

Speech of His Excellency Shri M.O.H.Farook, the Governor of Jharkhand on the occasion of College Annual Function as well as the National Conference on "Global Warming and Environmental Conservation" in Marwari College, Ranchi on 28.2.2011.

Dr. A.A.Khan, Vice Chancellor, Dr.V.P.Sharan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Officers of the University, Principal of Marwari College, Distinguished delegates to the National Conference on Global Warming and Environment Conservation; Teachers, students, ladies & gentlemen,

I am delighted to inaugurate this magnificent auditorium on the occasion of College Annual Function as well as the National Conference on Global Warming and Environmental Conservation.

I am told that eminent scientists and scholars from different parts of India are participating in the Seminar. This is decidedly one of the most vital issues before the National policy makers. A number of summits have taken place globally, the latest being the Kankun and Copenhagen summits. But these have failed to come to any concrete resolution. The problem is of global concern as countries contributing heavily to global warming are the advanced ones who discharge huge amounts of green house gases but they want to throw the blame on developing countries. The BASIC countries (Brazil, South Africa, India and China) have unitedly and boldly opposed attempts by developed countries to retard out developmental plans in the name of environmen conservation.

It is quite relevant that the problem is being discussed in our educational institutions. This will help in educating our younger generations about the gravity of the problem. I hope and wish this conference arrives at some constructive conclusions.

This is my first to Marwari College & I must use this opportunity to express my satisfaction at all round progress that this college has made during the last decade. I congratulate the Principal, faculty members and non-teaching staff who have put in their best to bring this institution to its present position of glory.

As you know, the Government of India increased the budgetary allocation on Education from 7.68% of total budget in the 10th Five Year Plan to 19.29% in the 11th Five

Year Plan. Our Prime Minister rightly called the 11th Plan as our “National Education Plan”. On Higher Education this increase is six times the budgetary allocation in the 10th Five Year Plan. The Planning Commission observed in its intent paper, I quote “Higher Education will be a key driver in an increasingly globalized and knowledge driven world and we need to increase the enrollment rates in Higher Education (percentage of the 18-23 age group enrolled in higher education institutes) from 11% to 21% in 10 years.”

The onus of bringing qualitative improvement in higher education lies solely on institutions like yours. The widening gap between the demand and availability of quality education has led to the mushroom growth of private institutions especially those offering job-oriented courses. Invariably they charge huge amounts as tuition fees in return for not so good education. Responsibility of public sector institutions like yours has wider dimensions in imparting quality education at affordable cost. I am of the opinion that in this tribal belt, where the paying capacity of guardians is limited, we need to have many more good institutions like yours.

I am glad to learn that the University Grants Commission has sanctioned Rs. 1.50 crores to for the rest of the 11th Plan period for your college under the Scheme “College with Potential for Excellence”. In the 12th Five Year Plan beginning 1st of April 2012 you will definitely get much more. This shows that availability of funds is not a problem. The real problem lies in judicious and prudent utilization of the funds. If due to inaction, indifference, incompetence, or for that matter to any reason, you fail to utilize the sanctioned grants, you lose your claims for the future and thus deprive the thousands of your students of their legitimate right to receive quality education and proper facilities like books, laboratories and those needed for promoting co-curricular activities. You must not forget that students are the very purpose of any educational institution just as patients are the purpose of hospitals, and people at large are the purpose of governments.

Concomitantly with providing modern facilities and introduction of new courses as per demands of the society, there is need for teachers to update themselves; I therefore call upon the academia to widen their field of knowledge; to contribute substantially to their field of specialization by undertaking research projects and to train themselves in

state of art delivery system. Seminars & conferences of the kind being held today is a step in the right direction.

Once again I convey my appreciation at the strides taken by Marwari College towards fulfilling its mandate for higher education in this backward tribal region and offer best wishes to the success of the seminar on Global Warming & Environmental Conservation.

Thank you.