

# Presidential Speech

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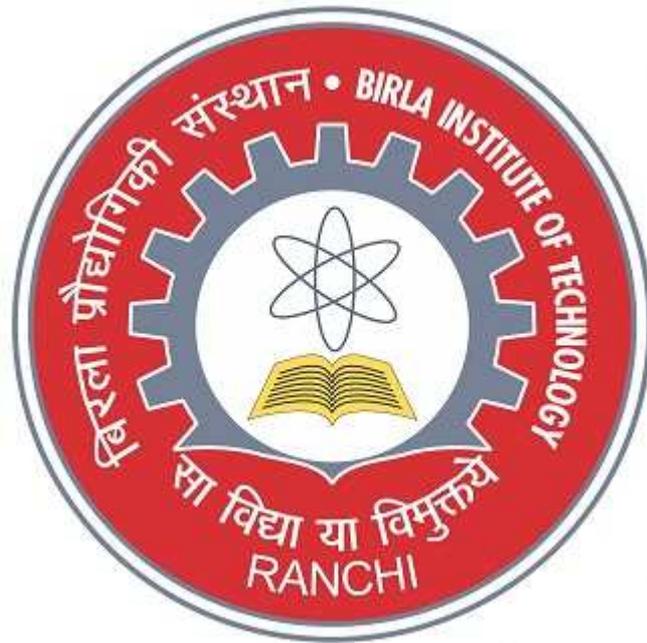
Smt. Droupadi Murmu

Hon'ble Governor-cum-Chancellor

Universities of Jharkhand

On the occasion of

XXVI Convocation of



**Birla Institute of Technology**

**Mesra, Ranchi - 835 215**

**Jharkhand, India**

**On**

**10<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

**Most Respected Hon'ble President of India Shri  
Pranab Mukherjee Sir**

**Shri Raghubar Das, Chief Minister of Jharkhand**

**Shri C.K. Birla, Chairman, Board of Governors,  
Birla Institute of Technology**

**Prof. M.K. Mishra, Vice Chancellor, B.I.T., Mesra**

**Dignitaries and Invited Guests**

**Faculty and Staff members of B.I.T.**

**Representative of Print and Electronic Media**

**My dear students**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

**Johar!**

**On the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee  
celebration and 26<sup>th</sup> convocation, I feel  
immensely honoured to preside this function in**

presence of the Most Respected Honourable President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee. A powerful orator and scholar, Shri Mukherjee's intellectual and political prowess as well as remarkable knowledge of international relations, financial affairs and parliamentary process are widely admired. Our President Sir is a man of unparalleled experience in governance with the rare distinction of having served at different times as Foreign, Defence, Commerce and Finance Minister.

At the outset, this historic convocation of B.I.T., Mesra offers us a splendid opportunity to welcome Hon'ble President of India to this mineral rich state of Jharkhand blessed with natural beauty. Sir, your presence here is a source of great strength and inspiration to all of us. I would like to congratulate all degree recipients. I would also like to congratulate the parents, the

teachers and all those who, in their own way, have contributed to your success.

Birla Institute of Technology as a globally acknowledged institution has been doing exemplary work in imparting knowledge to the students for the last sixty years. Over the years, the Institute has not only nurtured technocrats, researchers and managers but also sculpted them to be a good human being, ready to take up the challenges and surmount any difficulties. Times have changed and India is forging ahead in Engineering and Technological innovations. The young professionals like you have greater exposure and opportunities and much is expected of you.

Illuminated 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. There is immense potential for industrial growth in this region. The wonderful climatic conditions, simple and hardworking people, thrust towards better infrastructure and readily available technical and managerial human resource shall indeed ensure that.

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.

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.

Dear students, keep on upgrading and honing your skills 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.

Echoing John F. Kennedy's words that "Change is the law of life". I want to stress on a sincere advice to all the students present here, "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. Let your mind remain ignited and your spirits high and using Swami Vivekananda's words "Arise! Awake! and stop not till the goal is reached".

My dear students, you have earned well deserved degrees with great effort and dedication. Once again, I wish you good luck in all your future endeavours and would like to end up with one observation. As they say that it is always better to be a student than the professor of the subject; keep this spirit of studentship alive throughout your life.

Thank You,

Jai Hind!