

Speech of His Excellency The Governor of Jharkhand, Shri M.O.H.Farook on the occasion of inauguration of 51st Annual Conference of Association of Microbiologists of India (AIM) and International Symposium on "Cross-disciplinary Microbiology-Avenues and Challenges" on 14th December 2010 at Golden Jubilee Auditorium, BIT Mesra, Ranchi.

Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Subodh Kant Sahay ji,

Vice Chancellor BIT Mesra Prof.Ajay Chakrabarty

Vice Chancellor Central University of Jharkhand Prof. D.T.Khathing

President AMI Prof. Gaya Prasad

Other dignitaries on & off the dias,

Professors, Scientists, Students,

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am extremely happy to inaugurate the 51st Annual Conference of Association of Microbiologists of India and International Symposium on Cross-disciplinary Microbiology that is being organised, in East India after almost 4 decades, by BIT Mesra, Ranchi in collaboration with Central University of Jharkhand and Birsa Agricultural University Ranchi.

The Association of Microbiologists of India is an old & reputed scientific organization of the country which, since its inception in 1938, has contributed significantly towards development of microbiology, particularly in areas of research and commerce.

I understand that the purpose of the symposium is to provide a forum for presentation and exchange of current information on Recent Developments in Cross-disciplinary Microbiology. I am hopeful that the conference will be a good platform for collaboration amongst microbiologists, researchers, scientists and academicians to exchange research ideas and will discuss actively the recent

international and national achievements. AMI 2010 also needs to focus on various newer areas of biotechnological applications and bring together public health professionals to encourage the exchange of scientific and public health information. The topics included in the AMI- 2010 conference, I am sure, will greatly benefit Ph.D and postdoctoral students, entry level scientists and will also motivate young microbiologists and researchers to explore the possibility of exchanging the ideas for better development and contributions. More and more problems might be discovered and solved in the various disciplines of microbiological research using the tools of biotechnology, especially in the microbial genome projects. The presentations in this symposium will touch on some of these issues.

I am told that industrial and other relevant companies will also be showcasing their products and services during the exhibition and present their talk in the special sessions. Further, International workshop on recent developments in Next Generation Sequencing Technologies, useful for biodiversity studies, is also being held concurrently.

All these activities, taken together, will definitely expand and enlarge the frontiers of knowledge, experience and applications in the area of Microbiology & allied disciplines, which is the main purpose of such scientific intellectual endeavour.

I once again congratulate AMI & BIT Mesra, along with their collaborators Central University, Ranchi and Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi for organizing this Conference & International symposium at Ranchi and offer my best wishes for its success.

Thank you.