

**DRAFT SPEECH OF SHRI P.B. ACHARYA, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF NAGALAND
ON 49TH FRESHER'S DAY OF NAGA STUDENTS' UNION GUWAHATI ON 18TH
OCTOBER 2014 AT SHILPGRAM, GUWAHTI**

Shri Apurba Jiban Baruah, DIG (Admin.) Assam Police, Guest of Honour.

Shri Luiham Hungyo, Pastor Tangkhul Baptist Church, Guwahati,

Shri Limasashi, President, NSUG.

Shri Peter Thong, Pastor Naga Christian Fellowship Guwahati,

My Dear Students,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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At the outset, I would like to express my best compliments to you all on the occasion of the 49th Fresher's Day and I am happy to be here with you all. Naga Students Union over the last forty eight years has worked admirably for the welfare and progress of the students' community in Guwahati and the aim of the Union to continuously strive for cooperation and peaceful existence with all the communities is really praiseworthy. Naga Students' Union, Guwahati works by bringing together students from all the community for a positive change in the society. The functions like this will create kind of friendly atmosphere among us.

To the fresh students who are here, I would like to first congratulate them. Fresher's day is a welcome party to newcomers and there is a need to be friendly and motivate juniors. Fresher's Day is the event generally conducted by the seniors to show their affection and hospitality towards juniors. It provides a chance for juniors to interact with seniors and also get to know about the union. The seniors are always ready to extend their helping hand to the juniors regarding studies and other activities. The main motto is to strengthen the bond with juniors, make them acquainted with the union and its activities.

Basically students' union provides a channel through which students can get the most out of their time at place whether by helping improve student experiences at college level supporting societies and groups. Students' Union makes great impact in bringing all the students together to enable positive

changes in the society. In today's world there are numerous challenges and opportunities for the students and I am sure the students who are studying in Guwahati away from home are trying their best to ensure that they are able to achieve their own goals and targets.

This is also a good time to remember that this is just the beginning of your journey. Don't become overconfident! Much hard work lies ahead of you. Education plays a very vital role in society as it grooms the citizens of tomorrow. Present education demands each one to excel and not merely passing saying that one should be able to come out as the best in the world. Students should display better classroom behaviour and achieve higher level. Success like this comes only through sustained hard work, perseverance and determination. All the students should excel not only in studies but also in other areas like sports, games, art, music, dance etc. Aside from your degree, it is that extra-curricular activity that is becoming more and more important. We should not the value and importance of all-round development.

The Union should create an environment to bring to light and nourish the hidden talents of the students. I appeal to all the students to unite and excel in academic as well as other extra-curricular activities that students and youth must be responsible and contribute to the cause of society while working hard for their studies and must try to acquire a respectable place in their life. Teachers also foster positive relationship with students, create classroom environments more conducive to learning and meet students' developmental, emotional and academic needs.

Youth represents the future leaders of our society. They play a key role in the development process and contribute to nation building. I will also remind you that life is not only about intellectual knowledge but a lot about human relationships, about thinking and caring for others. It is on such a strong foundation of knowledge, skill and the ability to distinguish between right and wrong that we build the character of our youth. Remember, we can acquire knowledge, we may acquire skill. But it is the strength to say no or yes that shapes our character. Knowledge and skill may enable our youth to develop a vision for the future of our society and country but these will lose meaning without character.

I congratulate the Naga Students' Union for their dedication, commitment and contribution to the society and wish you all very best for your future endeavours.

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