

Hon. Shri Pramod Kumar Patak ji Speech:

Dignitaries on the dais and off the dais. First of all I want to congratulate Dr. Tsewang Tamdin for getting this prestigious Yuthog Award, which is getting after three years. I was just watching the film on his life style and to me, it was highly motivational and inspirational. Because all his achievements and his services to the mankind under the most adverse situation. So I must congratulate him that he came to this level where we are launching him and I feel myself privilege to be part of this ceremony. As you are all aware our Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji mentioned on 30th August, while attending a function of ministry of AYUSH that many steps are required for the promotion of Sowa-Rigpa. He mentioned in his speech about the importance of Sowa-Rigpa, as well as he asked the ministry in general that steps should be taken for the promotion of Sowa-Rigpa not only in Ladakh, but all over the country. So suddenly as mentioned by some dignitaries various steps for increasing the members in CCIM, and creation of a post of advisors of Sowa-Rigpa, where ministry will suddenly look into it and I am very happy that the first Sowa-Rigpa day is being celebrated today. In fact we were discussing in the ministry a couple of months ago, that for all the systems we are having a day, like Ayurveda day is there, Homeopathy day is there, Siddha day is there then Unani day is there. So similarly Sowa-Rigpa is a part of AYUSH as you are all aware that Ayurveda, Unani, Sowa-Rigpa and Siddha, Homeopathy. Why not Sowa Rigpa is there? So it was just an idea and today we thought and today it has been materialist that for Sowa-Rigpa and it is the share coincidence that this has happened and this is very auspicious coincidence that it has happened today the first Sowa-Rigpa day has been organized. So I hope that every year this will continue and with this the celebration of day for the all system has been materialist. So we hope that in future also this Sowa-Rigpa day will be celebrated on this day with much favor and much enthusiasm. As you are all aware that Sowa-Rigpa education health care delivery and research is formerly recognized and promoted by the Govt. of India, It is recognized under IMCC Act.1970. Research Institute for Sowa-Rigpa was established in Leh in the year 1976, which was upgraded as national Research Institute of Sowa-Rigpa in 2009 by Ministry of AYUSH, and it is being headed by a very learned practitioner Dr. Padma Gurmet, he is doing excellent work there and he is sensitizing the Ministry about the various steps which is required for the promotion of Sowa-Rigpa and he has been given responsibility under for taking it under public health initiatives also which he has responsibly managed and we hope that under his leadership that this institute will flourish. The research Institute since its reception has been doing considerable work for the preservation and promotion of Sowa-Rigpa in India. This Institute mended is to preserve and promote Sowa-Rigpa system of medicine with objectives to conduct fundamentals and clinical research on various therapist and formularies of Sowa rigpa system of medicine. To revalidate Sowa Rigpa with Scientific tools and parameters to explore and document herbal and medicinal resources of Himalayas to conduct research on its rich literary wealth of Sowa-Rigpa, to develop and strengthen Sowa-Rigpa practice for public health and also for the purpose of conservation and cultivation of Himalayan medicinal plants. The education and training of Sowa-Rigpa is also being impacted by the institute under Ministry of Culture Govt. of India and there are many Institutes because I am looking after CCIM also. So gradually more and more number of

Institutes which are important Sowa-Rigpa system of medicine they are coming towards for recognition and ministry policy is to support this type of system of medicine. So that it can flourish not only in North Eastern part as mentioned by Dr. Padma Gurmet, but we want that it should flourish all over the country. So that Ultimate benefit of this system of medicine which is highly potential system of medicine, it can benefit and accurate to the entire mankind. So from Ministry we are supporting this medicine system of education as well as practice also and we hope that more and more evidence base clinical research will be carried out so that it can be integrated because we can now talking about integration of various systems it can well be integrated in the main stream of medicine. With the coming days we will be involving in mechanism in which this type of integration can be made possible. The Govt. of India is also extended its support to Sowa-Rigpa Institution for the development, awareness and the dissemination knowledge of Sowa-Rigpa. Several health conclaves and exhibitions, Conferences, Seminars and Workshops are being organized. The practitioners of Sowa-Rigpa are also supported to strengthen their practice by training programs and distribution of free medicines. And Ministry is also planning Dr. Padma Gurmet has submitted a proposal to hold an international conference. So we are also working on it and shortly we will be coming with the program of conducting International conference were we will request the eminent speakers and eminent practitioners to participate. Some state governments are running health care clinics and various programs in India. Sowa-Rigpa practitioners are also appointed as a national health mission program. Sowa-Rigpa expert has been nominated by Centre Govt. as member to the Central Council for Indian Medicine for taking up matter related to development, promotion, propagation and regulation of Sowa Rigpa at national level. Certain suggestion came that we should increase the number, we will suddenly looking into it and whatever is possible point from the ministry of AYUSH, we will certainly extend all support to this system of medicine so that it can flourish more and more. Sowa-Rigpa is also promoting under continuing medical education & public health initiative schemes. At the international level Govt. of India has filed nomination for inscription of Sowa-Rigpa as Intangible Cultural Heritage of India in UNESCO in March 2018 and it is under consideration. So we hope that certainly we will be benefiting from various steps taken by the ministry of AYUSH. And I will be just going through the speech of Prof. Lobsang Tenzin Rakdho I liked one few lines I will just try to capitulate and this sums up the philosophy of Sowa-Rigpa.(just like the sun that helps to bloom lotus flower to the garden, Sowa-Rigpa day facilitated to flourish human wellbeing and happiness. It is due to His Holiness vision that the merit of humanity was raise so high, just like the sun and the wind that paved way to blossoming up of the lotus flower. So I hope the deliberation in this two day seminar will help us to arrive at certain conclusion and we hope that the deliberation of this seminar should be send to the ministry of AYUSH for the actionable point and we will suddenly take action on whatever possible by the ministry of AYUSH. With these words I extend my congratulation to the organizers for taking this initiatives for celebrating this first Sowa Rigpa day and I hope the deliberation in this seminar will be huge success.

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