

'Bharat is My Home' is an extract from the speech Zakir Hussain gave in 1967 after taking the oath as President. In this speech he pledges to be loyal to the nation and work for its welfare.

Initially, he expresses his gratefulness to the people for the faith they had placed in him to elect him the head of nation. He further acknowledges Dr. Radha Krishnan for having brought to Indian Presidency, rare jewel of knowledge, learning and wide experience. He says that Radhakrishnan trusted essential humanity in man and has always promoted the right of people to live with dignity, with justice.

He then assures us that he has come to this office in a spirit of humbleness and devotion. He takes oath to abide by the constitution and he pledges himself to the service of the timeless, independent values which people have realised through the cultural elements. According to him past is not still and dead, it is active and it gives place to the determination of quality at present and expectations of future. The continuous freshening of this process is related to cultural and moral growth of nation. He says that education is the main equipment of national purpose. He pledges himself to the loyalty of our past culture; to the service of the oneness of the nation's culture, to the loyalty of country. He pledges himself to work for strength, progress and welfare of nation with discrimination on any basis. He states that Bharat is his home and its citizens are his family members and he would try his best to make this home better for the people who are doing the work of making life graceful, prosperous and peaceful. He requests the people to contribute in the development of and to do their work sincerely to reconstruct cultural life of our people. says that the work has two major aspects; work on one's self and work for . They both are mutually related. If we start working at individual level then only the progress of society is possible and just like that, without a society, an individual progress will be meaningless. He says that the dual effort at individual and society level will do a special favour to India and it will be organization of power, it will be organization of morality about with Gandhi shared his views.

At last Dr. Jakir Hussain says that he has faith in his people that they would give a satisfactory result of the dual task and he would be proud to contribute to it.