

Speech of H.E. Shri M O H Farook, Hon'ble Governor, Jharkhand at the "Felicitation ceremony of Sportsperson" on 09th August 2010 at Raj Bhavan, Ranchi

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It gives me immense pleasure to be amongst the blooming talent of sportspersons of Jharkhand. Jharkhand has a very distinguished record in the sporting landscape of our country. Be it in the field of Hockey, Archery, Football, Athletics or other games the youth of Jharkhand has excelled in the national & international arena. It is an honour to felicitate these people for not only the laurels they have brought to the State but for the reason that they are the role models for motivating the budding talents that will excel in the sporting arena in the future.

My government has been liberal in promoting sports activities in the State and has most generously given a budget of Rs. 60.00 crores to the Department for this financial year. The money has been earmarked to provide sports infrastructure in the rural areas, organizing sporting events, providing financial support to the needy sports persons and many more. Efforts are being made to get more centrally sponsored schemes implemented in the State.

The Sports policy of the State is one of the best in the Country for encouraging the sportsperson of the State. The youth and Children especially from the rural background are being targeted to come out with their talent by providing both infrastructural as well financial support in their endeavor to excel in their respective fields. Subroto Mukherjee Cup Football tournament for Children, Late Jaipal Singh Hockey tournament for School children, Nehru Hockey Tournament for boys & girls are some of the events that will be organized during this year in the State.

Jharkhand is going to witness the most challenging and extraordinary event of the decade in the form of National Games. My government is committed

to organize the event in a befitting manner. Our stadiums are built with international standards and have the finest facilities for the sportspersons. We are looking forward to host the event in the near future.

PYKKA, a centrally sponsored scheme, has been successfully launched in our State in the last financial year. We look forward to encourage the budding talents from the rural mass under this scheme. Our effort in this matter has been much appreciated by the central government.

Apart from sporting events my government is looking forward to promote the tribal culture in the state as well. In the beginning of today's function a glimpse of Jharkhand rich culture was displayed by the local artists. It is need of hour that these talents are properly nurtured and all efforts be made to save the precious art of the State.

In the end I congratulate the outstanding sports persons who are being felicitated today and wish them a good luck in their coming events. They are the torch bearers for the state sports and a role model for the coming up talents. I wish them success in life.

Thank you.