



SPEECH

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THE Hon'ble Governor of Mizoram,

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SPEECH OF THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MIZORAM, LT GEN NIRBHAY SHARMA, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd) AT THE 4TH CONVOCATION OF ICFAI UNIVERSITY ON 5 NOVEMBER, 2015.

- Vice Chancellor, ICFAI University
- Members of the ICFAI Society, Board of Governors, Board of Management, Academic Council and Finance Committee
- Heads of Departments, Faculty Members and Staff of the Institute
- Distinguished Guests and Invitees
- Friends from the Media
- Ladies and Gentlemen and
- My beloved students

I am delighted to be with you in this 4th Convocation Ceremony of ICFAI University, one of the premier career oriented institute of the region.

This is the occasion to congratulate the students who have been awarded with degrees. It marks a fulfillment of their set of academic objectives. All the teachers, professors and academicians who have worked tirelessly in assisting these students in pursuit of knowledge and success deserved to be lauded as well. I also felicitate the parents and well-wishers, who have supported the students throughout their journey. This day will be cherished for years to come, inspire the ICFAI University to attain newer goals and contribute positively towards nation building.

It is indeed a matter of pride and satisfaction that the students, despite constraints of infrastructure and geographical remoteness, have excelled against all odds. They have competed and performed with the best talent pool drawn from some of the premier institutions of the country. However, the journey doesn't and shouldn't stop here. **We must not become complacent and content over what we have achieved over the years.** Rather we all must

set newer targets, create new benchmarks and provide fresh examples of performance, innovation and excellence.

The North Eastern region in general has no dearth of talent and resources. The challenge, however, is to tap these resources and channelize the energy of the youth towards developing through quality education. **The challenge in a State like Mizoram is to focus on areas of potential industrial activity as many projects to build infrastructure, connectivity and exploration of natural resources are on the anvil.** Tourism and

Food processing industry are also growing and we need a large quantity of skilled manpower at managerial, supervisory and worker level in all these fields. In this regard, ICFAI University can play a pivotal role of a facilitator to provide them with the avenues to prove their latent talents and thereby contribute for the well-being of the state and the country. Environmental studies and promotion of indigenous medicine also require due attention.

Dear esteemed members of faculty and ICFAI Society, **you must be geared up to face the emerging challenges by updating our knowledge base and strive hard to give our students the best possible education.** Knowledge and innovation are the keystones of progress. **Need of the hour is to develop a scientific temperament and apply it to the issues of development at hand. Creating a healthy competitive spirit and arousing the curiosity of pupils is necessary. Alongside, building strong linkages with industries to feed them with talented human resource is a must.** For this we need to introspect and take stock of what we have already achieved and what we can do to groom our students further. Together, your experience and the enthusiastic mind of young students will enable us to carve a better future for the generations to come.

Let me now conclude by wishing the graduates once again a bright and rewarding future. **Always strive for the best, as there is little place for mediocrity.** May the Almighty bless you all with success and fulfillment of your cherished ambitions. And may you contribute greatly to the rapid socio-economic development of the State and our great Nation.

I part with a quotation of Swami Vivekananda – **‘Go on bravely. Do not expect success in a day or a year. Always hold on to the highest. Be steady. Avoid jealousy and selfishness. Be obedient and eternally faithful to the cause of truth, humanity, and your country, and you will move the world’.** Remember it is the person, the life, which is the secret of power, nothing else.

Good Luck. Ladies and Gentlemen. Thank you very much for your attention.

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