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Presidential Speech

By

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My dear students, Parents

Ladies and Gentlemen

Johar!

It gives me immense pleasure to preside over the 28th Convocation of BIT Mesra today. First and foremost, my heartiest congratulations to all the degree recipients of BIT Mesra on their accomplishment of acquiring knowledge and resulting into award of degree. My greetings to the great teachers who have worked very hard in shaping the young minds. I also congratulate all the parents who have inspired their children towards studies and provided them the resources and environment for their growth.

My Dear Students, Convocation is an occasion for celebration. For the degree recipients this occasion represents a major milestone of your careers. As you leave this campus, you have a whole new world of opportunities ahead of you. Being bright technocrats, I am sure that many of you would consider setting up your own ventures to give shape to your innovative ideas. In doing so, avail the benefits of Government of India schemes like Start-up India/Stand-up India that encourage innovation and entrepreneurship. Through your enterprise you shall become creators of Jobs and add economic value to the society. Being BIT-ian, you should aspire to achieve the best not only for yourself and your families but also for society and the nation and

world at large. I am sure that you will not hesitate in taking up worthy challenges in your careers.

Birla Institute of Technology, as a globally acknowledged institution, has been doing exemplary work in imparting knowledge to the students for many decades. Over the years, the Institute has not only nurtured technocrats, researchers and managers but also sculpted them to be good human beings, ready to take up the challenges and surmount any difficulties. India is forging ahead in Engineering and Technological innovations and BIT has made many notable contributions.

Trained manpower is needed at different levels and therefore institutions like BIT could look at the possibilities of imparting specific technical skills to the people in those areas of this state of Jharkhand where large projects are being established.

There is immense potential for industrial growth in this region. Trained youth from Engineering Institutes or from the field of Business Management should surely be motivated enough to initiate their own enterprises, thereby creating employment opportunities for others to move forward. This was well reflected in recently concluded Investor's summit in Jharkhand. The wonderful climatic conditions, simple and hardworking people, thrust towards better infrastructure and readily available technical and managerial human resource shall indeed ensure that.

BIT is one of the premier institutes of the country and has been contributing in the development of the nation. I expect that it will continue to do so in future with renewed vigour and enthusiasm. The technological expertise of its students, teachers as well as alumni can surely go a long way in ensuring social uplift and advancement for the state and the nation.

Dear students, keep on upgrading and honing your skill sets and broadening your knowledge base constantly so that you have a holistic approach towards growth. As you compete globally, the local imperatives, both economic and social, cannot be overlooked. Societal development and upliftment of the marginalized should be the ultimate goal of a human being. Always aspire to give back to the society more than what you have gained from it.

Knowledge and innovation are the keystones of progress. Competitive advantage can be derived from an eco-system conducive to new learning, research and innovation. Inter-disciplinary approach in course curricula and research, strengthening under-graduate research and making research integral to the teaching-learning process must garner focused attention.

“Don’t resist change but embrace it whole heartedly”. Wander out to the unexplored and uncharted territories, expecting, absorbing and creating change synthesizing something novel and original.

You are graduating into a job market that is evolving every day. You live in a time when advances in technology and communications puts the world at your fingertips. Your generation is uniquely poised for success unlike any before it.

You must build strong linkages with the industry. An industry-interface cell must be in place. The cell must engage itself in sponsoring of chair positions by industry; drafting of experts from industry in project guidance and curriculum design; and setting up of incubation centres, laboratories and research parks. Success of initiatives like ‘Make in India’ hinges on manufacturing quality industrial products where academia-industry interface would play a critical role.

“Quest for Excellence” should be the ultimate goal of every student. I therefore urge all the graduates that you should keep this as the central theme of your life.

Also I want to add that our technical institutions apart from being these centres of scientific learning, must induce social orientation in their students. They must help build consciousness amongst our budding engineers and scientists. Developing pool of professional, bright and motivated youth who will use their knowledge and ingenuity to find solutions to socio-economic problems.

Our higher educational institutions are an integral part of the local ecosystem. They must assume greater responsibility for overall development of their region. The Government has taken important initiatives, aimed at financial inclusion, creation of model villages, Clean India and digital infrastructure. I am confident that BIT will take active part in this drive. I also call upon you to play a key role in realizing the objectives of the ‘Digital India’ programme in this region.

Before concluding, let me say that higher educational institutions, particularly engineering institutes, must promote a scientific temperament and a spirit of inquiry in their students. They must encourage their students to follow their curiosity and explore their creativity. They must equip their students to think beyond their textbooks, spur ingenious ideas in them.

Once again, I wish all the students the very best for the future. I also wish the management and faculty good luck for their endeavours.

Thank You,

Jai Hind! Jai Jharkhand!