Director’s Report
48th Foundation Day & Graduation Day Celebrations
14th September 2019

I extend a warm welcome once again to the honoured guests, distinguished invitees and everyone present here and thank you for giving time to join the 48th Foundation Day and Graduation Day Celebrations of RIMS, Imphal. We are indeed greatly honoured to have you all amidst us on this occasion. I am privileged to share with you the Annual Report of the institute for the year 2018-19.

RIMS, Imphal continues to grow over the years. The MBBS seat intake has been increased to 125 from 100 per annum with effect from August 2019. The institute is making an effort to increase the existing intake capacity of 147 PG students in 23 disciplines. The institute conducts superspecialty M.Ch. courses in the disciplines of Urology and Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, B.D.S. course with 50 admissions per year, B.Sc. Nursing Course with 50 admissions per year in the College of Nursing, PhD programme is offered in the institute. M.Phil course in Clinical Psychology with a capacity of 7 admissions per year. Bachelor of Audiology and Speech Pathology (BASLP) course with an annual intake of 10 (ten) students is also conducted in the institute in collaboration with All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysore.

From August 2019, the academic front has taken big strides. DM course in Nephrology with 2 seats has been started. In a first, MSc. Nursing with 8 students intake in 2 specialities was started. Bachelor Degree courses in MLT and Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology are now conducted in the institute. Approval of the competent authorities has been obtained for starting MD course in Sports Medicine. The course will start from the academic session of next year.

The institute hospital has witnessed heightened activity during the year under report. The OPD attendance jumped to 7.67 lakh patients which recorded a 94% increase over the previous year figure. 1.3 lakh patients were treated in the Casualty. Number of in-patients increased to 1.66 lakh compared to 0.43 lakh in the previous year. The bed occupancy in the year 2018-19 was 82.93%. The increased hospital footfall may be because of many diagnostic tests made available free of cost, implementation of CMHT, PMJAY, increased health consciousness & awareness of the populace. Number of tests and investigations have also increased greatly. In Biochemistry Department nearly 7.50 lakh investigations were done. In the Radiodiagnosis Department nearly 14,000 CT Scans and more than 96,000 X-Rays were done. Similarly, investigations in the Microbiology and Pathology Department increased.
significantly. I am glad to share with you that RIMS, Imphal has been identified by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for Establishing the DHR-ICMR Advance Medical Oncology Diagnostic Services (DIAMOnDS) lab in North East zone of the country. The lab will benefit cancer patients and requirement of diagnostic services in the region.

A large number of faculty members of the institute are involved in various research projects funded by various agencies like DBT, ICMR, WHO, etc. These research projects have benefitted not only the patients and researchers but also improved the lab infrastructure of this institute. Nearly 200 research papers have been published by different faculties and departments of RIMS Imphal during the year 2018-19 in international, national and regional journals of repute. A total of 33 conferences, seminars, workshops and CME, etc. were organised by the different departments of RIMS, Imphal during the same period. The Medical Society of RIMS organised the 9th MESOCON during the year.

As on 31 August, 2019, we have 506 undergraduate medical students on roll. A cumulative total of 3454 doctors have been produced so far. 382 postgraduate students are on roll and in all 1842 specialist doctors have been produced. So far, a total of 61 students have been trained in M.Phil in Clinical Psychology. There are 183 B.Sc. Nursing students and 206 BDS students on roll. Total number of BSc Nursing graduates passed out from the institute is 193 and that of BDS doctors is 115. The institute is proud to produce these medical and nursing professionals and thus contribute to the country’s health care system.

In recognition of the achievements of the academic performances of students and to encourage them in their academic pursuit, certificates, gold medals and cash awards are instituted by the institute as well as by generous donors. A short while from now, we will be witnessing the graduation ceremony. To the graduating doctors my words of advice are “As doctors, you are the guardian angels for so many people. Remember, You will not get very far in life based on what you already know. You’re going to advance in life by what you’re going to learn after you leave here. Education doesn’t stop after you graduate from college. Strive for excellence. Work hard to earn trust. Be kind to one another and stay humble. Also remember that medicine is nothing without love of humanity”.

I congratulate the deserving students and their proud parents.

During the year under report, facilities for patient care services have been expanded. Number of ICU beds have been increased. The bed strength of Radiotherapy Ward has been increased by 56 beds. The Minor OT in the Casualty has been upgraded and improved. Some of the rooms in the Paying
ward have been upgraded for which the hospital is levying more charges from the patients who can afford. Equipments such as Laparoscopic sets, Radiofrequency Generator for PMR, semi automated biochemistry analyser, ventilators, multiparameter monitors, Hematology Analyser, ICU beds have been procured during the year. A 3-Tesla MRI machine is on the way as we have already made full payment to HITES Ltd, a central government PSU, after finalisation of the tender.

The Institute has carried out a number of Construction Works. Some of the assets created are public washroom facility near Gynae ward, OT for Obs & Gynae Department. A 80 bedded hostel for girls was completed and commissioned in July 2018. A hostel for girl students of College of Nursing which can accommodate about 40 students has also been commissioned. Separate New Buildings for the Dental College, Nursing College are in advanced stage of construction. Pharmacology Laboratory, Class Room cum Examination Hall, Post Graduate Gent’s Hostel with 170 capacities, Post Graduate Ladies Hostel with 100 capacity, Under Graduate Ladies Hostel with 100 capacity, New OPD Block, BSc Nursing Hostel with 200 capacity, Forensic & Community Medicine Block, Maternity Ward Block are under construction.

Despite the many constraints, RIMS, Imphal is fully committed to complementing government effort of reducing the maternal and child mortality rate and furthermore, control the spread of preventable diseases. To this effect, the institute is implementing many schemes such as JSSK, JSY, RBSK, CMHT, PMJAY, RCC etc. On 15th August, 2018 Ayushman Bharat PMJAY was launched by the Hon’ble Prime Minister for the whole country. RIMS, Imphal is one of the empanelled National Health Providers. In Manipur the scheme was launched by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Manipur on the said day involving 4 (four) hospitals of the state.

I am happy to share with you that RIMS Imphal has been awarded a Certificate after being ranked 28 in Medical Category in India Rankings 2019 of National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) under the Ministry of HRD, Government of India.

Before I conclude, I would like to thank the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India for fully supporting and backing the institute in its endeavour to reach greater heights. The Budget Estimate of the institute for the year 2019-20 was increased by about 50% over the amount provided in the year 2018-19. Much fund has been provided for creating Assets compared to last year and this will greatly increase the pace of development and creation of infrastructure of the institute. I thank our benefactors, research partners and staff for their concerted efforts towards the growth of the Institute.
Once again I thank all the honoured guests, invitees, staff, students and media personnel for your kind patient listening to the report on the achievements of RIMS.


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