

**Welcome speech by Prof K Kannan, Vice Chancellor Nagaland University at the valedictory function of the Workshop on TELTE , a program under NPTEL of MHRD**

His Excellency Governor of Nagaland Shri Sankaranarayanan , Honourable Minister for Higher Education Dr Shurozilae, Prof K R Srivasthan, Director IIITM , Kerala and his colleagues Mr PradeepKumar and Mr D Srinivasa Reddy, Prof Mangala Sundar ,IIT Madras, dear participants and other guests present here, my colleagues from administration Dr Kiyaseto, Mr Tongpang ,L.M.Merry and others, it gives me immense pleasure in being part of the valedictory function . This workshop is the beginning of a great mission of the Nagaland University.

This is the first hands-on workshop using sophisticated systems on a portable server! The participants have been exposed to Technology Enhanced Learning - the systems, approach, etc., NPTEL Courses, practice/demonstration of a Tutored Video Instruction method. By this we are confident that implementation of this will make Education as an engine of caring and sharing for development and growth of youth of Nagaland. We are indeed fortunate to have established an MOU with IIITM, Kerala and Nagaland University in the beginning of the New Year 2008. In the Stem Cell terminology I can say that the NPTEL program under the hands of

visionaries like Prof K R Srivathsan, Director IITM and Prof Anath, Director IITM, it has been possible to pick up 350 true stem cell educators from IIT's and IISc and preserve their recorded video lectures and make them available to any teacher or student 24X7. This is indeed an inexhaustible resource which can be constantly upgraded. We can add more true stem cell teachers in our servers globally .This Education Grid Global (EGG) with its database of recorded lectures can be compared to the reserve of gold deposit in our vault which can generate whole new breed of Enabled, Educated and Empowered youth to compete globally .

What we need to do is to mobilize the right teams dedicated for specific initiatives. There is huge amount of content in the sciences area across the world. But constant grooming, motivation and sensitizing school/college/university teachers and students have to be owned by the State School Education Board/Nagaland University/State higher education. All affiliated colleges to begin with may use the same e-learning infrastructure. We need to identify similar true stem cell teachers in Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and other professional courses. We also need to identify Subject Management Experts (SME) for each course, create a Network of Interested Communities (NIC), a team dedicated to developing tools for teaching and a

group analysing the cognition among students and teachers.

I am firmly of the opinion that Nagaland University belongs to the people of Nagaland. The University will commence steps and launch programs to see that every resident of Nagaland who desires to study and meets the prerequisites is provided an opportunity to study and necessary facilities for the same. To achieve this, the University will build an e-learning network that covers all the villages of Nagaland. Informatics is the dynamics of information generation, dissemination, exchange and effective actions resulting from the information at the receiving end. The University will further establish the Centre for Advanced Informatics and Society. This centre to act as the nodal centre that builds systems for Technology Enhanced Learning, Teaching and Evaluation (TELTE). The centre will support wide spectrum of education programs ranging from training teachers at the school levels, supporting web-resources and systems for the schools to advanced IT based systems and services for the higher education and the university's postgraduate programs in different fields. Further, to reinforces its social responsibility roles, the university will establish close linkages between its faculty members and scholars and the people of Nagaland at large to identify, study and come up with the diverse

capacity building programs and empowerment of people in Education, Agriculture, Health and Community Developments through ICT driven systems and processes. Our goal is to enable the villages and institutions of Nagaland through dynamic information generation and sharing systems of value to people, provide opportunities for Education to each, according to his/her level. Empower communities through ICT and Informatics to address their real world needs, generating new opportunities and harmoniously using the nature's gift to Nagaland with relevant socioeconomic activities and thereby nurturing the overall prosperity of the state. Our aim is to make this initiative serve as role model for similar initiatives across the country. It will set up the example of equitable opportunities to get educated and to serve the people of the state according to each one's ability and capacity to contribute to the overall progress.