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Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh

**Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan**

participates as Chief Guest

at the 6th Convocation of the Desh Bhagat University,

Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab, at 10.30AM on 14th February 2020

Dr. Zora Singh, Chancellor of the University, Smt. Tejinder Kaur, Pro-Chancellor, Shri Sandeep Singh, Vice Chancellor, Guests on the dais, off the dais, Faculty Members, friends from media, dear students and parents. A very good morning to you all.

It is a great pleasure to be here amongst you all on the occasion of the 6th convocation of Desh Bhagat University, Mandi Gobindgarh. I consider it as a privilege to be amongst the youngsters who are future builders of our nation and I will always cherish these moments.

Punjab has a great history and had given birth to Chanakya, the great ancient Philosopher, Economist and Jurist, Charaka, Father of Ayurveda system of medicine, Panini, Sanskrit scholar and King Porus who fought against Alexander.

Freedom fighters such as Lala Lajpat Rai, who played a pivotal role in the country's independence movement, Udham Singh who avenged the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, by assassinating Michael O' Dwyer, the great social revolutionaries Bhagat Singh and Sukhdev were sons of Punjab soil.

Punjab has also given birth to spiritual Gurus such as Baba Guru Nanak, the founder and first Guru of Sikhism, Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Guru and the Father of the Khalsa tradition.

I congratulate the bright young students who have just received their degrees and medals. In fact you are a privileged group. The education you have received will serve you well in your life and a very exciting future beckons you.

It is a great moment for all of you because now you will head into the corporate world at a time when India is making rapid progress and the whole world is looking up to us as a country on the move. Now, all of you have an opportunity to play a vital role in the future of this country's development.

The students graduating today will always have the self assurance that comes with being educated at a great institution. The institutions of higher learning teach you humility, ethics and values of life. They teach the power of ideas. They teach you to be broad minded and tolerant and also to question relentlessly.

I hope you have learnt some of these lessons during your studies in the University, which I feel are also important apart from the knowledge and skills that you have picked up here.

Today it is just the beginning of your life's journey. The life ahead will test the strength of your character and the mettle of your spirit as never before. I would like to see you passing this test with flying colours. I am sure that you will always build your life on ethics and values.

You all will pursue different careers in academics, in finance, Software, Technology, Social Sciences, Public service and many other fields. Most of you will be very successful individuals, very well off as well, you will have your accomplishments in your professional life but you should always bear in mind that you must in some manner , however small it may be, give back to the society and the people who have nurtured you.

We, as a nation, urgently need to increase quality research and innovation in science, technology, agriculture, climate and other fields of Higher Education. Today technology plays a dominant role in determining the power and progress of a nation. The role has become even more critical in the wake of new challenges like climate change, sustainable energy and environment issues. We need innovations in the areas such as affordable Health care, energy security, sustainable agriculture and sustainable environment.

India's strength in frugal engineering and disruptive ideas and innovations is becoming known internationally.

I am told that students of this university have started building up on the innovations and entrepreneurial ideas in various streams of Science and Technology, Design, Agriculture and Business. It is a matter of great appreciation that the students of the University have forayed into start up ventures, which is really a great initiative.

The research projects being taken up by the Doctoral and Masters students of the university are application based and social development oriented, which is again an encouraging step.

I am happy that the faculty and students are working in the direction of the Mission of the university, which is, Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Actually, it is the need of the hour that the students of Higher Education Institutions are industry-ready and market-ready.

I would like to congratulate the Faculty and the Management of the University for their mentorship and for providing a platform for the students to transform their dreams into reality.

I am told that many students from North Eastern states, Southern India and Kashmir in addition to Northern states are in this University giving the look of a mini-India in Desh Bhagat University.

I am thankful to Dr. B.N. Patnaik, a well known educationist and Chancellor of Kalinga University, who persuaded me to attend this Convocation as Chief Guest in your highly reputed University, which is known for its glorious history and high standard of research and academic excellence.

Jai Hind