

SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN, THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR AT THE 'MANIPUR SUPER 50 MOU SIGNING CEREMONY' AT RED SHIELD DIVISION AUDITORIUM, LEIMAKHONG ON 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2022

1. Maj Gen Navin Sachdeva, Sena Medal, General Officer Commanding, Red Shield Division, Dr Rohit Srivastava, Managing Trustee and CEO, NIEDO, Brigadier Ved Beniwal, Commander, Senapati Brigade, officials and dear students.

2. At the outset, I extend my warm felicitations to each member of the team towards conceptualizing “**Red Shield Centre of Wellness and Excellence.**” I am indeed delighted to associate myself with this admirable initiative to transform the lives of students from humble background. **No cause is nobler than to bring sunshine in the lives of the children** who have not been able to optimize their caliber and talent due to their economic conditions as well as lack of access to high quality education facilities.

3. The inadequacy of quality educational mentoring infrastructure is a major disadvantage for students in the state especially from semirural and rural provinces while aspiring for higher education qualifications at the national level.

4. This magnanimous drive will cease the oscillations between dreams and despair and will contribute to society by working towards the socio-economic well-being of the communities it serves, particularly

the vulnerable and marginalized sections of the society. **This centre harbors immense potential as a nation building tool and is tremendously constructive in nature.** I am sure in a matter of no time this initiative will be able to create a feeling of mental and social well-being amongst parents and their children by providing quality education thus catering for a better life and evolving responsible citizens for our country. Not only will it promote the idea of embodiment of equality but also build trust and bonhomie amongst children.

5. Speaking of education, Swami Vivekananda had once said, and I quote: “We want that education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded, and by which one can stand on one’s own feet.” **This praise worthy project appears synchronous to Swami Vivekananda’s thoughts.** After all success achieved by our children is the greatest blessing in our lives.

6. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Army, SBI Foundation, NIEDO and the entire team behind the Red Shield Centre of Wellness and Excellence for taking strides towards **empowering the youth who in turn shall be the beacons of hope and will be role models for generations to come.**

Thank you!

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