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GOVERNOR FELICITATES HSLC & HSSLC TOPPERS



Governor of Nagaland & Assam P.B. Acharya Presented Governor's Award to toppers and felicitated the rank holders of the HSLC& HSSLC examinations 2016 at Raj Bhavan Kohima on 8th June 2016. Acharya said it is indeed a joyful day, as we felicitate our young students, for their achievements in the recently concluded HSLC and HSSLC examination and he heartily congratulated each and every one of the students and citing that it is beginning of their future career life.

He also congratulated the teachers, school management and parents who by their toil, guidance and support to their students and children have brought good names and fame to the school/ institute as well as to the family.

Acharya also congratulated the NBSE and the Department of School Education for setting high standards, supporting teachers and principals for their commendable jobs, as the result of our students in the HSLC and HSSLC examination has proved that Nagaland is second to none in terms of Education.

He conveyed to the students who were not able to clear their examinations and encouraged them that failure is challenge for future success.

Acharya exhorted the student that as we are in a changing world where development and advancement of human civilization is at its peak; wherein research in education and studies, scientific discoveries, inventions, innovation in technologies of transportation and telecommunication, trade and commerce, international treaties of peace and development, economic and socio-cultural ties with neighbours that determines the level of economic prosperity and socio-equality of a nation. And as such, we should also catch up with the rest of the world.

He said that our children's are special in their own way because they are our legacy and our future for tomorrow. And so, he appealed to all the stakeholders, school managements, institutions and parents to make themselves empowerment by education as a responsibility to make our state a golden state. Our students empowered by education should not be self centred but for equal development for all our society. We should have a hunger for development.

There is a saying, "The strength of the chain lies in the weakest link". Our Government Schools are the weakest link in the education link.

Governor said that empowerment with education or getting a degree by itself is not the ultimate goal. It is just the beginning of a career to be a soldier of prosperity and added that “Employment and Education” are the two main ‘E’s’ for revolutionary progress of our State. Just as, industries trade and commerce are dependent on the academic institutions for their human resources requirement; the academic institutions are likewise dependent on industries, trade and commerce for providing jobs placement requirements. So he encouraged everyone to come together towards making our educational system a job-oriented.

Acharya said Educationally empowered people should be a job givers and not job seekers and as such he encouraged that Nagaland has much to offer for the advancement and development of our State and country as a whole. Our natural wealth, solar energy, organic products, bamboo forests, beautiful handloom, handicrafts, fresh water and waterfalls are precious capital for our progress.

Governor also shared some advices and encouragement to the students and said before they enter into their next stage of life in colleges, universities they should develop their talents, skills and intellect so as to solve out the challenges and march towards prosperity and development. While saying this he also asked the students what they want to become and urged them to analyse their talents and entered into their own aptitude course as everyone is an asset and not a burden to the society.

Commissioner & Secretary School Education & SCERT, F.P Solo in his short speech thanked the Governor for institution of these awards to acknowledge and encourage young achievers in our State and said that perhaps, Nagaland is the only State where HSLC & HSSLC toppers are being given awards by the Head of State.

Solo said Governor and his gracious wife have genuine care and concern for the Nagas, especially for young people like the students community. They visited places interacting with the ordinary villagers and young people. It is a great encouragement and source of inspiration to many of our children, when they shared mid-day meal with the students during one of their numerous visits to one Govt. Primary School. Solo, urged the gathering to pray for their good health, wisdom and long life.

Commissioner said today we are here to honour young achievers who, through sheer hard work, have secured top positions in the HSLC & HSSLC examinations. It is a great achievement, a great feat and they tasted the fruits of their hard labour. It is a proud moment for all of us, their parents, teachers, schools and society. Their results have also demonstrated the kind of potential they have. Therefore, they must not forget that securing top positions is not the end. It is only the beginning of the journey to realizing their full potential in life.

Solo said that at one time we used to say that sky is the limit. But that saying is no longer relevant. Man had already crossed the sky and landed on the moon way back in 1969. The Hubble Space Telescope, launched in 1990, has unravelled many mysteries about our universe, planets, stars and galaxies. Kepler Space Telescope has also been hunting for other worlds like earth since 2009. A new planet called Kepler 452 b has been discovered and is said to be most earth like and may be habitable. Perhaps, human beings may migrate to some other planets one day. It may not happen in the immediate future, but it is possible. This is just an example of the enormous possibilities and opportunities the world is offering today. While saying this he also said that Young people like them should seize the moment, widen the horizon of their imagination and explore the world of possibilities as everything is within your reach. But they must be smart enough to get what they want or reach where they want to be. We are living in a smart age. People prefer everything that is smart - smart phone, smart technology, smart cars, smart house, smart city, smart products & services and above all smart employees. Many of us are so used to smart phones with countless applications that we cannot imagine to go about our daily business without it. Kohima *has* again failed to qualify as a smart city. Perhaps, we are not smart enough. Pointing out that at one time Nokia ruled the market of mobile phones. Today it has given the way to

iPhone and Samsung, because it has not been able to meet the expectations of its customers. In short Nokia is not smart enough to survive the fierce competitions. He said that Surviving is not enough. They need to succeed like Samsung and Apple. They need to be *very* smart in the way you think, do things and live their life. And above all they need to *have* a SMART goal. Their goal should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Testable. He repeated 'your goal should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Testable'. Chairman, NBSE Asano Sekhose in her welcome address, congratulated all of them for their outstanding performance. She also mentioned that they are very fortunate that the Governor is felicitating them at the beginning of their journey of excellence. She wished them that may their success become meaningful with a purpose. She also hoped that more students will emulate their remarkable achievements and excel in their studies in the years to come and added that beauty of competition is that there is no limit to their dreams and aspirations as long as they continue to work hard with a determined will and application. Keep your dream alive. Times of challenges and discouragement are always eminent but perseverance is the Key. A word on road to success were delivered by three toppers Kikali Achumi, Gulabsa Khatum and Metisivile Seyie.

PRO to Governor