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Shri Nandan M. Nilekani, Chairman, U.I.D.A.I., Dr. P.K. Barhai, Vice Chancellor, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen and my dear students.

I would like to congratulate all of you who are graduating today. Your hard work, curiosity and social and other skills that you learnt here, should have prepared you well for the life ahead. I wish you all success in meeting all your worthy goals of the future. I would also like to congratulate the Parents, the Teachers, the Mentors and all those who, in their own way, have contributed in leading you on towards this auspicious day.

At this function, I want to ask you the purpose of the education? I believe that it goes beyond earning your bread. Every generation takes the society a few steps forward through

new solutions, fresh approach and so on. You need to have a holistic outlook and approach. The earlier rigid boundaries of the subjects and programmes are melting into a paradigm which requires an inter-disciplinary approach. Only when one sees the bigger picture can one find appropriate solutions for addressing the challenges that the society is facing. You need to be ready to work in teams, therefore, it is important that you respect the knowledge and experience of others and be more open and receptive of each other.

The State of Jharkhand around has 40% of the country's mineral reserves. This, however, has not so far translated into equitable and inclusive growth opportunities for its residents. The possibilities for growth of this well-endowed State are immense. You need to work and contribute towards betterment of the situation not only through your professional work, but also as concerned citizens and example for others not so fortunate or favoured as you.

The Chief Guest of today's function Shri Nandan Nilekani epitomizes the excellence in professional capabilities and dedication of

Indians. He is truly a role model for the youth. I hope that many of you, graduating today, shall make an effort to emulate him both in inculcating a spirit and dedication towards entrepreneurship coupled with a vast social commitment.

My best wishes go with you. May you never stop the learning process, academic as well as non-academic and most of all, always have the right attitude.

Good Luck to all of you.