

SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR DURING HIS VISIT TO LILONG SUB-DIVISION, THOUBAL DISTRICT ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2022

It gives me immense pleasure to be with you all today, particularly with my Muslim brethren in one of the most important Sub-Divisions of Thoubal District of Valley of the State. Although, I had interaction earlier with District Level Officers, this is the first time for me to visit this Sub-Division of this District. After assumption of the office of the Governor of the State in the month of August, 2021, I have visited all the District Headquarters except two or three. However, I will certainly visit those Districts also within a couple of months. As you all are well aware that people all over the world are facing unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. However, due to the prompt action of our Government, this dreaded disease is almost under control and was almost nil in the State before one-and-a-half months. Unfortunately, during the last more than a month, the number of COVID-19 cases has been increasing but still remained well under control. Nevertheless, we have to be still very alert and careful. Here, I would like to appeal to all sections of the society to get vaccinated, which is the best way to defeat this

pandemic. The relentless efforts of Health workers and front-line warriors are indeed commendable and praiseworthy by one and all. I am really very sorry to know that people are not coming out voluntarily to get vaccinated even for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose and precautionary dose. This is my sincere request to all of you to please get vaccinated all the doses if not earlier vaccinated.

My second point is “Tuberculosis – TB”. You would be very happy to know that the Government of India has already committed to eliminate TB from the soil of India by 2025. Therefore, I would like to make an appeal to conduct a survey within this District to find out number of TB patients and report to the concerned Department so as to enable them to carry out appropriate remedial measures.

One important point is to contain and prevent drugs. State Government has already started taking action against the poppy plantation which was welcomed by one and all the people of Manipur from both Valley and Hills Districts. Sometimes, I was extremely disappointed to know from the reliable sources and local dailies that the number of drug user among the youth is increasing

manifold during the last few months. This has to be, in any case, prevented with collective efforts including the like-minded Civil Society Organizations and general public. This will be possible only by collective efforts and not individual effort. I have been given to understand that the people of Thoubal District, even my dear Muslim brethren of Manipur have already committed collectively to make this District and Sub-Division drug free. Congratulation.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.