

Speech of His Excellency Shri K. Sankaranarayanan, the Governor of Jharkhand on the occasion of inauguration of Expo Utsav 2009 at Town Hall Ranchi on 17th September, 2009.

It gives me immense pleasure to be here at the Inaugural Ceremony of Expo Utsav 2009 organized by Junior Chamber International Ranchi. I am told that Expo Utsav is being organized from the year 1996 and it has become not only the most popular Consumer Fair in the State but also an awaited event in the Social calendar of Ranchi. Expo Utsav provides a platform for manufacturers, dealers and consumers to freely interact and do business under one roof. It is also an opportunity to launch new products, offer new promotions & introduce new trends & ideas into the market.

I congratulate Junior Chamber International Ranchi for providing opportunity to young people to develop their leadership skills, social responsibility and fellowship necessary to create positive change. Apart from opportunities for self development I am told that JCI Ranchi is also involved in many types of social activities like social service at villages & school and periodic Blood Donation & health Camps.

India is a young nation with over 50% of the population being below 35 years of age. The hopes, dreams and aspirations of the nation rest on the youth and its through organizations like JCI and through

ventures like Expo Utsav 2009 that the energy of our youth is harnessed in a creative way.

With these words I inaugurate this Expo Utsav 2009 and hope that it becomes a grand success for all stakeholders. I also extend to you all my greetings and best wishes for a very happy *Id, Dusherra* and *Durga Puja*.

Thank you.

Jai Hind.