

PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH
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Good afternoon!

My dear friends, at the very outset, I want to thank and appreciate our outgoing president and his team for rendering their faithful and sincere services towards the Nagas here in Pune and outside. I am sure your labors will never go in vain. May God bless you all even in your future endeavor.



I wish to express that today I stand here with mixed feelings of enthusiasm and fear and much humbled by the responsibility ahead of me. This truly calls for your co-operation and support. When approached by the nominating committee, I was reluctant and apprehensive to take up the responsibility of the president, considering my responsibility as a theological student coupled with the academic schedule and co-curricular activities. But with much prayer and reflection on whether I will be able to carry out this task heading towards the motto “UNITE FOR GREATER HEIGHTS”, I accepted their proposal with much hope and confidence that you, my brothers and sisters who, with full of good spirit will enable this union to grow from strength to strength.

I want to challenge everyone seated here with the motto of the student body. Are we really united? If yes, is this unity taking us to greater heights? How have we helped each other to grow and achieve the goal? The answer rests on you and me. Personally, I feel that this body has given us a sense of bond, a sense of belongingness amidst differences like languages, backgrounds and traditions. Things we learn and experience should not be vaporized with time and context. We should learn to give back to the society here and back to our home. When we take a quick look to our motherland, we see killings, hatreds, people’s minds are filled with revenge and unforgiving hearts. Many lives have been lost with the longing to see love and peace flowing throughout the land. People are wandering everywhere in search of peace and love. We hear the sound of wailing and mourning in every nook and corner of our land. Alas! Who can take back the message of love and peace? Should we remain a mere spectator or take up the cause?

Today, the challenges we are encountering are so real and true and it is inevitable because we have already witnessed and tasted the sour and the bitter. We have gathered here because we have chosen the true hope over every evil situation. The sign of unity has come to light even today by coming together like this and therefore, let the chain of love and unity be remained unbroken in any circumstances.

In conclusion, let us not expect things to change or take place automatically when we don’t unfold our hands. Let us not become tired of doing good. Let’s keep busy and never remain idle until we leave this earthly world, because people need your help and society

awaits you. More importantly, we are surrounded by many people from different cultures, traditions and religions. So how do we live among them? What is our identity? Let us set a good life example in our day to day existence in our speech, lifestyles, in our conduct of life. Let us be a role model to win other people to a better way. Remember that! We may have many aims and purposes to achieve in life, miles to go. But the purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment. It's far greater than your family, career, dreams and ambitions. We must begin with God because we were born by His purpose and for His purpose.

May our God build us and help us to grow together in unity!

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