

**Speech of Hon'ble Governor-cum-Chancellor of Universities of Jharkhand on the occasion of XXIV Convocation of B.I.T., Ranchi on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014.**

**Dr. Arup Roy Choudhury, Chairman and Managing Director, N.T.P.C.,**

**Prof. M.K. Mishra, Vice Chancellor,**

**The dignitaries present on the dais,**

**Invited guests,**

**Faculty, staff members,**

**Members of the Press and Media,**

**My Dear students,**

**Ladies and Gentleman**

**I extend my best wishes to all degree recipients on this auspicious day. Your hard work, curiosity and social and other skills that you learnt here, should have prepared you well for the life ahead. I would also like to congratulate the Parents, the Teachers and all those**

who, in their own way, have contributed in leading you on towards this auspicious day.

It is a matter of satisfaction for this Institute that its alumni have been significant contributors. This convocation ceremony is truly a proud moment for you all as well as for your alma mater.

The Birla Institute of Technology has shown an exemplary commitment, since its inception, towards furthering the cause of higher education in the country. The programmes ranging from Engineering & Technology to many courses are geared to provide opportunities to youngsters to choose and progress in their desired field of activity.

The several campuses established by the Institute over the last five decades have served to provide similar opportunities to youngsters for obtaining quality higher education, not only in different parts of the country and also in foreign countries. The most valuable assets of any country are not its geographical features or its

**wealth alone. Rather it is the human resources, which are indeed tempered in Institutions like BIT.**

**In this time where technological innovations are becoming the drivers of social change, much is expected out of young professionals like you. The young engineers must realize that initially the global organizations came to India for the cost advantage; they stayed on for the quality, and are now investing for the innovation. We have been moving up the value chain which requires unremitting effort and commitment. You have to steadfastly remain focused on quality and innovation.**

**As you compete globally, you should take care never to lose sight of the local imperatives, both business and social. Bringing an improvement in the quality of life of your fellow citizens is always the larger goal. Always make that much extra effort to give back to the society more than what you have gained from it.**

**Growth cannot be sustained without social equity. Opportunities have to be created for all sections of the population for equipping them with the necessary tools for gainful employment. 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 the large projects are being established.**

**Premier Technical Institutes like BIT Mesra, have to remain dedicated to the mission of advancement of technological knowledge in an integrated fashion. It has larger role to play in the fulfillment of its objectives which are to create better environment.**

**I once again extend my best wishes to the degree holder students and entire BIT community on this day.**

**I wish you good luck in all your ventures.**

**Jai Hind!**

**Jai Jharkhand!**