

Speech of the Hon'ble Governor cum Chancellor of the Universities of Jharkhand on the occasion of Ranchi University 30TH Convocation on 5th July 2016

Respected Chief Guest of the function, Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan jee, Hon'ble Speaker Vidhaan Sabha Shri Dinesh Oraon jee, Hon'ble Minister, School Education & Literacy-cum-Higher & Technical Education, Smt. Neera Yadav jee, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Ranchi University, Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Kumar Pandey jee, Members of Senate, Syndicate and Academic Council, Principals of Colleges, learned members of faculty, Officers and Staff of the University, Respected Guests, recipients of degrees, Press and the Media, Ladies and Gentlemen !

I feel honoured to be part of the 30th Convocation ceremony of the University of Ranchi. It marks an important milestone in the life of the graduating students. I am happy to note that Ranchi University has moved from strength to strength in its journey of 56 years. It has gone through turbulence occasionally, but, what is important is that it has always succeeded in overcoming the odds. Through sheer determination and diligence it has earned its achievements rightfully. It has set its own benchmark as is evident by the talent showcased across many cultural programmes, fests, seminars, conferences and games and sporting events organized by the university.

The cultural programmes organized by the university is a testimony of the celebration of ethnic and cultural diversity of this region. Various events and programmes have played a decisive role in enhancing the vibrancy of the academic and extracurricular ethos of this university. I take this opportunity to congratulate all the stakeholders of this university- its tireless staff, talented students, accomplished alumni, dedicated and learned teachers, and innovative management and administration.

Having said that, I have a word for the graduating students. Dear Graduating students, this day marks a successful culmination of your arduous educational journey. This day heralds a dawn of endless possibilities. You are on the threshold of a new life which will have multiple challenges. Things may not always go the way you want them to. You must prepare to take them into your stride. You should celebrate your victories, but, at the same time prepare yourselves to emerge strong in your defeats. As you spread your wings to soar higher, you must believe in yourselves to attain heights never reached before.

Let me quote Steve Jobs here:

“Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life. Don’t let the noise of others’, opinion draw your own voice. And, most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.”

Dear students, be ready to leave the city of your comfort, and dedicate yourselves to the task of nation-building. Let ‘empathy, ethics and excellence’ be your guiding principles of life. Our country is being recognized by the world for the remarkable development works. The youth of India has a vital role to play in its development. Unfortunately the gap between the rich and the poor is still not bridged. You are the hope of the Country.

You should not hesitate in undertaking social works. There are a lot of opportunities in the villages. As you dedicate yourself to the social cause, you should be ever ready to move to the villages and work incessantly for inclusive growth. You will feel that there is a great contentment in serving the humanity. I wish you all the best for the noble cause that you are going to undertake. I pray that the Almighty God Bless you for every act of humanity.

Jai Hind !

Jai Jharkhand !