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Speech of the Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh  
Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan  
& Chancellor of Acharya Nagarjuna University,  
at the 35th & 36th Convocation  
on February 27, 2020 at 12 pm  
at Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur.

Dr. ABK Prasad, Eminent Journalist, Editor and Columnist, Prof. Raja Sekhar, Vice Chancellor, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Distinguished members of the Executive Council, the Deans, Members of Faculty, Non-Teaching community, recipients of Gold Medals, Doctorate, Post Graduate and Graduate Degree recipients, research scholars, students, friends from media, Ladies and Gentlemen. A very good morning to you all.

I am indeed happy to visit Acharya Nagarjuna University once again to preside over the Convocation ceremony. I am humbled to share the joy of every student and research scholar receiving the degrees today.

I have developed an admiration for the newly formed state of Andhra Pradesh and its great people as it is one of the progressive and modern states of the country, that continues to sustain the legacy of pursuing knowledge and scholarship.

Andhra Pradesh played a leading role in the country's freedom movement and continues to produce number of outstanding leaders and parliamentarians enriching democracy and the discourse of social and cultural enrichment.

Acharya Nagarjuna University was established in 1976, which continued to a Post Graduate Centre of the Andhra University since 1967. During its 43 years of existence, the University has emerged as one of the biggest Universities in Andhra Pradesh and has been assessed with NAAC 'A' Grade. With 45 PG departments offering 63 courses in Engineering, Pharmacy, Architecture colleges, in addition to the Colleges of Arts & Science and the College of Physical Education, the University is strong with 458 affiliated colleges catering to the academic needs of Guntur and Prakasham districts of Andhra Pradesh.

Further the University has exclusive centres of excellence & research such Mahayana Buddhism, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair, Dr. Jagjeevan Ram's Chair, Mahatma Jyotibha Phule's chair, Centre for Women Studies,

Centre for Gandhian Studies, Centre for Scientific Socialism, Centre for Afro-Asian Philosophies.

I am happy to learn that the Acharya Nagarjuna University has been ranked at 2nd in AP in the Emerging Economics University Rankings-2020, 31st in the Nation and 251-300 worldwide in the survey conducted recently.

Today's Convocation marks the completion of an important phase and the realization of dreams in your life. All of you have pursued and worked to the best of your ability to acquire celestial knowledge in your chosen subjects. On this significant day, all of you would be experiencing sublime joy and happiness knowing that your sincerity, hard work and commitment resulted in achievement of your objectives. This is also the day of fulfillment of sublime happiness for your parents, who sacrificed their lives for educating you and for leading you to a better future. So you can proudly proclaim that this day of convocation belongs to your parents and to you.

I also congratulate and compliment the Teaching faculty who worked hard to train and shape the students as future citizens of the country. Above all, more than the degrees, it is the knowledge that gives you immense intellectual satisfaction.

Now, after the presentation of your degrees, you begin to encounter and experience the nuances of life on your own without the assistance of your guide, mentor and teacher. I therefore remind you of the last words of Gautam Buddha to his disciples:

"Be your own light".

After receiving the Degrees, it is the time for you to serve the Nation. Now as our Nation is on the cusp of change, emerging as a fastest growing economy in the world, it truly requires your dedicated service.

Dear Friends, with the change of perception at every juncture, India has emerged as the most youthful nation. It is estimated that by 2020, the average age of Indian will be 29 years, younger than the average age of Chinese or Americans. As a young nation, India is going to lead the whole world in economic development. From this perspective, the young India is expected to lead the nation by taking advantage of the productive human resources, education, skills and ethical values.

Needless to say that India's contribution to the field of innovation is absolutely remarkable and highly appreciable. It is no wonder that the great American Scientist like Albert Einstein has once remarked that:

"We owe a lot to Indians who taught us how to count, without which no worthwhile scientific discovery could have been made".

It is only through innovation, research and development that India can initiate positive transformation in the world and address the global problems of poverty, unemployment, racial discrimination, caste discrimination, gender discrimination etc.

It is an universal phenomena that students of Humanities, Social Sciences and applied sciences make the best teachers. But the faculty shortage has become a severe constraint in the pursuit of excellence in education. Across the nation there is shortage of 50 percent faculty in all the Universities and Colleges, which is having an adverse impact on the imparting of quality education with dynamic changes in curriculum to meet present day requirement of skill set and market demand.

Academic-Industry Interface will save the education to some extent at this crucial juncture.

Dear students, leaving this university, after your Graduation, you must feel proud of our Nation's great culture and civilization. It is time to rejuvenate and celebrate the great past glory of this country. I request each one of you to take a pledge to make the complete use of knowledge

learned at this esteemed institution, for the benefit of the society and the humanity at large.

I wish the students all the success and once again congratulate you all on this important occasion in your life and wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Thank You

Jai Hind.