

**SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR OF JHARKHAND
ON THE OCCASION OF INAUGURATION OF NEWLY BUILT
TRAINING CENTRE AND CONFERENCE HALL AT RAMA KRISHNA
MISSION, RANCHI ON 14TH APRIL, 2010.**

Swami Shashankanand, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Ranchi, Shri L.R.Singh, CMD, Mecon, other office bearers and members of Rama Krishna Mission, Distinguished guests, Ladies & Gentlemen,

It gives me immense pleasure to inaugurate the newly built Training Centre and Conference Hall at this Divyayan Campus of Ram Krishna Mission Ashram, Ranchi.

Ramakrishna Mission, founded by the great Swami Vivekananda, the most beloved disciple of Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa Dev, is active all over the world spreading the idea of the potential divinity in all beings and ways to manifest it through action and thought, spreading the idea of harmony of all religions, treating all work as worship, and service to man as service to God.

Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Ranchi has, ever since its inception in 1927, been engaged in activities of economical upliftment of the poor people of target area, by spreading education, rendering Medical service, protecting local culture and inculcating moral and spiritual values in people.

The exemplary work done by R. K. Mission, Ranchi in the area of rural development is attracting the attention of many institutions and organizations who want to adopt the same methodology in carrying out the rural development activities to solve the problem of poverty and unemployment.

It is one of the challenges of our times that agriculture, which is the mainstay of our economy, is generally considered as vocation but not as profession or career. The educated rural youth no longer want to be engaged in their traditional calling i.e. farming. They are attracted to the urban life and want a job for easy way of life. They feel that, due to the constraints in agriculture like massive land degradation, vulnerability to drought, low productivity etc. farming is neither a profitable enterprise nor a dignified profession.

It is in this context that the work of R.K.Mission, acquires even greater significance since it has developed infrastructure and training modules that encourage the educated rural youths to learn scientific agriculture and other agribusiness, not as a vocation but as a profitable and dignified profession. The endeavour is to build

confidence in youth so that they willingly adopt the farming profession as a career and they feel pride in calling themselves farmers. Moreover, farming done through scientific way will fetch them higher incomes as well.

I am confident that the new class rooms inaugurated today together with the new certificate courses launched by R.K.Mission will give additional fillip to the movement towards scientific farming which, in turn, will bring reliance to our poor rural population.

Thank you.