

**Speech by Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya Congratulating
the Under 15 Football team of Nongjri Presbyterian
Secondary School for their remarkable victory in the 63rd
Subroto Mukherjee International Cup 2024**

Our Chief Minister Shri. Conrad K Sangma ji, Sports Minister Shri. Sakliar Warjri ji, School managing committee chairman and MLA Shri. Mawhati ji.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Distinguished Guests, And our young students from Nongjri Presbyterian Secondary School.

It is with immense pride and joy that I stand before you today to congratulate the Under-15 Football team of Nongjri Presbyterian Secondary School for their remarkable victory in the 63rd Subroto Mukherjee International Cup 2024 held at Bengaluru. Your triumph is not just a victory for your school, but a historic achievement for the entire Ri Bhoi District and the state of Meghalaya.

It is informed that, For the first time in the history, schools from Ri Bhoi District have won the State level Championships in all three categories-U-15 boys, U-17 boys and girls, it is a great achievement. And you have made us all immensely proud by representing Meghalaya on the international stage.

It is also informed that Your journey to this monumental achievement has been nothing short of inspiring. The State level tournament held in Shillong from the 8th to 13th of July 2024 saw all 12 districts competing fiercely. Yes, it was your determination, skill, and teamwork that led you to emerge victorious. Under the expert guidance of the State Coach, and your dedicated School Coach.

Your success is not just measured in goals you scored but in the hearts you have won. You have set a new standard for future generations, showing that with determination and the right guidance, anything is possible. I appreciate the coaches and the Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, your commitment to nurturing these young talents has borne fruit, and for that, we are grateful.

As you return home, victorious and celebrated, remember that this is just the beginning of a new chapter in your lives. Let this victory be the fuel that drives you to achieve even greater heights, not only in sports but in all your future endeavors.

Here I would like emphasize on officers concerned to encourage individual events and games, that children and youth are showing interest on specific areas in sports, this will help the youth to excel in sports.

Once again, I congratulate the U-15 team of Nongjri Presbyterian Secondary School! You have made Ri Bhoi District and the entire state of Meghalaya incredibly proud. May you continue to shine and inspire others with your brilliance.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

Jai Hind!