

ADDRESS BY CHAIRPERSON

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Chairperson, Board of Governors
IIT Kanpur

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Honourable Chief Guest Shri BVR Mohan Reddy; Admirable Director Prof. Abhay Karandikar; Eminent Members of the Board; Erudite Deans, Heads, Senators and Academics; Resourceful Registrar and Non-academic staff members; Distinguished Recipients of Honorary Degrees: Smt Sudha Murty, Dr. Tessy Thomas and Shri Pullেলা Gopichand; Inspirational Invitees; Dear Graduating Students and their Proud Parents; Friends from the Media; Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 1) I stand before you with immense pride and enormous humility to extend a delightful welcome to you all. Five years ago, I had come to this preeminent Institute to deliver a convocation address and later I was here as a Guest Speaker at Techkriti '15. The inspiring ambience of brilliance and competence kindled me then. It has been an honour and pleasant privilege of the recent past for me to assume the Chair of the Board of Governors at IITK. This is a seminal opportunity to contribute to the growth of this Institute, teaming up with the Board, Director and the IITK fraternity.
- 2) The Institute is on the threshold of Diamond Jubilee, marking an apt occasion to respect, retrospect and reinvent. Let me join you all to salute the visionary founder Prof. P.K. Kelkar, the illustrious array of teachers, functionaries and alumni who built and raised the Brand IITK. Our alumni continue to make indelible mark in science and technology, management, governance and leadership, both nationally and globally. We are fortunate to have some of them amidst us. The need of the hour is to strive with synergy for enhanced excellence, national significance, global eminence and prominence in the futurity. Having interacted with the amazing people here during the past few months, I am quite confident that IITK will evolve as a preferred international destination in the near future.
- 3) We have a thousand beaming young faces seated in this auditorium and the lecture halls for award of degrees and

medals. Friends, let me congratulate you all for this coveted academic distinction. This is your day and importantly, a day of your life to express gratitude to your parents for their sacrifices to support your pursuits and to bow in reverence to the teachers for shaping you. A new world of opportunities and challenges will unfurl in front of you now. I believe that 'Knowing' and 'Doing' are important for professional success; but 'Being' what you are, your character and conscience will elevate you as emulable ones. Each one of us could live up to leave a legacy and make a difference for the society around us, our nation and the humanity at large. My best wishes are always with you.

