

Speech of Hon'ble Governor on the occasion of inauguration of 'eRaksha-Protecting women & children online' organized by I.P.S. Officer's Wives Association on 25th June, 2016.

I am delighted to inaugurate "E-Raksha-Protecting women & children online", an initiative by IPS Officers Wives Association (IPSOWA), Cyber Peace Foundation and Jharkhand Police. This helpline will immensely help women and children when they need it the most.

In today's social world- Face-book, Whatsapp, Twitter and YouTube are the most commonly used networking tools. These tools have become indispensable for all of us. But they also pose a dark side and can be put to immense misuse. There is a lurking danger behind these networking tools, giving rise to words like 'Face-book suicide'. In a sense it is like fire; Use it and you get a good meal, misuse it and you burn your house.

Most of us here have not been raised with the understanding of the importance of technology as today's children are. Today children at a very tender age get very comfortable with the usage of computer whereas we adults are barely aware of the basics of operating computers. This is called the 'Generation-Gap' and 'E-Raksha' will bridge this gap.

With E-Raksha, we can enable an E-Culture in our society. Today, awareness about Cyber Security is more relevant for Women, parents and our children. Mother being mentor for a child, it becomes even more important for her to be familiar with computing skills. Our respected Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Jee has also given a thought of 'Smart Citizen' and through this kind of seminar we will be able to change our Citizens into 'Netizens', who used the internet with awareness.

We have heard of so many instances wherein a wrong act was done by misusing internet. Now, is the time, we should take the ownership of helping our youth and distinguish between what is wrong and what is right? They are the most vulnerable part of our society. As elders we should not just pin point or rebuke them for their wrong deeds on internet.

With E-Raksha we can help them in understanding what should be done and what should not be done because Cyber-crime is gradually spreading in the society like a cancer and our young generation is an easy prey as they are unaware of what can possibly go wrong.

On this occasion, I would like to say that IPSOWA should take a step ahead and enable skill development along with E-Raksha by organizing Village-Camps in different districts of Jharkhand and empower women through computer skills. Apart from this, the local NGOs should be included in learning programs like cooking, handicraft, beauty profession and other skills.

I would like to conclude that this forum will be a great 'Start Up' for our society and especially for women. It will make them 'Economically Independent' because I believe that only with the 'Empowered Women', we will be able to make an 'Empowered Society' and with our collective efforts, we can achieve it.

Jai Hind!

Jai Jharkhand!