

Speech of His Excellency Shri K. Sankaranarayanan, the Governor of Jharkhand on the occasion of the inauguration ceremony of the State Police Duty Meet 2009, on 10th October.

Shri T.P.Sinha, Advisor, Shri V.D.Ram, DGP, Shri J.B.Tubid, Home Secretary, Officers and men from Jharkhand Police, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am thankful to the DGP and the Organizing Committee for inviting me to the annual State Police Duty Meet. This occasion provides all the police officers and men of the State an opportunity to show their professional skill and competence in the various fields of policing, such as prevention and detection of crime and maintenance of law and order. I take this opportunity to offer each participant my best wishes for their success in this meet.

Police is the visible face of government. The common man forms his opinion about government of the day based on the efficiency, effectiveness and work culture of police administration. It is of utmost importance that the police force of the state functions in a manner that it is perceived by the common man as a friend to whom he may approach in times of distress.

Society is changing very fast. Technological advancement has made it even faster. Criminals, taking advantage of this, are adopting new methods and techniques to commit crimes. In this situation, Police, which is the perceivable face of the Govt., can-not lag behind and has to continuously improve, evolve and update itself and use these new technologies and methods to stay ahead of the criminals. Greater thrust needs to be given to various activities intended to increase professionalism

and skill development coupled with disciplined conduct, impartiality, honesty, and a people friendly image.

The entire country, at present is facing threat to its security from Terrorist and Extremist outfits. Pro- Maoist groups are posing a real threat to the internal security and survival of democratic set-up. Jharkhand is at the epi-centre of left wing extremism. Though this problem is having socio economic issues, as the causative factors, yet, the problem, over the years, has taken a hydra headed shape and now it has started affecting the common men and innocent people. I must give credit to Jharkhand Police for giving them befitting fight, although, it has cost the State Police heavily. We have lost nearly 364 officers and men till August, 2009 and the latest sacrifice is that of Inspector Francis Indwar. We unequivocally condemn such dastardly and cowardly acts of these Extremists. I offer my heart felt condolences to the bereaved family and assure them that the State Govt. shall not lag behind in anything to look after them. I also want to assure the entire Police fraternity as well as the families of these brave martyrs that their sacrifices shall not go in vain and the State shall do every thing under its command to help them recover from their great loss.

Till now, the State Govt. has taken various steps to strengthen Jharkhand Police and would like to continue with the same trend. We have decided to re-organize and strengthen the State CID and FSL and modernize it to deal with the modern days crimes successfully. Similarly, training has to be given priority and we have decided to have a Training Academy and few training schools in the State to increase our operational preparedness. Ninety new Police Stations have been sanctioned and all required initiatives are being taken to modernize the police force and strengthen the infrastructure and resource base of the Jharkhand police.

State Special Branch has been re-organised and a closed cadre of intelligence officers has been created in the special branch. Govt. is aware of the long pending demands of special incentive to state special branch personnel and difficult area allowances to the police personnel engaged in the war against Naxalites and some other demands. We shall actively consider these demands and ensure that the morale of State Police remains high.

I extend my heartfelt greetings to all police officers and men on this occasion and urge them to work towards the goal of making our state a developed state free from crime and lawlessness.

Jai Hind,

Jai Jharkhand