

Message by the Chairman Board of Governors



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MESSAGE

The first Convocation is a milestone in the history of any institution. For us in Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, this is a proud moment. As the first batch of graduates formally get their degrees, it is a time of joy and achievement for them and, for most, a transition from student to employee; from a protected environment to the real world. These graduating students joined an institution that was brand new, unknown and did not even have its own facilities. Undoubtedly, the journey was difficult, but fairly soon things began to fall in to place, even in the temporary facilities. Over the last few years, IIIT-D has taken enormous strides. Today, we can boast of a truly world-class faculty and a campus of our own. We have grown, not only in numbers, facilities, and the scope of our courses, but in stature and recognition.

Thanks to the vision and far-sightedness of the Government of NCT Delhi, IIIT-D has a unique structure with an innovative organizational set up and considerable flexibility in operation. These have been put to good use in working towards a high quality research-based educational institution which works closely with industry and government to ensure relevance combined with social sensitivity. Already, in a short span of time the institution, through the work of both, its faculty as well as students, has demonstrated this in ample measure.

As the first alumni of IIIT-D, the graduating students have a special and substantial responsibility on their shoulders. Their knowledge, capability, values and work will shape the initial impression about the institute in the minds of employers. I have no doubt that they will fulfill this responsibility in a way that will bring success to them and pride to IIIT-D.

On this landmark occasion, I want to acknowledge the role and contribution of the Director, faculty and staff of IIIT-D. They have worked hard and through difficult times to make this day possible. My colleagues in the Board have contributed immensely and with great commitment. The Chancellor and Government of NCT Delhi – especially the Chief Minister herself – have been pillars of strength, to whom we could confidently turn for help whenever needed.

I congratulate the graduating students – as also their parents and guardians – on this happy occasion, and wish them the very best. We look forward to welcoming them back from time to time as alumni, potential faculty and recruiters, but most of all, as friends of IIIT-D.

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