

SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR  
DURING HIS VISIT TO MACHI SUB-DIVISION, TENGNOUNPAL  
DISTRICT ON 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2022

All the District and Sub-Divisional Level Officers present here today,  
Leaders of Civil Society Organizations, Village Chiefs,  
Brothers and Sisters,

It gives me immense pleasure to be with you all today in one of the most important Sub-Division of Tengenoupal Hill Districts of the State on Indo-Myanmar border. When I assumed the office of the Governor of this State on 27th August, 2021, I visited this District Headquarters on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. Today again, I have come to this Sub-Division of this District after seven months to know the culture and tradition of this Sub-Division. 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. Before having discussion relating to important issues of this beautiful Sub-Division, let me, in short, focus on COVID-19 pandemic. 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. But 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. Vaccination is not limited to any person or place, it is the responsibility of everyone to keep themselves vaccinated as well as their families, relatives and friends to make us a free-COVID persons in the real sense. It is the collective responsibility of both Government and people living in the State. One important component of the vaccination is prevention of this dreaded disease. We may not be able to eliminate this pandemic within a fortnight but may be able to prevent it because of precaution. Everybody knows "Prevention is better than cure". In order to enable us to prevent this dreaded

disease, first of all we all have to be vaccinated. Government is making relentless efforts to vaccinate and cooperation from the general public is quite mandatory at this critical juncture. The relentless efforts of Health workers and front-line warriors are indeed commendable and praiseworthy by one and all.

As far as my opinion is concerned, vaccination is the first priority to prevent this pandemic and, therefore, I would like to make my sincere appeal to all you to get vaccinated at the earliest possible. This will be the only best way to prevent this pandemic at this critical juncture.

My second point is "Swachh Bharat Mission". As you are all well aware, Swachh Bharat Mission, a clean India campaign is the responsibility of all of us. It is a mass movement launched by the Government of India under the leadership of our Prime Minister to make India, Clean India by 2019. Unfortunately, it has not been so effective before because of the lack of awareness and cooperation of the people, lack of supervision of concerned Departments, lack of accountability of the concerned people, lack of dedication and sincerity among the Government machineries. Cleanliness is holiness and this mission is intended to cover all the rural, urban areas and Hill Districts for maintaining cleanliness all over the country. One important component of the campaign is elimination of open defecation in the country. Manipur is well advanced on this front and large parts of the State have been declared as open defecation free. A huge positive of open defecation free is that it can keep the people healthy and check crime against women in the rural and remotest areas of both Valley and Hill Districts. Further, maintenance of cleanliness and hygiene in India would bring the great opportunity in the country to enhance its economic status by improving tourism as well as keeping the citizens healthy and happy. Cleanliness would keep everyone happy and healthy in all respects physically, mentally, socially and intellectually by reducing the chance of diseases. I do hope this will continue on regular basis here also. Here, efforts

of District and Sub-Divisional Level Officers with full cooperation from the general public will keep the Sub-Division clean and green by strengthening the existing forest cover and also by developing new green cover in the District.

I am fully confident that all irrespective of grade, caste and religion will surely uphold the meaning of Swachh Bharat collectively and not individually

Thirdly, in order to contain and prevent smuggling drugs, weapons/sneaking insurgents from neighbouring States into Indian Territory, border fencing has been continuing for the last few years. Although, it is not yet completed, I am quite confident that the same will be able to complete within a very short period. Therefore, I would like to make a sincere appeal to you all to extend fullest cooperation to the implementing agency to get the work completed.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.