

Convocation Address at Ranchi University, Ranchi

(on March 15, 2024)

I touch and salute the holy feet of Bhartmatha.

Johar! Namaskar!

1. I warmly greet everyone here today at the 37th convocation ceremony of Ranchi University, Ranchi. Heartiest congratulations to all the degree recipients! Today is a momentous occasion, celebrating your hard work and dedication. I also extend my greetings to the dedicated teachers and mentors who have guided you on this journey and to the parents whose support has been invaluable.
2. Dear students, remember that learning is a lifelong journey as you step into the next chapter of your life. Success requires hard work, resilience, and a willingness to embrace new opportunities. Failure is not a setback but a chance to learn and grow; as our former President and the "Missile Man," Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, once said, 'Don't rest after your first victory; if you fail, there's always room to try again.'
3. In today's world, we are living in a knowledge-based society. Knowledge is not only necessary but also essential for human progress and development. It empowers us to make a difference, both personally and professionally. Let us remember the words of Swami Vivekananda, who emphasized the importance of education for the holistic development of

individuals. He believed that education should be accessible to all, regardless of their social status or background. Swamijee advocated for a system that empowers individuals to break free from poverty and inequality.

4. A university bears a significant responsibility for preparing the youth of a nation by furnishing them with quality education. Throughout history, the progress of human civilizations attests to the notion that the advancement of any nation hinges upon the competence of its educated populace. A nation with ambitions of global leadership must boast citizens who are intellectually astute, physically robust, ethically upright, culturally rooted, and spiritually harmonious. Hence, universities are pivotal in nurturing well-rounded individuals capable of steering their nation toward a prosperous and enlightened future.

5. As a nation, India has been known to the world for producing the best teachers, philosophers, astronomers, mathematicians, scientists, linguists, etc., who have contributed significantly to the uplift of humanity in all walks of life since ancient times. The entire world is looking towards India as a nation with tremendous potential to enrich the lifestyle of humankind. The revelation of yoga to the world as a gift from India is well known to all. We can cite several examples to establish that India has much more to contribute to improving the world.

6. Ranchi University has a rich and glorious history. It has produced many scholars in the past. I hope that the University continues to impart quality

education to its students. The students graduating today will always draw inspiration from our rich intellectual tradition. With the great initiative of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, the National Education Policy 2020 has been introduced in our country, emphasizing the revival of the Indian Knowledge System. Under his visionary leadership, we are marching toward the goal of "vikasit bharat@2047."

7. My Dear Students, you all know that today, many Indians hold top positions in different organizations worldwide. Sundar Pichai (CEO, Google), Satya Nadella (CEO, Microsoft), and many others serve as youth icons in India and abroad. One day, you may prove your ability like these successful CEOs from our land, following their footprints and taking inspiration to excel in life. Young generations are the most potent agency for bringing transformation to society. Our former President, Bharat Ratna, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, said, "All of us do not have equal talent. But, we all have an equal opportunity to develop our talents." Our dreams of turning the motherland into the world's mightiest nation rest on your shoulders.
8. My dear students, you should all be proud of the rich culture of your country. Wherever you go, remember your civilization and culture. Strive to do good for yourself, your family, and society. Ensure that your efforts educate at least one child from underprivileged backgrounds. Many people earn money, but what is the use of such wealth if it only brings happiness to oneself and one's family? This world remembers those who

live for others. I hope you make your alma mater proud through your services to society.

9. Ultimately, we are all in one, so no one can stop us from achieving our dream of making India the mightiest nation in the world. Our most respected Hon'ble Prime Minister and visionary leader of the world today has already set the goal of Viksit Bharat @2047, and now it is our responsibility to transform this vision into reality. Your dreams must stand aligned with this noblest goal. I hope all of your dreams come true. My blessings are always there with all of you.

Jai Hind! Jai Jharkhand!