

Speech of His Excellency Shri M.O.H.Farook, Governor of Jharkhand on the occasion of Foundation Day of Jharkhand Legislative Assembly on 22nd November 2010 at' HEC Ranchi.

Hon'ble Speaker Shri C.P.Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Arjun Munda, Hon'ble Dy.Chief Ministers, Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, Hon'ble Ministers, Legislators, other dignitaries, ladies & gentlemen,

I am delighted to be with you on the 10th Anniversary of the foundation of Jharkhand Legislative Assembly. On this happy occasion I pay tribute to the dedicated men and women who have brought distinction and honour to the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly and Secretariat during the past decade. I also pay my homage on this occasion to all those known and unknown people of this state who made great sacrifices in their struggle for creation of Jharkhand that ultimately fructified on 15th November 2000.

The members of Jharkhand Legislative Assembly are the proud inheritors of the rich legacy of the Jharkhand Movement and its quest for development, social justice and equity. No society can move forward without these ideals being put into practice. I hope that these ideals will continue to guide the work of the Jharkhand Assembly and the Jharkhand Government.

Legislatures are sacred places. They are places for working for the cause of our sisters and brothers who have bestowed upon us the privilege to represent them. They are places for upholding the ideals of our Constitution and indeed for bringing them into action.

Legislators appraise contemporary legislation and enact new laws. To discharge their responsibility effectively they should not only be alert and well informed but should also be alive to the basic concerns of our

polity. All power has to be regarded as societal trust and to be used for public good. Only then would our legislators be able to work effectively towards providing our people a life of dignity and self respect.

Legislators are also watchdogs of public finances and they must ensure that there is no wasteful use of public money, and that the resource mobilization processes do not adversely affect the incentives for savings, risk bearing and the quest for entrepreneurship and pursuit of innovation. Collectively they need to deal sternly with corruption and inefficiency in our governance processes.

Given the onerous responsibilities of our Legislatures it is in the fitness of things that the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly has instituted the award of best Legislator ever since its first anniversary & 8 Legislators have already been conferred this award over the years. Further, I also commend this practice of honouring past legislators and Assembly Secretarial staff for their invaluable service to the House & the State. It is only by honouring and recognizing the solders of democracy, be they legislators or ex-legislators or staff of Assembly that we will strengthen the foundations of democracy in Jharkhand. I congratulate the winner of Best Legislator Award for this year as well as others who have been felicitated today and hope that this excellent tradition of Jharkhand Legislative Assembly will spur the legislators to new heights of Legislative competence and legislative propriety with discussions being guided by the spirit of tolerance, accommodation and deep and abiding concern for the well being of common people. I suggest that the Chief Minister may consider instituting similar awards for Ministers and Civil Servants to recognize good work and motivate them to further improve their performance in future.

Very soon we will be witnessing panchayat elections, which will firmly establish democratic institutions at grassroots level. Thousands of people's representatives from panchayat , block and district levels will look up to you for inspiration and example. I am sure you will rise to the occasion and provide role models for them.

Once again I congratulate Jharkhand Assembly on its 10th anniversary and hope and wish that it has many more years of outstanding service to the state & people of Jharkhand ahead of itself.

Thank you.