



**SPEECH
OF
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Inaugural Session of
Science and Mathematics Fest - SCIENTICS-2018
Organised by**

St. Paul's Higher Secondary School, Aizawl, Mizoram.

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Zirtirtu leh zirlai duhtakte

Chibai

It is my great pleasure to be here today and inaugurate the Science and Mathematics Fest named SCIENTICS-2018 organised by St. Paul's Higher Secondary School, Aizawl, Mizoram.

Science and Mathematics has an important role in improving our life, many great inventions have changed the way we live. Scientists through their innovations, experiments and hard work contributed many achievements paving way for total reformation, progress and development of the society.

The role played by science and Technology in our society is so important that, be it a cook or a farmer, a carpenter or a mechanic, a shopkeeper or a doctor, an engineer or a scientist, a musician or a magician, everyone needs the application of science and mathematics in their day-to-day life. Even it is very interesting to know that insects use mathematics in their everyday life for existence. Snails make their shells, spiders design their webs and bees build hexagonal combs on the basis of mathematical abstract.

Today, the future of our society lies in the hands of aspiring young people like you, young people who can innovate, cooperate with others, and stay resilient would be able to rise up to the challenge and make our nation a better place. The most important aspects of Mathematics and Science is that it has solution to the difficult of the difficult problems, the problems which have the potential to become major bottlenecks to the overall growth of the country

Recently, Shri Akshay Venkatesh, a renowned Indian-Australian mathematician, is among the four winners of mathematics' prestigious Fields Medal which known as the Nobel Prize for maths. We need more such Akshays from this school and our state who through their talent and hard work will make us proud along with the entire nation.

We have to utilize the power of education, the strength of science and technology in the right direction effectively to bring positive changes in the society. You, as the students of this prestigious institution have the responsibility to transform the society using the knowledge which you are acquiring from here. I would urge to all my dear

students to deliver great outcomes for our society and our country. I see a shining future of our beloved nation through all of you.

As Aristotle said, 'education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity.' This reminds me of the scintillating Mizo proverb, 'do not put off till tomorrow, what you can do today.' I would like to read this with yet another Mizo dictum, 'the right path is very steep upward, whereas the wrong path is horizontal.' What do these 'ancestral voices' teach us. Educate ourselves here and now, but follow the right path to reach the peak of knowledge. Once Ptolemy, the ruler of Egypt, asked Euclid, the great Greek mathematician, if there was a shorter road to learning geometry. Euclid gave the cryptic reply, 'there is no royal road to geometry.' You will vouch for the fact that there is no shortcut to success either.

I am very happy know that St. Paul's Higher Secondary School has provided such a platform to the students for showcasing their innovation and talent. I wish that such exhibition and fairs will be regularly organized in the school for the overall development of our young minds. Exhibition provides a unique platform to the participating children and teachers for sharing their innovations and new experiences.

I am confident that the models displayed here will provide glimpses of the role science and mathematics can play in solving the great problems of our time. "I now declare the Paulian's Science and Mathematics Fest 2018 open!"

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-Jai Hind-