

SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN, HON'BLE GOVERNOR AT THE INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF NEW BUILDING OF DENTAL COLLEGE, RIMS ON 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2022.

Prof. A. Santa Singh ji,

Director, Regional Institute of Medical Sciences,

Distinguished Guests,

Learned Faculties of both Medical and Dental,

Officials and Staff of the Institute,

Friends from Electronic and Print Media,

Dear Students,

Brothers and Sisters,

It gives me immense pleasure to be with you all today on this auspicious occasion of inauguration of a new building of Dental College and New Modular Operation Theatre and address the Students, Faculty Members and others present here. Let me, at the outset, extend my best wishes to all of you. Regional Institute of Medical Sciences has become the pride of North East and only Medical College from the entire North East to figure amongst the top 50 Medical Institutions of India in the last four years continuously in NIRF ranking released by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Doctors, Nurses and all Staff of RIMS, Imphal worked very hard during pandemic of COVID-19 including 4<sup>th</sup> wave and save hundreds of life in Manipur.

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 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 strongly believe that the Institute is committed to provide superior oral health care in this Institute.

I hope this new building will provide a great relief to the Faculties Members as well as the students in their studies and treatment to the patients.

My dear students, today I would like to tell you something about patriotism. As you are all well aware, thousands of known and unknown freedom fighters sacrificed their valuable lives to bring freedom for us. Nevertheless, in return, we are unable to do anything for them. Therefore, in order to show our respects to them for their selfless sacrifices for the motherland, let us at least hoist our National flag in our residences, your work places, etc and sing National song so that souls of those freedom fighters will, indeed, satisfy for the sacrifices they have rendered for our motherland. I hope, my dear students, you all will certainly comply with this appeal.

With these few words, I have a great pleasure to inaugurate this new building of Dental College as well as a new Modular OT at OT Complex of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.