



Speech

of

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**On The Occasion of**

**19<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Mizoram University**

**At**

**MZU Campus, Tanhril**

**On**

**25<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

- Pu Lalduhoma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Mizoram
- Prof. Dibakar Chandra Deka, Vice Chancellor, Mizoram University
- Prof. Prabhakar Rath, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Mizoram University
- Registrar, members of Faculty and Staff of Mizoram University
- Students, Parents and members of the Media

It is my privilege to be present on this momentous occasion – the 19<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Mizoram University.

Today, we gather to celebrate not only the academic achievements of our graduates, postgraduates, and research scholars, but also the collective dedication of their families, mentors and the entire university community.

I extend my congratulations to all the graduates who have demonstrated perseverance and excellence in their pursuit of knowledge.

A special acknowledgment goes to the esteemed faculty and staff whose unwavering commitment has nurtured and guided these bright minds.

As we mark this significant milestone, let us take pride in our achievements and look forward to a future filled with new possibilities and greater contributions to society.

Dear awardees, being qualified to receive a degree from a university is a great personal accomplishment.

It is also a milestone shared by those close to you, who have contributed to your success. I wish you success in your chosen career, as you leave this university as one of its valued ambassadors.

The pursuit for excellence, embodied in the motto 'Greater Deeds Remain', reflects the extraordinary journey of Mizoram University.

Since its transformation into a Central University in 2001, it has not only carved a distinguished niche in academia and research, but has also been a catalyst for socio-economic growth and empowerment across the state.

Through its relentless dedication to knowledge, innovation, and progress, the university continues to illuminate the path toward a brighter and more prosperous future.

I would like to commend the University on being ranked 77<sup>th</sup> amongst Universities in India, as assessed by the NIRF.

In the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024, Mizoram University also secured 1<sup>st</sup> Rank amongst Universities in the northeastern region of India.

Likewise, the University also ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> among the Central Universities of the North East Region, by bagging the 15th position in the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) 2024 for Top 20 Central Universities Category.

The University with its 37 functioning academic departments and 2 centres offer UG, PG and Ph.D programmes under 10 Schools of Study. With its 40 affiliated colleges and one constituent college it is one of the pioneering universities of the country, in line with the NEP 2020. You should all feel genuine pride.

The University is one of the pioneering universities in the country that has successfully implemented the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) since 2013.

Automation of the examination and finance sections, as well as intra-campus network and Internet facilities, contributes to the enhanced efficiency of the university work and study culture.

The University is progressing towards offering programmes that envisage broad based, multi disciplinary and holistic education at various levels of UG and PG Programmes.

I certainly share your confidence that Mizoram University will remain a beacon of excellence in the North-eastern region of our Nation.

The University was awarded 3 types of ISO Certification for Energy Management System, Environmental Management System, and Quality Management System in 2023. Prior to this, the University was also

awarded 4 types of ISO certification in 2018. I am sure these have contributed towards better output.

The University has taken several measures in establishing an eco-friendly campus with a solar photovoltaic power plant for power generation, solar street light and solar water heaters on the Campus. This is in line with India's quest for more green energy.

We have a Meteorological Station, Soil erosion detection centre, Water Measuring instrument, and a Permanent Geodetic GPS Station installed to monitor ground motion in the region as part of university.

We also have State Biotech Hub, DST-Bioinformatics Centre, DST-Incubation Centre, DRDO North East Centre, Tribal Museum and Archive, Material Gallery, Design cell, Studio for Architecture, MOOCs Studio, and Central Instrumentation Facility.

Mizoram University has signed several important MoUs with institutes and corporations like Oil India Limited (OIL), India City Walks, CSIR-North East Institute of Science and Technology (NEIST), and the National Centre for Good Governance, Govt. of India.

E-journals access is provided through campus LAN. The remote access of E-journal is also possible. 25 Departmental libraries exist in addition to the Central Library to assist learning and research. The university is well equipped.

It also has Horticulture farm of 1.5 hectares, mist/growth chamber, Forestry garden/experimental Plot of 2 hectares, Plant herbarium chamber/Compact Storage Studio and Central instrumentation facilities for the students.

Education does not mean just academics. There has to be overall personality development so that the students can do well in life. And what I see is that the University has the wherewithal to shape you to take on the challenges of life.

To this end, the University encourages participation in clubs such as the Innovation clubs, to foster creativity and ingenuity among students and faculty, diverse clubs such as the Red Ribbon Club, Techno Club,

NSS, and SPIC MACAY Heritage Club. Your talent determines what you can do, motivation determines how much you are willing to do and your attitude determines how well you do it.

Beyond this, a number of faculty and students are participating in curriculum-related social services, exemplifying their commitment to community involvement.

Mizoram University is poised to dedicate its energies and imagination to propel effective public policy forward.

Envisioning a future with more Centres of Learning, Mizoram University aims to evolve into a pioneering, intercultural university. I wish you all the best for this.

With great optimism, I believe Mizoram University will stand among the nation's leading institutions, shaping the future of both scientific and human knowledge, while nurturing wisdom, confidence and integrity.

I have been informed that five faculty members and one research scholar from Mizoram University have been recognised among the World's top 2% of scientists in a survey conducted by Stanford University, published in September 2024.

This shows the University's growing prominence on the global academic stage and signals a bright future for the institution.

Another significant development is of the Mizoram Assembly unanimously passing the Mizoram State University Bill 2025, paving the way for the establishment of the state's first government-run university. This move aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

With this, the existing Mizoram University is set to transition into a research-intensive university by 2035. This is a significant step for Mizoram's higher education landscape, addressing future academic needs and infrastructure. Gradually the university must align itself to this transition.

As I conclude, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you. As you step forward with your testamur in hand, take pride in your journey and the dedication that brought you here.

May you find success, fulfilment and the courage to make a meaningful difference in this world. Remember, you are the future of India. As Roosevelt said “Keep your eyes on stars and your feet on ground”

Thank you, ka lawm e, Jai Hind.