

SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR ON THE OCCASION OF PRESENTATION OF GOVERNOR'S AWARD, 2022 AND R.K. SANATOMBI DEVI AWARD, 2022 ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 AT ASHA JINA COMPLEX, IMPHAL.

Shri Th. Basanta Kumar ji, Hon'ble Minister, Education,
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Principal, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff of R.K.
Sanatombi Devi Vidyalaya,k
Friends from Electronic and Print Media,
Distinguished Invitees,
My dear students,
Brothers and Sisters,

It gives me great pleasure to be with you all and specially with the eminent educationists of Manipur, awardees and young students on the occasion of Presentation of the Governor's and R.K. Sanatombi Devi Awards here today. I offer my congratulations to the awardees and wish them success in their future lives.

As we are well aware that Human Resource Development is vital to a nation's strength, progress and prosperity and education is one of its key elements. The central purpose of education is to inculcate among the

students the ability to think and apply the knowledge they acquire in class rooms in solving social problems. The responsibility of imparting knowledge and education rests with the teachers who are considered to be moral guardians, friends, philosophers and guides in moulding the character of the students. Together, the students have to acquire knowledge, skill and education so as to enable them to shoulder the responsibilities to be reposed in them by society. It is, therefore, imperative for all of us to do every thing possible to inspire, encourage and support the students so that they are able to play a meaningful and determined role in the nation's future.

Our education should not only emphasize access to global knowledge, but should also uphold the richness of our culture and values, supported by the time honoured and eternal discipline. Education should stimulate all aspects of human intellectual potential. It is equally important to ensure that the students are equipped with core values needed to live as responsible citizens in complex democratic societies.

Swami Vivekananda says “The education is the manifestation of the perfection already in the man.” A child

started learning in his/her mother's womb e.g. Abhimanyu and Prahladha.”

I happily note that Padmashri (L) Th. Haridas Singh along with his associates in the Management of R.K. Sanatombi Devi Vidyalaya has contributed valuable services to society, particularly in the field of education. It is worth appreciating that the Vidyalaya has been giving the Governor's Award to its best student every year with a view to promoting and encouraging its students in the pursuit of excellence in academic and co-curricular activities. It has also been giving R.K. Sanatombi Devi Awards to the selected persons in different trades/professions every year as an indication of social harmony, a peaceful living which is a prerequisite for an all-round development in the State. I am sure that the efforts of the Management and Teachers of the R.K. Sanatombi Devi Vidyalaya will go a long way in achieving their aims and objectives.

While thanking the organizers for inviting me to this function, I once again congratulate the Award winners.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.

