

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT AT THE 4TH FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS AND LAMP LIGHTING CEREMONY ON THE 3RD DECEMBER 2012

Hon'ble Minister of PHED, Shri I. Hemochandra **Singh**, Govt. of Manipur Chief Guest of today's function; Respected Director, RIMS, Imphal, **Prof. S. Sekharjit Singh**, President of today's function, respected Guests of Honour, **Dr. Mangala Kohli**, ADGHS, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and **Mrs. Ashia Qureshi**, Prof. of Community Health Nursing, AIIMS, New Delhi, Prof. T. Y. Babu Singh, Dean, School of Medical Sciences, Manipur University, Distinguished guests, learned faculty members, media personnel, staff, my dear students, ladies and gentlemen,.....

It gives me immense pleasure, on behalf of College of Nursing, RIMS, Imphal fraternity to welcome you all to this 4th Foundation Day Celebrations and Lamp Lighting Ceremony and to also thank you for being present in spite of your busy schedules.

The foundation day celebrations was held on the 3rd Dec., 2011 which was the 3rd Foundation day. That was the first formal function of College of Nursing, RIMS, Imphal in its history.

I stand amidst you for a temporary responsibility entrusted to me to help in bringing up this college during a critical stage. The last 1 (one) year has seen the recruitment of the full strength of required staff as per INC norms. The College has seen the light of the day as its first batch students were allowed to appear in the examination following a temporary affiliation granted by the Manipur University. Newly recruited staffs as per INC norms are the biggest assets of this newborn college.

Nursing College Development Committee members were running from pillar to post to fill up the deficiencies and the gaps as pointed out by the inspectors from Manipur University and State Nursing Council at the behest of INC. However, the Director & key administrators stood firm to bridge the gap and do everything possible for College of Nursing, RIMS, Imphal.

Lots of unofficial voices to be channelized in official format were not a simple task notwithstanding the common theme "North East people needs a College of Nursing under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India in RIMS, Imphal. The differences and misunderstandings were minimised and of late, everyone started striving towards the same goal. The 3rd batch of students has been admitted in the current session. Manipur University has finally given the green signal for upgradation to 3rd year B.Sc. nursing course.

As an institution of higher learning we have a mandate to offer access to equitable, quality higher nursing education and training, for the country to achieve its vision.

This College has branded itself with our **Vision** which is **A World Class Nursing College** while our **Mission** is **to offer quality Nursing Education and Training**.

It has been my duty therefore to remind all members of staff to realize that we have a responsibility and noble role of transforming this institution to achieve our goals both individually and collectively.

Our students' population currently stands at 109 comprising of 4 male and 105 female students. I wish to take this opportunity to urge all of you to encourage boys and girls to endear themselves to nursing courses.

The College is well equipped with “Foundation of Nursing” Lab, “Nutrition” Lab, “Maternal and Child Health” Lab, “Community Health Nursing” Lab, Computer Lab and A.V. aids room etc as per INC norms. The college library is equipped with books and journals of all specialties of Nursing and of Medical and general studies as well. The library is mainly used for availing study facility during working hours and 382 books had been procured during this academic year 2012-13. The students can also access the North East Regional Library, RIMS, Imphal which is well equipped with internet facility.

In the last one year the college has started blooming with lots of events and activities all around. The college has grown immensely from its stages of infancy. Let me say people started sensing the aroma of the College. The annual University Examination for B.Sc. (N) 1st year and 2nd year were conducted in the month of July and October, 2012 respectively. Admission for the 3rd batch has been made and the classes are going on in full swing. The college organized two Continuing Nursing Educations on 28th May, 2012 and 17th August, 2012 on “Human Resource Management” and “Communication and Human Relation” respectively with resource persons from AIIMS and College of Nursing, Silchar. The college faculties also conducted regular Seminars and Journal Clubs. In such sessions various important aspects of nursing care, education, administration and nursing research are being covered. The faculties also attended Workshops and Conferences. To name a few, faculties attended Sensitization programe on ICTC organized by MACS and Department of Microbiology, RIMS, Mind Body Medicine Conference, CEZIPS-2012 etc. The faculties also presented papers in conference of National and International status.

The college believes in overall development of our students and ensures that there are blends of academic as well as extracurricular activities. Our students participated with enthusiasm in RIMSAM, 2012 and secured 1st position in March Past competition. The college celebrated the International Nurses Day, the Teachers’ Day. The college also celebrated the 41st Foundation Day of RIMS with active participation from all the staff and students. The college observed the Republic Day, the Patriot’s Day and the Independence Day. A grand welcome party for our Fresher’s is being organized with a variety of Programmes by the students. The staff and students involved actively in the social services also. The College also conducted health awareness program in urban and rural community as part of the Community Health Nursing Posting. The Student Nurses Association of India, College of Nursing, RIMS, Unit has been formulated with the aim of developing student leaders and for the welfare of students in the college.

The higher officials from the Ministry have been keeping a keen eye on the progress and development of the college. Various officials have visited the college and to name a few who have visited the college includes Shri Dr. Jagdish Prasad, DGHS, MoH & FW, Govt. of India, Smt. Sakuntala D Gamlin, Joint Secretary MoH & FW, Govt. of India, Shri Debashish Panda, Joint Secretary (North East), MoH & FW, Govt. of India and Shri G.R. Khetarpal, Deputy Secretary, MoH & FW, Govt. of India. Shri G.R. Khetarpal ji has been visiting College of Nursing, RIMS, Imphal whenever he visits Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal officially.

I am happy to report that our Director, Prof. S. Sekharjit Singh, has given full attention to address various challenges, to enable us to discharge our services effectively and efficiently.

The following are some of the notable ones:

1. This year, a new hostel block was constructed to accommodate newly admitted nursing students with all the essential facilities and is presently shared with 1st year BDS girl students.

A permanent 200 capacity hostel of College of Nursing is being constructed by HSCC (I) Pvt. Ltd., Noida.

2. The institution is also constructing a new College of Nursing building, lecture halls and another hostel soon.

3. The College recognizes the critical role that “Information and Communication Technology” can play in addressing the challenges of limited infrastructure and information resources. In this regard, the College has provided internet facilities ensuring that all staff have access to the internet and other resources.

4. A generator line connection has also been provided. This facility serves us well during power failures ensuring that training and official works are not disrupted.

To the numerous Parents and Guardians - we say thank you for sacrificing your resources and choosing to invest in the education of these youths in this noble profession.

I must, at the end, congratulate our prized possessions – all the students particularly those who have excelled and awarded prizes. I thank the administrators of RIMS and all the well-wishers who are involved in helping the College grow. Last but not the least, I put on record my appreciation and thanks to all the staffs who have worked hard and helped the college bloom up to this stage.

Long live College of Nursing, RIMS, Imphal. **JAI HIND**

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