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GOVERNOR OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
ON THE OCCASION OF
COMMEMORATION OF THREE DECADES OF DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
BY R.K. MISSION HOSPITAL, ITANAGAR
&
INAUGURATION OF NEW OPD BUILDING
AT
R.K. MISSION HOSPITAL, ITANAGAR
ON
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Reverent Swamiji, Srimat Swami Smarananandaji Maharaj, Vice President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, Shri Jarnail Singh, Secretary, Ministry of DoNER, Swami Atmaramanandaji Maharaj, Shri Matin Dai, President, Managing Committee, Swami Vishwatmanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar, venerable Monks, esteemed invitees, special guests, media persons, ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, I congratulate the entire Ramakrishna Mission Sanstha for thirty years of dedicated and loving care service to Arunachalees. Our appreciation is placed on records. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Ramakrishna Mission for giving me the honour to inaugurate earlier today the new and magnificent OPD, which will become a very important part of Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar. I am confident this imposing facility will definitely bring change in the health care sector of this beautiful State.

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that the OPD will have Intensive care unit and other facilities, which will be first of its kind in the State.

Well friends, it is not the modernity and excellence of this hospital that is so impressive, but the approach of people who are involved in it. I am truly touched by the spiritual and philanthropic approach of Rama Krishna Mission Order that stands before us today in the form of bricks and mortar in the service of the people of this nascent State.

Their response to the felt needs of the tribal people, the unbridled commitment is indeed praiseworthy. The Medical and para medical personnel are imbued with a high level of dedication for the welfare of the community they serve. Along with it, I am elated to note that the Hospital continued its good tradition of conducting ground breaking surgical operations and other health care initiatives in its thirty years in service to the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar deserves due recognition from all. It is, I am told, the recipient of the inaugural Verrier Elwin Award 2003 for excellence in the field of community work by District Administration of Papum Pare district. For its philanthropic service, it has also been felicitated by the Indian Federation of Working Journalists, Itanagar Chapter.

Friends, experience has shown that neither government-run hospitals nor private corporate hospitals have succeeded in fully addressing the healthcare needs of the people. On the other hand, charitable institutions have repeatedly demonstrated their capacity to care and serve the people irrespective of which community is involved.

It is my firm belief that all institutions that serve the cause of God by serving the needy first, usually end up serving our society best. It is therefore very satisfying that the Rama Krishna Mission Hospital is inspired by a larger commitment to humanity. Here I would like to quote an Arabic proverb, which says 'If you have health, you have hope; if you have hope you have everything.'

On behalf of all Arunachalees, I therefore compliment the Swamijis of Ramakrishna Mission Hospital and the members of the Ramakrishna Mission Order of Monks and all those involved in this Mission for their yeoman public service.

The government is committed to address the healthcare of each and every individual of the State. In this direction, I am elated that an amount of Rs. 50 crore has been made available to this esteemed Hospital. The contribution of the Ministry of DoNER and the State and Central government is also highly laudable.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to appeal to the Ramakrishna Mission to double the strength of its nursing school and endeavour to start one more nursing school in Eastern Arunachal, where their services are predominantly required.

Before, I conclude, I would like to place my words of appreciation for the Ministry of DoNER for its vital contribution towards the state. With Shri Jarnail Singh, who is the recipient of the prestigious Prime Minister's award for administration in the helm of affairs of the DoNER, I am confident that the whole region will immensely benefit from his acumen and rich expertise in administration as the Secretary of the DoNER, a pivotal position.

Friends, I believe humanity is like the human body; what ails one part of the body affects the whole person. More than others, those who work in the health sector know how it feels to put a smile back on the face of a child, and to bring someone back from the brink of death. But at the end of the day, prevention is still better than cure. And let that be our goal in promoting environmental health. I would like to appeal to all the doctors and other health officials to reach out to each and every citizen of the State. I trust, this hospital will carry this message to the people for better health tomorrow.

Jai Arunachal Jai Hind