

Speech of Hon'ble Governor on the occasion of Hon'ble Vice President's lecture on the theme of 'Leadership and Good Governance' at IIM, Ranchi on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

Hon'ble The Vice President of India Most Respected Shri Venkaih Naidu Ji, Chairman of the IIM Ranchi Board of Governors Shri Praveen Shankar Pandya Ji, Director of IIM Ranchi Shri Shailendra Singh ji, Members of the Board, Members of Press and media, dignitaries, faculty members and my dear students.

The auspicious presence of Hon'ble the Vice President of India as Chief Guest of this function will always remain an un-forgettable memory. I feel scarcity of words to define the unrivalled dynamism, versatility and the par-excellent intellectual efficiency of Shri M. Venkaih Naidu Ji, the Hon'ble Vice President. His dedication for public service has made him an invaluable asset to the nation. I really feel thrilled to welcome you, Sir.

It gives me a great pleasure to be present on the occasion of lecture on the theme 'Leadership and good governance' by none other than Sri Venkaiah Jee. This is a pleasant co-incidence that this lecture is being delivered under the aegis of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Centre for Leadership, Policy and Governance' set-up by IIM Ranchi. As you all know, Shri Atal Jee's birthday (25<sup>th</sup> December) is being celebrated as the "Good Governance Day". I congratulate IIM Ranchi for setting up this centre to conduct multi-disciplinary research in the domains of leadership, policy and governance; and promote itself as Think-Tank to provide professional consultation,

advise and support to government, public sector undertakings, local administration in implementation of their schemes and policies. I am confident that the institute and this centre of excellence will be taking endeavours in future also to give back to the society and nation.

Good governance is the key to any nation's progress. "Citizen-First" should be the mantra and guiding principle for achieving good governance. Good Governance refers to the process of decision-making and its implementation free from abuse and corruption. In recent years, the issue of good governance is largely considered as one of the key ingredients for poverty reduction and sustainable development. We must strive towards participatory, consensus-oriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective and efficient, equitable and inclusive way of administration. The idea of good governance is not new to India. In ancient India, the rulers were bounded by the raj-dharma which precisely meant to ensure good governance to the people. Our Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi ji too advocated the concept of "Ram Rajya" for India based upon the principles of good governance only. In modern India too, the governments in past and present too have been trying hard to make India as a welfare state where the necessities of the down-trodden, the welfare of the general public must be kept in mind in framing and implementation of policies.

However, there are certain challenges, which need to be tackled. Challenges such as women empowerment, corruption, delay in justice, empowerment of socially and economically weaker sections etc. need to be addressed to facilitate the delivery of good governance to the people at

large. Though, I am quite sure that these challenges can be handled with the active participation of all the stakeholders including the educational institutes such as IIM Ranchi.

Finally, once again I appreciate the effort made by IIM Ranchi to address the issues related to the good governance through Atal Bihari Vajpayee centre for Leadership, policy and Governance. Just like the faculty members, staff, students and other dignitaries, I too am interested to hear our Hon'ble vice president speaking on the leadership and governance.

THANK YOU ALL.

Jai Hind! Jai Jharkhand!