

Speech of His Excellency Shri M.O.H.Farook, Governor of Jharkhand on the occasion of Foundation laying ceremony of IDRIS MEMORIAL MEDICAL HOSTEL, BLOCK- II, under the aegis of Muslim Educational Development & Islamic Cultural Organization, Bariatu, Ranchi on 14th September, 2010 at 4.00 PM at Idris Medical Hostel, Bariatu, Ranchi.

Chief Justice of Madras High Court, Justice M.Y.Eqbal,, Janab Haji Hussain Ansari, former minister & Chairman, Haj Committee, Prof. A. K. Mahto, Director, Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr, Majeed Alam, President, Medico, representatives of media, ladies & Gentlemen;

It gives me immense pleasure to be part of this foundation laying ceremony of Idris Memorial Medical Hostel, Block II.

The Jharkhand State even after separation from Bihar in 2000 has remained one of the poorest states in North Eastern Zone of India despite the presence of natural, mineral and human resources.

Jharkhand state has in accordance with the priorities of 13th Five Year Plan embarked on the path of inclusive development which aims at equitable distribution of economic growth among all sections of the population. The coming up of IIM, Central University, Law University several ITIs in the state are the beginning steps towards the development.

The minorities are getting special attention through the Multi Sectoral Development Plans for minority-dominated districts. 6 out of such 90 districts fall in Jharkhand and it should be our endeavour to ensure proper utilization of funds coming to these districts.

The setting up of the Minorities Finance Commission is under the active consideration of State Government. The Wakf Board, the Jharkhand State Minorities Commission and Haj Committee are already in place. There are some shortcomings in coordination and functioning of these boards, which need to be sorted out soon.

I appeal to minority students to take active part in all spheres of life and take benefit of all educational schemes provided by the Central and state governments. The

importance of technical education for upliftment of the masses as a whole and especially the minorities can hardly be overemphasized.

As the Governor and Chancellor of Universities of Jharkhand I have special responsibilities towards higher education where "the gross enrolment ratio", particularly of the minorities needs to improve.

Even Prophet Mohammad (PBH) has stressed the need and value of educational wealth by stating "if you need to go to China for education, do go".

I am glad to see this hostel coming up, which will cater to the need of fifty students for their residential accommodation. We need more such hostels in different parts of the state to facilitate the education of students from remote areas. I congratulate Dr. Majeed Alam and his team for their outstanding contribution to the field of health services and health education and offer my best wishes for all their future endeavours.

Thank you,