

SPEECH BY THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MEGHALAYA, FOR
THE INAUGURATION OF THE WORKSHOP ON THE DRUG
ABUSE ORGANIZED BY NEHU

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is both a privilege and solemn duty for me to be here today, inaugurating this very important Workshop on Drug Abuse, organized by North Eastern Hill University.

I appreciate NEHU for taking the initiative to address such a critical and pressing issue that affects not only Meghalaya but the entire country.

Drug Abuse has become a silent epidemic, creeping into the lives of individuals, families, and communities, leaving behind a trail of destruction.

For a young and vibrant state like Meghalaya, where the youth form the backbone of society, until and unless we are notable to keep the youth away from drugs, we are not able to find healthy society.

Substance abuse is not just a health problem. It is a socio-economic problem, a cultural problem, and automatically it leads to a law-and-order problem.

However, today's gathering gives me hope. The fact that an institution as prestigious as NEHU has taken a proactive step in organizing this workshop is a testament to the growing awareness of the problem and the willingness of our academic community to be part of the solution.

I firmly believe that education, awareness, and community engagement are key components in the fight against drug abuse.

I am particularly pleased to see young people here today. You are our future, and you hold the power to bring about real change. I encourage you to take the lessons from this workshop and use them to raise awareness in your own circles.

The Government of Meghalaya, along with the central Government, is deeply committed to addressing the issue of drug abuse.

We need more rehabilitation and motivation centres and better medical care to treat the drug edict patients in each districts of Meghalaya state, for which competent authority has to take necessary steps.

We are working to strengthen laws against drug trafficking, improve access to rehabilitation, and support educational initiatives like this one.

But we cannot do it alone. It is only through the collective efforts of all sections of society that we can hope to overcome this challenge.

In closing, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to North-Eastern Hill University, the organizers, and all the participants for their dedication to this cause.

Let us all commit to this and fight against drug abuse together, through which we can protect our youth, and safeguard our future, and also build a stronger more resilient society.

Thank you. Jai Hind!