

SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF
MANIPUR DURING HIS VISIT TO SAIKUL SUB-DIVISION,
KANGPOKPI DISTRICT ON 12TH JULY, 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-Divisions of Kangpokpi District of Hills of the State. Although, I had already visited and interacted with District Level Officers, this is the first time for me to visit this Sub-Division of this District. Whatever problems you have highlighted before me as well as the representatives of your Constituencies, I assured you all that the related and important issues will be referred to the State Government for taking immediate necessary action as deemed fit.

Now, few requests from our side also. 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 was almost under control. Nevertheless, unfortunately, during the last few days, the number is increasing in our State also. Therefore, 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. We may not be able to eradicate this dreaded disease forthwith but we will be able to keep it under control. Therefore, to keep under control and prevent it, vaccination is a must. This is my sincere request to you all to get vaccinated immediately if not vaccinated earlier. Here, the relentless efforts of Health Workers and front-line warriors are indeed commendable and praiseworthy by one and all.

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, particularly 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 by individual effort.

State Government has already taken up massive tree plantation programmes in the State. However, I am, indeed, shocked to learn that few sections of our people resisted tree plantation programmes at few places which is a bad precedent. This is not in the interest of few sections of the society, but it is in the interest of the people of the globe as well. I would like to appeal to all of you both in the valley and hills not to resist this philanthropic job in future.

As you all are well aware that the Government has banned use of plastic from 1" of this month. We appreciate the step taken by the Government to save the impending danger for use of plastic in huge quantity everyday and everywhere. The ill-effects of use of plastic is really horrible in our human life. Therefore, everybody should co-operate in banning the use of plastic in your localities.

“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. Cleanliness is holiness and this mission is intended to cover all the rural, urban areas and Hills 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. 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 green environment and also by developing green cover in the District.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.