

Speech of His Excellency Shri M.O.H.Farook, Governor of Jharkhand on the occasion of inauguration of Siksha Bhawan & Foundation laying ceremony of an Indoor Stadium in Jamshedpur Women's College at Jamshedpur on 21st February, 2011.

Vice Chancellor, Kolhan University, Dr.Salil Roy, Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Lakshmishri Banerjee, Principal, Jamshedpur Women's College, Dr. Shukla Mahanty, Teacher, Students, Ladies & Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to inaugurate Siksha Bhawan at Jamshedpur Women's College which stands identified by Universities Grants Commission as a College with potential for excellence.

My second visit in this college, today, coincides with a very special occasion, which is UNESCO certified International Mother Language Day. I am delighted to know and see the Multilingual Bulletin just released which is a testimony to the wonderful Indian multiculturalism in its multifarious splendour.

The new Shiksha Bhavan, I am sure, would prove to be a milestone in the infrastructure of the college housing the Faculty of Education, and, Vocational courses as well. As the college seems to march from strength to strength opening new avenues to its aspirant students, I offer my best wishes for the further growth both academically and infrastructure wise.

As we all know, Sports is a vital part of education, and all the qualities of time management, team spirit, spirit of competition, strength and vigour in attitude and winning streak of character can be developed through Sports. By holding the ongoing 34th National Games, we at Jharkhand have emphatically announced to the whole nation our love for as well as the zeal to excel in Sports. It is, therefore in the fitness of things that this premier College is going to have an indoor stadium

funded by UGC. I am certain that this facility will inspire more and more students to join sports, and win accolades for their alma mater. I am gratified to learn that sports is a vital part of achievement of this college and students from here have played and won in International and National games in India and abroad. I take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Mahanty, Principal of the college and the dedicated faculty members and staff for their untiring efforts for the all round development of this College.

Education, if taken in comprehensive sense, is more than mere collection of information; it is the actual unlocking of the human mind that has shaped the course of human history.

Tertiary Education in Jharkhand needs to be hauled up on many counts. It needs more accurate vision and planned roadmap, more sense of commitment, more rigorous monitoring and better governance using state-of-the-art techniques including e-governance solutions. Indifference and a lackadaisical approach both on the parts of officials and teachers has no place in our institutions of higher education at a time when we are poised to harvest the demographic dividend accruing because of our large young population. It is the time to change the attitude towards work, towards holding responsibilities to bring out positive results in building up not only the careers but the characters of the new generation. An unflinching sense of excellence, inclusion and moral integrity should emanate out from the hallowed portals of our Colleges and Universities.

I am aware of the crunch of teachers and resources, lack of fund, the state of teacher student ratio etc, but I am more aware of the lack of good teachers around here. Only domain knowledge cannot make a good teacher, he or she should have the capacity to change the challenges into opportunities. As an institution Jamshedpur Women's

College can be a good example of this, as coming from the same circumstances this college now is known and seen as the brightest hub of education, extra curricular activities and campus placement in this region.

Women's education, still lagging behind in Jharkhand, needs special attention. Talented women on all fronts are coming up in Jharkhand; they need to be trained properly keeping in view the modern needs and it is here that institutions such as yours have an important role to play.

The implementation of the Sixth Pay Commission will fulfill a longtime demand of the teachers and their long accumulated grievances would be largely redressed. At the same moment, however, they have to mould and equip themselves better to engage in student welfare with integrity of purpose and honest involvement. Teachers being the backbone of educational institutions, much responsibility is naturally pinned on them to take up corrective measures to change the scenario of Tertiary Education in Jharkhand. Though finding their students up the ladder of success is the best bonus for teachers good at their work, I believe there should be regular performance monitoring and accountability accompanied by incentives & disincentives.

I hope and believe the day is not far off when several Colleges from Jharkhand like Jamshedpur Women's College will shine bright in the educational map of India, and the skills & talents of our youth would be fostered and developed in these institutions for the betterment of our state and country.

My best wishes are with you as you undertake this pious endeavour.

Thank you.