I am not just here to inaugurate and open the Liquid Medical Oxygen Plants but also to encourage you all to pursue the excellence that we all know this place is capable of. RIMS Imphal, is one of the great institutions, as far as health care is concerned, not only in NE States but in other States of the country also.

Over many years, the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) has done the nation a great service by producing many young Doctors and Specialists to contribute to State's health care. Someone can recall that even in the early days of its establishment, Regional Medical College (RMC), first nomenclature – for instance - was a highly respected health care institution.

I am very optimistic that the Doctors and Medical students here will extend full help to the needy patients irrespective of positions. I want to emphasise our unity goal of the same purpose that Doctors and Medical students fully support patients in the Hospital.

It is, indeed, a matter of great satisfaction that the RIMS has these two - 10KL Liquid Medical Oxygen Plants which is quite indispensable at this critical juncture of COVID-19 pandemic. This will really be a great relief on the part of the authorities as RIMS itself experienced untold hardships during the peak period of COVID. Therefore, I really appreciate the current management, especially the Director, Dr A Santa Singh and all staff of RIMS for taking initiatives for the welfare of the emerging professionals. In fact RIMS Nurses Association has expressed their gratitude to him for the constant support and encouragement he has been rendering to the Doctors, Nurses and attendants. Some of the significant initiatives like providing free vaccines against COVID – 19 and allowing nurse to quarantine after their duty, has been highly appreciated by all.

I would like to make an appeal to the Doctors, Nurses and young medical students to take advantage of the health revolution that this Government has provided — working hand in hand with institutions like the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences — to seize the opportunities that have been given to you. Work as hard as you can. Dream big dreams. Reach for the stars. In the words of Dr Abdul Kalam, "A dream is not one that which you see in your sleep, it is something that does not let you to sleep"

When I say dream big dreams, it is no longer enough just to tend your own position for your own needs and the needs of your profession. We need to move in the right direction of larger scale producing good Doctors. And that means acquiring new skills as you move through your studies.

I urge all staff members to attempt to make all efforts to ensure that all the best possible chance of success of the students in their future endeavours. My dear young students, again I say: Work hard, Seek the best possible advice from your teachers, read more about best practice in health, take advantage of the Institute to explore the world of knowledge about health and give yourself the best possible shot at success. My blessings are also always with you.

With these few words, it gives me immense pleasure to inaugurate the newly installed two - 10KL Liquid Medical Oxygen Plants today. Once again, I thank the RIMS authorities for inviting me to this memorable function. I look forward to meeting you, once again, in near future. Thank you to all of you who have made this new addition possible. I now have great pleasure to officially declare it open.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.