SPEECH
OF
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ARUNACHAL PRADESH

ON THE OCCASION OF
INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF
SCIENCE LABORATORY

AT
DONYI POLO MISSION SCHOOL
FOR HEARING IMPAIRED,
CHIMPU, ITANAGAR

ON
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Respected Secretary, Donyi Polo Mission Shri Sanjay Tassar, Boum Kakir Mission, Director Social Welfare Mrs R T Riba, Principal, Donyi Polo School for the Hearing Impaired, other members of its Management, beloved students and all brothers and sisters present,

First of all, I would like to express my happiness that the Donyi Polo Mission for the Hearing Impaired is doing an excellent job towards the underprivileged and handicapped children of the society by imparting quality education, training and rehabilitation to bring them into the mainstream of the society, to show that they are as important as anyone else and aspire to enjoy the same rights in this world. It is my pleasure to be with you today. Your philanthropic work, dedication and commitment to the cause of the poor and needy children of the society is highly commendable. Since time immemorial the traditional norms and values of our society laid stress on showing love, care and affection to the destitute and neglected. However, in today’s fast changing world we have witnessed a gradual but definite withering of this love, care and affection as a result of which a large number of poor and needy children are facing untold problems of being neglected and consequently, social insecurity.

Arunachal Pradesh is located in the northeast extremity of India. Its land and topography are hilly and mountainous. Countries like China in the north, Bhutan in the west and Myanmar in the east surround it. The State is yet to be connected by railway lines and it does not have any worth while airport. It has shortages of good educational institutions, medical facilities and basic infrastructure that a modern developing society needs. Sometimes therefore, our own people who never visit us, think of our State as inaccessible, and hard to live in. I am aware that you may have paucity of funds and face numerous hurdles in managing this institute. But, despite those hurdles, you have been able to achieve the goals of your mission so far. In doing so, you have been able to prove that the thinking perspective of other people about this State is untrue. Your achievements in bagging National Awards and many prizes in national level competitions have proved that your efforts have been fruitful so far. The pioneering role being played by you in showing the children of the Arunachal society in particular and the Northeast India as a whole the way to live a life of normal human beings is indeed a godly act. The whole of India have now become aware of
your yeoman services. The nature of work and services provided to the students are far better than that of other schools I have seen. These have helped to manifest positive and logical thinking that further help in shaping the students as responsible citizens of tomorrow. Your performance is truly exemplary and commendable.

I am happy to know that many students of this school have passed Class-X Board examinations and some of them are now employed elsewhere. As the first example, I have found one of your former students, Mr. Tomo Riba, serving in the Raj Bhavan. I am more delighted to see that the officers and staff of Raj Bhavan are satisfied with the performance of Mr. Tomo. The character, body language and the way he behaves with others have really impressed them. I have every expectation that other students of this school are as good as Mr. Tomo Riba and will be able to earn their own livelihood in times to come.

At the same time, taking this opportunity, I would like to advise these innocent and lovely children that they should aim to be good human beings and always respect their teachers and elders. They must be sincere, honest and hardworking so that the entire intended mission of this school is fully accomplished, and one day they become examples for others as they have been doing so far.

I hope the existing facilities and other systems along with the newly developed science laboratory will cater to the needs and aspirations of the budding children of this school. I heartily thank the Tassar Mangha Charitable Society for extending financial assistance for opening the much needed science laboratory, which will undoubtedy enhance the image, performance and achievements of this school.

May Almighty Donyi Polo shower His choicest blessings to the students, staff and management of this school to be in excellent health and to go ahead to achieve more and more achievements thereby bringing good name for all of us.

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