

SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF  
MANIPUR ON THE OCCASION OF FOUNDATION DAY  
CELEBRATION OF DENTAL COLLEGE OF JNIMS ON SEPTEMBER  
14, 2022.

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All the Faculty Members of Dental College, JNIMS,

All the participating Doctors, students and staff Members,

Friends from Print and Electronic Media,

Distinguished Invitees,

Brothers and Sisters,

I am indeed delighted to be with you all here this afternoon on the occasion of the 6<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day & Recognition Day Celebration of Dental College of Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal. I offer my heartiest greetings to you all on this occasion.

The Foundation Day of an Institution or establishment is an occasion for celebration and introspection. It also provides an

opportunity to all concerned to be together, exchange ideas, reflect on the activities of the past and discuss the prospects and challenges for the future.

Dental education occupies a place of pride in the field of medical studies. The basic aim of the Dental Colleges is to provide health-oriented courses that emphasize the prevention of oral diseases. In a human body mouth is considered to be the mirror thereby dental health being intimately related as a part and parcel of the general health and well being of an individual. With increasing awareness in oral health and surge in the demand for cosmetic dental care together with technological advances in delivery of dental care, need for trained professionals in this field is ever increasing. As dentistry offers a satisfying, rewarding and lucrative career, it has become the subject of choice for aspiring professionals of tomorrow. Dentists are doing a great job today. Right from fulfilling the basic needs of restoration and prosthesis of common man, they are designing smiles of models, actors and others who want to enhance their confidence. They are doing well both in the public and the private sector. But with time their number is increasing and so is the competition amongst them. Moreover there is a very few number of seats for further specialization. There is now a dire need of these professionals to explore new areas and widen their scope of employment. One of the upcoming branches for them is Public Health. After BDS, students can opt for a specialization in any of the regular disciplines. There are new emerging areas like aesthetic dentistry, implantology and forensic orantology. The past decade has witnessed many new Dental

Colleges coming up. Still, there is immense scope for Dental Surgeons in view of the high incidence of dental problems. There is one dentist on a population of approximately 26,000 in the urban areas, and one on a population of 3 lakh in rural areas. Dentistry in India is no more constrained to plucking out decayed tooth or filling up discolored teeth. There is an increasing curiosity among the youth, particularly girls to take up dentistry as a chosen area of profession. Policy makers are either unaware or not interested in the lack of adequate opportunities for the graduates that roll out of Dental Colleges. Since many of these trained hands are either deprived of opportunities or severely underpaid, they cease to work or switch to various other professions. India has more than 250 Dental institutions, producing 15,000 to 20,000 BDS graduates every year. There has been phenomenal expansion in the facilities for Professional education, Medical, Dental, and Technical Management etc. In the expanded professional education, we have today a large numbers of privately run and self-financial institutions operating in different parts of the Country. There is a very good scope and new entrepreneurs should venture into this field.

The mission of this Institute is to educate and impart knowledge to its students, train them in the clinics and thereby render good service and care to the patients. I am fully confident that the College has a daily OPD and provides quality treatment to them.

Our faculty members are highly skilled & proficient academicians and clinicians and continue to work hard to make our institute the best of its kind in the North Eastern Region, in particular

and the country in general. I also believe that the this Dental College is committed to provide superior oral health care in this Institute.

As we are aware that the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal, has accelerated its speed of development within a short span of period. There are many specialized and super specialized branches in the Institute. The Institute has been rendering humanitarian service to the people of the State and striving towards enhancement of academic and research activities. Workers here may be able from their knowledge and experiences to contribute to enhancing development in it. Here I would like to remind you all who are in the medical profession that Doctors should not only be able but devoted too. Confidence in doctors goes a long way in effecting recovery. They must have the healing touch. There is a saying that doctors are next to God. On this occasion, I appeal to the Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics to establish a good rapport with their patients who are mostly poor and needy.

I am confident that all concerned in the Institute will put in their best to make JNIMS Imphal, one of the most excellent centres for medical education, research, health and medicare in the country.

I thank the organizers for inviting me to this Foundation Day celebration.

Thank you,

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