

**SPEECH OF HON'BLE SHRI M.O.H. FAROOK HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR OF JHARKHAND CUM CHANCELLOR ON THE
OCCASION OF XXI CONVOCATION OF BIT MESRA ON 24th
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The Chief Guest of today's function Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, Hon'ble Former President of India, Members of the General Council & Board of Governors, Vice Chancellor of the Institute Dr. Ajay Chakrabarty, distinguished guests, ladies & gentlemen and my dear students.

First & foremost, I convey my heartiest congratulations to the degree recipients on successful completion of their academic programmes in various disciplines of Engineering, Technology, Architecture, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Management. The years of toil and labour in pursuit of intellectual excellence has brought you today to the gateway of all your future dreams and achievements.

I also congratulate all the Parents, all the faculty members, staff members and other employees of the Institute, who have directly or indirectly contributed in this process.

This Institute, The Birla Institute of Technology, has a rich legacy of nurturing academic excellence. Founded in 1955 by the Philanthropist-Industrialist Late B M Birla, BIT Mesra is in the forefront of technical education on account of its wonderfully endowed campus with all the ultra-modern facilities, its conducive academic environment, its distinguished faculty and its bright students from all over the country. The graduates of BIT (Mesra) quite naturally are, therefore, contributing in their chosen field of activity with distinction in different parts of the world.

The world is evolving fast and this time it is the fast growing economies like India which are being looked upon to create a new

economic order, both progressive as well as equitable. The engineers and managers of today are the instruments of this change. India has changed over the last two decades into one of the fastest growing economies in the world. To sustain this pace of growth and to take it faster requires a sustained endeavour, a high level of consciousness and a compassion and empathy for the society that we all are a part of.

My dear young graduates, I call on you to seek inspiration from the leaders in the domain of science and technology across the world. We are fortunate that one such leader, one of the foremost champions of science and technology is present here amongst us as the Chief Guest of today's function. Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam has indeed epitomized excellence, and not just in his field of study, but well beyond. He has inspired a generation of Indians. He has connected with the younger generation more than anyone has ever before and has defined and documented the Vision 2020 on how India can emerge to be among the world's first four economic powers. His sheer presence, I am sure, would inspire many of you to pursue technological missions which would have a positive impact on the lives of your fellow citizens.

While many of you graduates would be serving different organisations, many, I sincerely hope, would also have the goal of becoming job creators. The overall economic environment that India provides today is a very fertile ground for budding entrepreneurs. Indians of your senior generation have proven themselves well across the world as technocrats and managers.

The time has come now to prove ourselves as inventors and innovators. To create this kind of a culture, we also need impetus from Institutions like BIT which should modulate the classroom and lab

learning's so as to nurture amongst students the spirit of enquiry and to instill in them the commitment towards lifelong learning. Do remember that every particle of dust has some knowledge to impart, if only there is someone to ask for it, there are many doors longing to open, if only someone will knock at them or as Maulana Rumi has so eloquently said "the water itself is in search of those who have a thirst to quench".

This State of Jharkhand is the land of riches as well as immense possibilities for growth. It is already well endowed with resources, both in terms of its mineral wealth as well as leading academic institutions. It is hoped that the engineers and managers passing out of the hallowed precincts of institutions like BIT shall be the engines of growth for this state.

As all you graduates move ahead in your career paths, always make an effort to be conscious of the societal needs and be aware of the possibilities that this world provides you for making a contribution. Always make that little bit of an extra effort that is constantly required to be a better human being. Make progress every day, both personal as well as professional. Every generation much endeavour to leave behind more than it has received.

My best wishes go with you. May you never stop the learning process, acquiring of new skills -academic as well as non-academic and most of all, always have the right attitude. I wish you success in all your future endeavours.

Good Luck to all of you.