

Speech of His Excellency Shri M.O.H.Farook, the Governor of Jharkhand on the occasion of visit of Karim City College Jamshedpur on 21.2.2011.

Mr. Syed Ashfaq Karim, Successor Trustee of Karimia Trust, Dr. Salil Roy, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mohammed Zakaria, Principal, Faculty, Staff & Students of Karim City College, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am delighted to be here in your midst today. I have just been apprised of the impressive strides taken by Karim City College over the past 50 years and let me admit that its progress from a school in a tin shed to a high school to this College with around 6500 students enrolled 3 faculties & 22 departments – is indeed a truly inspirational journey.

At the very outset, therefore, I pay my tributes to the founding father of Karimia Trust Late S.T.Karim and the first successor Trustee Late S.M.Karim for their far-sighted vision and generous philanthropy in bringing about the educational upliftment of socially backward sections of society in general and the Muslim minority in particular. I also congratulate Shri Syed Ashfaq Karim successor Trustee, Dr. Mohammed Zakaria, Principal, and their team for taking Karim City College from strength to strength and firmly establishing it as a college for imparting quality oriented and value based education.

India is not only one of the fastest growing economies in the world, it is also demographically the youngest nation in the world. Our large population, however, will be an asset only when we can equip our youth with the right knowledge, skills and attitudes through our education system. The need of the hour, therefore, is to establish quality centres of learning and minority educational institutions have an important role to play in this matter. In case minority educational institutions are

insufficient or are not upto mark then minority students will get left behind in this highly competitive age. Muslim minority educational institutions will do well to remember that it is obligatory for a Muslim male and female to seek knowledge. The first word revealed in the Quran was "Iqra" meaning "Read: seek Knowledge, educate Yourself, be educated".

It is indeed gratifying to know that Karim City College has over its life span of 5 decades crossed important milestones in its quest for growth and excellence. The management, I can see, is aware of the challenges of the present times and is working relentlessly towards upgrading the academic and infrastructural facilities over here so that it may impart global level competency & skills to students at local level.

To the students present here let me remind that the time spent in institutions such as Karim City College should be fully utilized to prepare yourself for the opportunities that await you outside the campus. Education, in its comprehensive sense, is the unlocking of the human mind or as Swami Vivekanand said "Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man". Remember that in an increasingly global world, the Indian youth has a greater chance of success as he/she hails from a multicultural, multilingual society. This plural cultural heritage of our country is a great asset and a great source of inspiration and we must always work towards deepening & strengthening it.

In the end I once again congratulate the Karimia Trust, the Principal, staff and students for their remarkable achievements of the past 50 years. May all your future endeavours be crowned with similar success.

Thank you.