

(Speech by Prof. Ashia Quereshi, Prof. of Community Health Nursing, AIIMS, New Delhi on 4th Foundation Day Celebration of College of Nursing, RIMS, Imphal)

Hon'ble Minister of PHED, Shri I. Hemochandra **Singh**, Govt. of Manipur, Respected Director, RIMS, Imphal, **Prof. S. Sekharjit Singh**, Prof. N. Damayanti Devi, Principal Incharge, College of Nursing, **Dr. Mangala Kohli**, ADGHS, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, Medical Superintendent, RIMS, Imphal, DEAN, distinguished faculty members, guests, students and ladies and gentlemen.

It is great honour for me to be here on this very important Forum to celebrate the 4th Foundation Day of CoN, RIMS, Imphal. I would like to congratulate Director, RIMS, Prof. N. Damayanti Devi, Principal Incharge of CoN, all the faculty members and students for celebrating 4th Foundation Day of CoN, RIMS.

To all the Nursing faculty and Nursing students here today, I would like to convey that the time has come for the RIMS Nursing graduates to dominate the country as happening in the spot field.

It is a challenge for Nursing faculty to render good education and produce good, committed and dedicated Health force for the North Eastern states and for the whole country.

You must keep in mind while planning your curriculum the existing needs and problems of your state first and then the country as whole and prepare nurses to work in the hospital setting as well as in the community setting.

As seen, the syllabi of CoN, RIMS was prepared by experts under the dynamic leadership of Prof. N. Damayanti Devi and are at par with those of the best Nursing Institutions in the country, Nursing students are exposed to better academic atmosphere in this medical college.

With the strong foundation laid down by your Director, Principal Incharge of CoN, this glorious Institute shall succeed to the future heights.

Quality education and quality patient care is our aim. I firmly believe that quality is never an accident. It is always the result of high intentions, sincere efforts, hard work, intelligent direction and skillful execution. Remember, hard work and sincere efforts always pay rich dividends. Achieving objectives and targets once or twice is not enough. One has to keep on trying and sustain the development and excellence of your profession. With political support and effort each and everyone, the college will grow from Infant to Adult.

A final word of advice: Learning is a continuous process and you must look out for opportunities to learn so that your skills and knowledge are continuously upgraded and relevant to the needs of the country.

A heartfelt thanks to the organizers of 4th Foundation Day of College of Nursing for inviting me on the occasion.

My congratulation and best wishes to all of you once again.