



**Rajiv Gandhi University
of Knowledge Technologies**



Convocation

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Convocation Address

His Excellency

Shri E S L Narasimhan

Governor of
Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States



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Speech of H.E. the Governor on the occasion of the Convocation of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT) on 04.08.2014.

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Dear students

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me immense pleasure to be with you on this occasion to deliver the inaugural convocation address of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies. On this momentous occasion, I offer my hearty felicitations to the successful students who are being conferred degrees today.

क्रिया हि वस्तूपहिता प्रसीदति

You have made your university and parents proud by achieving the degrees. Once you step into the world, your duty is '**Satyam Vadha, Dharmam Chara**' (Speak the Truth, Lead Righteous Life)" You are now entering a competitive world, which is replete with challenge.

Remember that every challenge is an opportunity as well and go ahead and make a mark for yourself!

Today is a very special occasion to be cherished by all you because it comes as a finale for the all the efforts you put in. You are now fully empowered to become an instrument of change and to impact an impact on a larger canvas. Remember that only those who dared to dream and cared to achieve have seen their destiny fulfilled.

As Oscar Wilde said

Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught.

Education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you need to know.

As the first batch of graduates from this university, you will set an example for the rest of the scholars to follow. You will become ambassadors of your alma mater and your sense of achievement will make it proud. Make this university which imparted values as well as education proud of you and be worth of its legacy.

Education is a process of opening up of the mind and develop a lifelong attitude for acquisition of knowledge. It is necessary to have a questioning attitude coupled with true humility. At the end what also matters is how you apply yourself to the various challenges posed to you and to come out on the top.

Education, in general, instills a sense of enquiry and imparts pursuit of challenge. But what completes the circle is character and integrity. Also you should have the courage of conviction to stand by what you think both right and earnest.

RGUKT, was started with an aim to capture the precious youth of Andhra Pradesh and Telengana States early and to provide them with quality education, has become a

model to reckon with nationally. The university is a success story among Higher Education Institutes of the country with a social objective i.e. to bring home quality engineering education for the benefit of rural youth, thereby addressing equity and digital divide.

Higher education in India, especially engineering education, is at an inflexion point as many of the recent studies conducted by the academia and industry point out the disconnect between what the industry wants and what is taught in our universities. The fact that India is the second largest country in terms of the students entering higher education institutions poses both a challenge and an opportunity as the scale demands institutional shift in building quality infrastructure, equip with best faculty, provide industry exposure to impart on-work training, mechanisms for interoperability with institutes of excellence on need basis and research promotion.

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Contrary to popular belief that an education institution must make its first stride cautiously by admitting smaller intake of students so as to enable it to define its objectives, RUGKT has started with a substantial intake of 6000 students and I am happy that RGUKT stands at the threshold of becoming a model institution having successfully addressed several challenges end to end. All this in a short span of 6 years.

I am happy to know that the RGUKT students had several successes to their credit. All India 2nd Rank in CSIR JRF, 6 top ranks in the first 100 ranks in GATE 2014. I am happy to note that the students have authored books and presented papers at national as well as international levels. It is equally heartening to note that the students have competed and performed well both at national and international level competitions such as the National Science and Mathematics Olympiads and the NASA space settlement design center.

I am glad to know that the admission policy adopted by the university has ensured that more than 80% percent

of the government schools are covered for seeking admission in the year 2013-14 and that 80 percent of the seats have gone to the rural students in keeping with its mandate. The way forward is to strengthen the initiatives and address the deficits be it infrastructure, faculty or leadership. In my view RGUKT is the best value for money proposition yet unveiled successfully.

I congratulate the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, the Directors, Faculty members and non-teaching staff at RGUKT on their efforts to make RUGKT, a success model and wish the university continued success in transforming the rural youth of the both Telengana and Andhra into finest leaders, technocrats and entrepreneurs and above all responsible citizens who offer a great promise.

I wish to conclude that we all have moments of doubt and despair. Then is the time to have self belief and apply our self with renewed vigour. Success will not elude the stout hearted as it is proved time and again.

I wish you all a wonderful future and fulfillment which is waiting to unfold.

May god bless you all.

Jai Hind