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-related 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 focus 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 vote. How long shall we continue to live this life of contradictions? How long shall we continue to deny 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 flasco in the form of Bhopal village, Dehradun, quarreling 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 APJ Abdul Kalam memorial lecture in Delhi, A-nil Sharma

CJI calls for more CSR spending for social justice

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AT THE second annual Dr APJ 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.
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