

**SPEECH OF H.E. THE GOVERNOR OF BIHAR, SRI RAM NATH  
KOVIND FOR INAUGURATION OF THE CATH LAB  
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Prominent personalities sitting on dias in the inaugural ceremony of Cath Lab installation at Ram Krishna Mission Sevashrama Charitable Hospital Vrindavan, Sri R.B. Agrawal, Group Chairman, Dhanuka Agritech Ltd., Sri Suresh Sharma , CMD, Allengers Medical Systems Ltd. Suprakshananda (सुप्रक्षानन्द जी) Secretary Ram Krishna Mission Vrindavan, Rev. Swami Nityasuddhananda (नित्य शुद्धानन्द जी) Maharaj Ji, Sri Venkatramanan Ji, Sri Ramu Sitaram Deora Ji, Shri R.L. Handa Ji, Distinguished guests, Media representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It gives me immense pleasure to be among you all today for the inauguration of the Cath Lab of Ramakrishna Mission, which is well-known and is well-admired by one and all in India and also abroad. I am happy to know that this Vrindavan branch centre of the Mission is rendering its services for the past 109 years, relentlessly through its Charitable Hospital and Free School of Nursing. I am also pleased to know that much of its services are rendered either

fully free or at concessional rates to all the patients.

Undoubtedly, this Sevashrama is doing a commendable job for the benefit of the local people by providing them free medical services through many of the departments of the charitable hospital. It is needless to say, every medical facility needs quality services of nurses apart from doctors. They are the backbone of patient care in a hospital.

In the days where healthcare is becoming costlier day-by-day with a variety of new equipment and newer techniques, proportionately the difficulties for the poor are increasing in magnitude to avail suitable medical facilities. Though, thousands of hospitals are sprouting, eventually there is no respite for a poor man. Government lacks quality while private hospitals are not affordable for a common man. Moreover, many private hospitals provide only specialty services.

It is needless to say that non-governmental organizations like Ramakrishna Mission play a vital role in this scenario. The services of Ramakrishna Mission do not need any introduction to the educated community of the

country. Among its multifarious activities the focus is always on health and education. The holy land of Vrindavan blessed by the holy foot touch of Lord Krishna attracts pilgrims from around the globe.

The Mission started in the name of Bhagawan Sri Ramakrishna to uplift the human beings individually as well as collectively at their social as well as spiritual levels fulfils the necessities of one and all irrespective of caste, creed and religion. I am much pleased to know that the hospital offers medicines, bed charge and diet –all free to the patients admitted in the General Wards which consists of more than 75% of total number of beds of the hospital.

Here, the patients are worshipped as ‘Rogi Narayanas’ –the Lord in the form of patients. This is the living example of the teachings of Swami Vivekananda who says ‘Feel for the downtrodden, feel for the poor. Who serves Jiva serves God indeed.’ It is this spirit of service which makes this institution stand apart from all others. The immense positive waves beaming out of this institution spread far and wide in relieving the sufferings of the people-physically as well as mentally.

Friends, you will agree with me that the provision of high-quality, affordable, health care services is an increasingly difficult challenge in the present scenario. India, amidst the booming hype of competing with the developing countries, is slowly emerging as an economic superpower. Among other things, the emphasis is obviously laid on education and health. Healthcare will not realize its full potential unless change making becomes an intrinsic part of everyone's job, every day, in all parts of the system.

I hope that the institutions like Ramakrishna Mission play a vital role in fulfilling the vision of a New India –an India with full of vigour, equal opportunities, prosperous, technologically advanced –in short Rama Rajya as we envisage it to be.

It is a matter of satisfaction that this Sevashrama is also providing free education to all the nursing students of this School of Nursing. No doubt, it is a blessing towards the women empowerment in India. The Sevashram's contribution towards the supply of quality nurses is highly commendable.

I congratulate the entire team of Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama for their dedicated efforts to serve the humanity in the true sense of the term.

I believe this Sevashrama will go a long way in serving the society with much more enthusiasm in future too. I express my heartfelt gratitude to the organizers including Shri R.L. Handa Ji for giving me the privilege of inaugurating the Cath Lab in service of the ailing cardiac patients. Thanking you all.

Jai Hind

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