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Start Up C'garh to take State a step ahead of others: CM

Asserting that youth in Chhattisgarh have geared-up to become job provider rather than becoming job seeker, Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh said, he hopes that the efforts by these youths will take Chhattisgarh to a level where it will become a medium to show the path of progress to the world. With the initiation of Start Up Chhattisgarh, Dr Singh is hoping that these youths will make progress not only in the social sector but also in economic, industry and service sectors, he added.

These views were expressed by Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh while launching Start Up Chhattisgarh Scheme on Tuesday at Shri Shankaracharya Institute of Professional Management and Technology, Raipur. He said from the enthusiasm he is seeing among the youths, it can be easily gauged that within no time that Start Up Chhattisgarh will be a grand success. He said, "Our Youth are ready to walk on the path shown by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and they will be the flag-bearers of Start Up India." Calling upon the budding entrepreneurs the Chief Minister said, "We must not hesitate to face the failures while implementing our business idea. The seed that dares to go inside the ground faces harsh storms and heat of sun, later grows into a tree and provides fruits and shadow."

Chief Minister apart from announcing several sops for the entrepreneurs who will be launching their enterprises here in Chhattisgarh, he launched the Logo, poster, website and work-plan booklet. The Chief Minister said the new ideas, new innovations will be taken up through the help of Start Up Chhattisgarh. Altogether 14 special camps will be held throughout the state, from where 3000 innovative ideas will be short-listed in the first phase which will be completed in next 4 months. Of these, 300 best innovative ideas will be selected for further initiative. Of these 300 ideas, 36 best ideas will be specially selected for their establishment in Chhattisgarh with special assistance from Global Business Incubator (P) Ltd.

Chief Minister said the youth can develop new ideas which can address the problems of over 2.5 crore people in the state. He said the youth here have no dearth of ideas, need is to promote such entrepreneurs. He called upon the youth to develop ideas keeping in mind the requirement of market so that service and facilitations can be provided to people at low

cost. He said by introducing new ideas in Public Distribution System, we have made the system transparent.

Now, we are progressing towards next generation PDS where a ration/smart card holder can procure his ration from any shop.

Similarly, initiative had been taken towards expansion of rail connectivity in the state and in this direction Special Purpose Vehicles have been constituted with SAIL, NMDC, Railways, Chhattisgarh government and Coal India and in next 3 years 540 kms of rail tracks will be functional in the state.

Speaking on the occasion Industry and Commerce Minister Amar Agrawal said Chhattisgarh is the first state which had given skill development rights to the youth and have established livelihood colleges in 27 districts so that youths can get themselves trained in jobs of their choice and become entrepreneurs. Chief Secretary Vivek Dhand called upon the youths to develop new ideas in core sector like coal, steel, power, cement, etc. He said Chhattisgarh was first to develop Innovation Incubation Policy.

Present on the occasion were Industry Secretary Subodh Kumar Singh, Global Business Incubator (P) Ltd Chairman Srinivas Gogineni, Dr K Lakshmi Narayana Director APSSDC and I P Mishra, Chairman Gangajali Education – the promoters of Shankracharya Group of Institutions.