

SPEECH OF DR. NAJMA HEPTULLA, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR, ON THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION OF ANNUAL FRESHERS'-CUM-LITERARY AND CULTURAL MEET, 2016 OF TAMPHASANA GIRLS' HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, IMPHAL ON 26TH OCTOBER, 2016 AT T.G. HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPLEX.

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Principal & Staff of Tamphasana Girls' Higher Secondary Schools,

Friends from Media,

Distinguished Invitees,

My dear young students,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very happy to be here today and to see the assembly of young students on the occasion of inaugural function of Annual Freshers'-cum-Literary and Cultural Meet, 2016. I am also very happy to know that this institution has been continuing as an excellent study centre of the State, particularly for girl students for the last eight decades and is presently one of the best Girls' Higher Secondary Schools of the State.

As you are well aware that in the State of Manipur people of different communities and of different religions have been living since time immemorial. If we adopt the philosophy of tolerance, then each one can go his/her way, adopt his/her views and make his/her contribution to the upbuilding of the State as well as the country. Young students need to inculcate this idea in their minds for ever. Keeping this in view, I would like to advise all the students of Manipur through this function to learn to respect others not only their life and property but their intangible possessions, their good name and reputation also while at your respective institutions. You are given to small talk and gossip and take pleasure in slandering others. You should try to avoid all that. Whatever line of work you undertake you should bring to it an honest, disciplined mind. You will then succeed and have the

joy of your work. Ultimately, you can become good citizens of the State and country.

On the other hand, it is not out of place to mention here that the education to the students in Manipur is disturbed now and then due to bandhs, blockades, strikes, etc. It should be of serious concern to all of us and we should allow our students to study in their institutions in all academic sessions without breaks so that they should do well in their examinations. If we fail now, our future will also be affected. Therefore, I appeal to all concerned not to disturb education under any circumstances considering the profound importance of education in the civilizational development of a Nation.

It is a fact that the people of Manipur in general and young boys and girls in particular, are lover of sports and cultural activities. They have hidden talents in these fields. They possess a rare quality of adjustment and requisite temperament. It is due to the unique quality and hidden talent in our youth that they have brought many prestigious laurels in various disciplines in national and international sports arena. We are proud of them. I hope that with the initiative and support of the Government and also with the appreciation and encouragement by the people of Manipur, our boys and girls will continue to bring further laurels for the State and the Nation.

When we were in college the seniors used to do ragging of the freshers in a way to make the new students welcome but some seniors used to do pranks which amounted to punishment which is not proper but I am happy that it is not so here, instead the freshers are entertaining all of us.

I am glad to know that as usual Annual Freshers'-cum-Literary and Cultural Meet is organized by the newly elected Students' Union of this institution along with the teachers every year which will help in strengthening the love and affection between the freshers and the seniors. It also includes cultural events like dances, recitation and other cultural items in order to popularize the rare and very rich traditional art forms of Manipur among the youngsters, besides providing a good opportunity to display their talents in their respective fields of games and sports. Such efforts of the Institution deserve appreciation and encouragement by all. While extending my thanks to the organizers for inviting me to this Meet, I wish my dear young students every success in their future endeavours.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.