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Speech of Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh  
**Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan**  
participates as Guest of Honour  
at the 1<sup>st</sup> Convocation of the National Institute of  
Technology (NIT) at Tadepallegudem, AP  
on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

Respected Vice President of India Sri Venkaiah Naidu Ji, Prof. C.S.P. Rao, Director of NIT Andhra Pradesh, Guests on the dais, friends from media, My beloved students. ANDARIKI NAMASKARAM.

It is indeed a matter of great pleasure for me to participate in the First Convocation Ceremony of NIT Andhra Pradesh, the youngest among all NITs in the country. Today is a very special day that marks the start of a new life for the young graduates and marks a fulfillment of their set of academic objectives. On this occasion, I congratulate the students who will be awarded with degrees and medals. Further, my appreciation to all the faculty members and staff of this Institute, who have worked tirelessly in assisting these students in pursuit of knowledge and success.

I also extend my congratulations to the parents and well-wishers, who have supported the students throughout their journey.

This day will be cherished for years to come and would remain as a milestone in the history of NIT Andhra Pradesh. As the first batch of students with whom the Institute has started its journey, are going out of the Institute equipped with the power of knowledge and to make a mark of their own in the world. It is indeed a matter of pride and satisfaction that the students, despite constraints of infrastructure have excelled against all odds. This would inspire NIT Andhra Pradesh to set higher benchmarks, achieve newer goals and contribute towards nation building.

As Aristotle said:

*"Educating the mind without  
educating the heart is  
no education at all."*

My dear graduating students, the journey doesn't and shouldn't stop here. We must not become complacent and content over what we have achieved over the years. Rather we all must set newer targets,

create new standards and provide fresh examples of performance, innovation and excellence. I am sure that each one of you has different dreams but surely you should never give up your dreams and aspirations, for it is those aspirations that will drive you to higher levels of achievements and make your life purposeful.

My dear friends, the significant progress that India has made in R&D over the past decade has enabled us to make commendable stride in Agriculture, Industry, Infrastructure, Information Technology, etc. So far, the industrial development paradigm, pursued for growth, improved living standards and better quality of life has largely been energy-intensive. Consumption of energy has grown many folds, resulting in ruthless exploitation of the natural resources. The price that mankind has to pay for such model of growth and development is becoming increasingly evident across the world in view of the serious problem of Global Warming and Environmental Degradation. It has become a moral duty of us all to make judicious use of resources through sustainable development model which would support conservation of resources and ensure healthy environment for future generations. While we are looking for a fast-growing economy, it is equally important that economic growth and industrialization remain sustainable. It is against this backdrop I request all of you to understand the concept of 'sustainable development' which has become the most favorite catchword in the developed and industrialized countries as well as in the developing world.

Dear esteemed members of faculty, you must be geared up to face the emerging challenges by updating your knowledge base and strive hard to provide the best possible education to the students. Creating a healthy competitive spirit and exciting the curiosity of students is very much necessary. Also, I advise you to build strong linkages with industries and premier institutes. For this we need to introspect and take stock of what we have already achieved and what we can do to groom our

students further. Together, your experience and the enthusiastic mind of young students will enable us to carve a better future for the generations to come.

As our Late President and great Scientist Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam said:  
*"Learning gives creativity  
Creativity leads to thinking  
Thinking provides knowledge  
Knowledge makes you great."*

Dear students, always remember that the noble values like caring, sharing, service and sacrifice has kept our nation away from dangers of extinction and made it a great Nation at all times. As citizens of this great Nation, which blossomed up on these great values for life and a deep concern for human development, learn to experience the power of collaborative work, and always be guided by higher values which you believe in.

Before concluding, I once again wish the graduates a bright and rewarding future. Always strive for the best, as there is little place for mediocrity. I would urge the students to remember the quotation of Swami Vivekananda, who said:

*"Take risks in your life,  
If you win, you can lead!  
If you lose, you can guide!"*

So, take everything into your stride and move ahead in your life. May the Almighty bless you all with success and fulfillment of your cherished ambitions.

Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to participate in the First Convocation of the NIT, Andhra Pradesh.

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