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This is the first occasion since the institution of the Annual Awards in 1978 that we are meeting without respected Ramkrishnaji Bajaj in our midst. The glorious traditions of philanthropy and constructive work which were the most distinguishing features of my grandfather Pujya Jamnalalji were inherited by his two sons, my father Shri Kamalnayanji and my uncle Shri Ramkrishnaji. The Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation was set up in 1975 to further the cause of constructive work on Gandhian lines by instituting Awards for recognizing such work.

Shri Ramkrishnaji was the life and soul of the Foundation and the path breaking work he inspired and initiated in the promotion of the constructive movement, the improvement of the quality of life of the people through programmes of rural and economic development, the application of science and technology to rural development and in the delicate but all important field of the promotion of Gandhian values abroad has won him wide acclaim not only in this country but also abroad.

The light lit by Jamnalalji and nursed with care by Ramkrishnaji will not be allowed to be dimmed and the traditions of constructive work which are the hallmark of the Bajaj Group will be carried on equally vigorously through the Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation, the various Trusts and the Companies belonging to the Group.

It is a matter of satisfaction to all of us in the Foundation that the Annual Jamnalal Bajaj Awards have become a prestigious conferment because of the outstanding qualities of its awardees, the rigorous and totally impartial method of selection of the awardees and the impact that it has created for the continued development of constructive work, transforming rural development through science and technology, upliftment of women and children and the promotion of Gandhian values as a panacea for social evils as well as for the establishment of National and International harmony.

I would like to express on behalf of the entire Bajaj Parivar our gratitude for having been given the opportunity to participate in the stupendous and rewarding task of the transformation of our countryside and for the improvement of the quality of life of all people.

