



Chairman Message for IIIT-D's 8th Convocation

As the eighth batch of students graduate from IIIT-Delhi, I would like to take this opportunity not only to celebrate their academic accomplishments but also to wish them the best as they put their first foot forward into a new chapter of their lives.

Convocation is an auspicious occasion to commemorate the academic excellence of the institute, a product of the hard work and dedication of the students, untiring efforts of the faculty members to impart knowledge to the budding engineers, and unbound support of the administrative staff, which ensures an optimal academic and research ecosystem in the Institute.

IIIT-Delhi has been a home away from home for all of you graduating today. Here, you must have found some friends for a lifetime, mentors to seek advice, and memories that will be cherished forever. Now, all you young graduates, will be an important part of the nation's economy, applying the best of your academic competencies to address real life problems. I am sure that the Institute and its faculty members have prepared you well to face the upcoming challenges.

I also use this occasion to acknowledge the hard work done by you during your academic journey to enable yourself to be called an IIIT-Delhi graduate. Regardless of circumstances, each one of you met the rigorous academic standards of our institution to earn an undergraduate degree, a master's degree or a doctorate. This is the day when you can take pride that all your efforts, hard work, and dedication have culminated in this valuable certification. However, do also acknowledge the role of your parents and guardians, in addition to that of professors, friends and others who directly or indirectly have always been supportive to shape your career. Spare a moment to thank them for what they have done for you.

As fresh graduates, you are about to embark on a new journey in life. A new chapter is about to begin. All your professional achievements from now on will reflect the academic excellence of the Institute and will create the impression of the Institute in the minds of the outside world. I have no doubt that you will fulfil this responsibility in a way that will bring pride to your alma-mater.

Many of you may be aspiring entrepreneurs, hoping to start your own venture in the near future. Being alumni of the Institute, you have the advantage of the incubation centre of IIIT-Delhi. Do use this to convert your business idea into a reality.

The forces of technology and dynamics of globalization require an institute to be very adaptive in its outlook and responsive to changes in the external environment. I would like to assure parents and guardians of the graduating students that these engineers who are stepping out of this institute today have been equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to make a significant contribution to the development of our country and of their field. To the graduates, I will say that we have given you a solid foundation, enabling you to quickly learn and master new technologies that will certainly emerge in the years ahead; but it is your responsibility to make sure that you keep learning and stay up-to-date even after you leave these academic portals.

On this landmark occasion, I want to acknowledge the role and contribution of Prof. Ranjan Bose (Director), Registrar, Deans, Faculty and all officers and staff. They have worked hard and have often faced difficult times to make this day possible. I join all others in expressing my appreciation of their efforts. I must also thank my colleagues on the Board of Governors, who have provided on-going guidance and contributed immensely to the development of the Institute. I would also like to express my gratitude to the Government of NCTD and to our Chancellor (the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi) for

their unwavering support over the years.

Once again, I congratulate the graduating students and their families on this happy occasion, and wish them the very best. We look forward to welcoming them back from time to time as alumni, as potential faculty and recruiters, but most of all, as family members and well-wishers of IIT-Delhi.