

SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR  
DURING HIS VISIT TO NAMBOL SUB-DIVISION, BISHNUPUR  
DISTRICT ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022

All the Hon'ble Ministers, Chairman (LDA), MLAs of Bishnupur District, Zilla Parishad Members, Chairpersons, Pradhans,

All the District and Sub-Divisional Level Officers present here today,  
Leaders of Civil Society Organizations and Villagers,

Brothers and Sisters,

It gives me immense pleasure to be with you all today in one of the most important Sub-Divisions of Bishnupur of Valley District of the State. Although, I visited this District earlier two or three times, this is the first time for me to visit 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. The relentless efforts of Health workers and front-line warriors are indeed commendable and praiseworthy by one and all. Only because of the efforts of COVID warriors and Government, the dreaded disease is now almost free during the last few days.

My second point is “Tuberculosis - TB”. You are aware that the Government of India has 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.

We are celebrating the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. We got independence in 1947 and 75 years are over. We got independence after thousands of people warriors pouring their blood and sweat. Our neighbouring countries also got freedom in the same year. But, we, as a nation, have been maintaining democracy. Our country was under-developed. Later became a developing nation. Now, we can be proud to say that we are a developed nation and leading the country with love and affection.

Let us be patriotic and be proud that I am an Indian and be prepared to celebrate our ensuing independence day. I feel proud of

this district particularly for having prominent freedom fighters viz. late Shri M. Koireng Singh, late Shri H. Nilamani Singh etc. who dedicated their lives to serve the Japanese forces as well as Azad Hind Fauz during the Second World War. I am sure many unknown persons might have been there during the period who sacrificed their lives for India's freedom struggle.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.