

Remarks by High Commissioner Ruchira Kamboj on the inauguration of Kitchen and Dining Room facilities at the Ramakrishna Abalindi Home, Inanda, South Africa on 17 October 2017

Respected Minister;
Swamiji;
Pastor Sibisi;
Consul General of India to Durban;
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty.

Through its untiring efforts and working ceaselessly, noiselessly and diligently, the Ramakrishna Abalindi Home brings hope and succor, seeking in the process, as Mahatma Gandhi had said, to wipe a tear from the eye of the needy in KwaZulu Natal Province.

Think of the poorest person you have ever seen, Gandhiji would say, and ask if your next act will be of any use to him. That message resonates as we are at the Home today.

May I congratulate both Swamiji and Pastor Sibisi for the outstanding collaboration, we are confident that the spirit of selfless service which in fact is the *raison d'être* of the Ramakrishna Mission will continue to infuse your activities going forward.

India is delighted to be associated with this welfare project. We are honoured indeed that Minister General V.K. Singh is here to inaugurate the project and to formally dedicate this to the people of KwaZulu Natal Province.

Thank You.