

CJI focuses on 'dark side' of growth

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New Delhi: Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi on Friday said the "single-minded focus on economic boom" post-liberalisation had resulted in several environmental and human rights disasters in India and it was time for the corporate sector to support the efforts of the government and civil society to usher in social justice in the true sense.

"Although the letter of the Constitution remains the same (for social justice and equality), the economic structure ever since the early 1990s transformed, leading to growth at rapid pace... But single-minded, unbridled fo-

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RANJAN GOGOI | CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA

cus on economic boom has resulted in several infamous environmental and human rights-related disasters in India — incidents that have made the public rethink the uncritical approach to investment and enterprise without imposing any additional regulations or obligations," he said while delivering the APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture on 'Social

Justice and Corporate Social Responsibility' organised by Assocham here.

Justice Gogoi quoted B R Ambedkar's lines, "In our social and economic life, we shall, by reason of our social and economic structure, continue to deny the principle of one man one value. How long shall we continue to live this life of contradictions? How long shall we continue to de-

ny equality in our social and economic life? We must remove this contradiction at the earliest possible moment or else those who suffer from inequality will blow up the structure of political democracy which this (Constituent) Assembly has so laboriously built up."

Referring to the Bhopal gas tragedy and the "environmental fiasco in the form of Bicchri village, Dehradun, quarrying cases", he said these provide a springboard for any discussion of corporate social responsibility in India. The CJI refused to bracket corporate social responsibility with philanthropy. Justice Gogoi said CSR should start focussing on human rights issues.



CJI Ranjan Gogoi at the A P J Abdul Kalam memorial lecture in Delhi. *Anil Sharma*

CJI calls for more CSR spending for social justice

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AT THE second annual Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture on Friday, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi called for increased CSR spending to promote social justice in the country.

"It would be a narrow reading of the Constitution to say that only the state has to look into issues of social justice. It is a fundamental duty of all citizens," he said. He identified juvenile justice and education of girls as two key areas where CSR intervention would yield results.

The lecture was organised by Assocham India on the theme "Social Justice and Corporate Social Responsibility". The CJI also released a special publication on the life of the former president.

The first edition of the lecture was delivered in August last year by then CJI Dipak Misra.

Corporate role vital in juvenile justice drive: CJI

NEW DELHI, JULY 12

Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi today called upon the corporate sector to contribute to the juvenile justice movement by taking part in the education and training of child inmates for their integration into the mainstream.

Speaking at the 2nd Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture instituted by the ASSOCHAM here, he noted that the stakeholders associated with the movement across the country will welcome any such move on behalf of the

corporate sector in selflessly contributing to the upliftment of this marginalised and vulnerable section of society.

He said corporate social responsibility (CSR) goes beyond charity and requires the companies and businesses to act beyond their legal obligations and to integrate social, environmental and ethical concerns into a company's business process.

"Therefore, corporates need to look beyond government-initiated development programs and take charge of



CJI Ranjan Gogoi delivers APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture in New Delhi. TRIBUNE PHOTO

initiatives aimed towards improving the health and standard of living of our people. Besides, even from a utilitarian point of view, corporate enterprises have to apply 'ethics as efficiency' as they cannot be ignorant to the fact that a growing number of people are concerned about social and environmental problems," he said.

The CJI said the juvenile justice movement revolves around efforts to shelter and look after abandoned or trafficked children, and to take

care of their well-being, education and growth as individuals.

"However, one area that seeks more attention of the juvenile justice movement in our country is the education and training of the child inmates of shelter homes, with a view to prepare them for life, for integration with the mainstream society upon their attaining majority when they are required to step out of the shelter homes, and move beyond the protection of the juvenile justice laws of the country," he said. —PTI

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