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Namaskar!

My warm greetings to:

- Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal and Chancellor of Jadavpur University, Shri C. V. Ananda Bose,
- Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Jadavpur University, Prof. Dr. Chiranjeeb Bhattacharjee,
- Esteemed members of the Executive Council,
- distinguished members of the faculty, respected staff,
- proud parents and guardians, dear graduating students, ladies and gentlemen.

It is a matter of profound honour and deep personal privilege for me to stand before you today on this solemn and celebratory occasion of the 68th Annual Convocation of Jadavpur University. I am excited to share this important moment in the academic life of one of India's most distinguished universities. I consider this opportunity not merely a ceremonial responsibility, but a recognition of the shared commitment that institutions like Jadavpur University and national bodies like the All India Council for Technical Education hold towards shaping the future of our nation through education, research, innovation, and service.

A convocation is not merely an academic ritual. It is a moment of reflection, of gratitude, and of resolve. It is the moment when years of intellectual effort, discipline, sacrifice, and perseverance find formal recognition, and when the responsibility of carrying knowledge into the wider world is formally entrusted to a new generation. Today, as I look at the bright faces of our graduating students, I see not only degree holders, but future engineers, technologists, researchers, innovators,

educators, administrators, entrepreneurs, and nation builders who will carry forward the legacy of this great institution.

Jadavpur University occupies a unique and exalted place in the landscape of Indian higher education. Its origins are inseparable from the history of India's freedom movement and the intellectual awakening that accompanied the struggle for national self-respect and self-reliance. Born from the vision of the National Council of Education, Bengal, this institution was conceived as a symbol of India's determination to create an education system rooted in national aspirations, scientific temper, and social responsibility. At a time when colonial structures dominated education, Jadavpur stood as an assertion of intellectual independence, blending global knowledge with indigenous purpose.

Over the decades, Jadavpur University has remained faithful to this founding vision. It has grown into a comprehensive, multidisciplinary university known across India and the world for academic excellence, rigorous scholarship, path-breaking research, and fearless intellectual inquiry. From engineering and technology to arts, science, and interdisciplinary studies, Jadavpur University has consistently demonstrated that true education does not merely impart skills, but shapes character, critical thinking, and a sense of responsibility towards society.

The alumni of Jadavpur University have distinguished themselves in every field imaginable. They have contributed to nation-building through industry, academia, public service, scientific research, culture, literature, and social movements. They have carried the imprint of this institution into global forums while remaining deeply connected to the needs and aspirations of India. This legacy is not accidental. It is the result of a culture that values merit, integrity, intellectual courage, and social consciousness.

On behalf of the All India Council for Technical Education, I wish to place on record our deep appreciation for the role that Jadavpur University has played in advancing technical education and research in the country. AICTE recognizes Jadavpur University not only as a centre of academic excellence, but as a thought leader that continuously

challenges conventions, embraces innovation, and upholds the highest standards of quality and ethics. Your contributions to curriculum development, research output, faculty development, and student success have enriched the national ecosystem of higher education.

Today, however, the centre of attention rightly belongs to the graduating students. Dear graduates, this day is the culmination of years of hard work, late nights, challenging examinations, intense discussions, failures that taught resilience, and successes that built confidence. Each degree you receive today represents not just academic achievement, but a personal journey of growth and transformation. You have earned the right to feel proud of yourselves, and the University is proud of you.

I also wish to address the proud parents and guardians present here today. Your joy is palpable, and it is entirely deserved. Behind every successful student stands a family that has sacrificed, supported, encouraged, and believed, often silently and selflessly. You have invested not only financial resources, but emotional strength, patience, and hope. Today's convocation is as much a celebration of your perseverance as it is of your children's achievements. The nation owes a debt of gratitude to families like yours who nurture talent and values in equal measure.

Equally deserving of appreciation are the faculty members and academic mentors of Jadavpur University. Teachers are the unseen architects of the future. Through lectures, laboratories, research supervision, and countless informal conversations, you have shaped not only the intellect but also the ethics and outlook of your students. In an era of rapid technological change, your role has become even more demanding, requiring constant learning, adaptation, and dedication. The achievements we celebrate today are a testament to your commitment and professionalism.

Dear graduates, as you step out of the gates of Jadavpur University, you stand at the threshold of a new journey. The world that awaits you is complex, interconnected, and constantly evolving. You will enter workplaces that demand not only technical competence, but creativity, adaptability, emotional intelligence, and ethical judgment. The degrees

you receive today certify your knowledge, but your future success will depend on how you apply that knowledge with wisdom and purpose.

This new journey is not merely about personal ambition or professional advancement. It is about your role as citizens of India in the twenty-first century. Ours is a young nation with immense potential and equally immense challenges. From sustainable development and climate change to digital transformation, healthcare, infrastructure, education, and social equity, the tasks before us require skilled minds and committed hearts. As graduates of a premier public institution, you carry a special responsibility to contribute to national development.

I urge you to adopt a nation-first mindset in everything you do. This does not mean limiting your aspirations or opportunities. On the contrary, it means aligning your personal growth with the larger interests of society and the country. Whether you choose to work in India or abroad, in the public sector or private enterprise, in research or entrepreneurship, remember that your knowledge and skills are national assets. Use them to create value, solve problems, and uplift communities.

Innovation will be the cornerstone of India's progress in the coming decades. The world is witnessing unprecedented advances in artificial intelligence, data science, biotechnology, renewable energy, advanced materials, and digital manufacturing. India cannot afford to be a passive consumer of these technologies. We must be creators, innovators, and leaders. As graduates trained in rigorous academic environments, you are uniquely positioned to drive this transformation.

Innovation, however, is not limited to laboratories or startups. It is a mindset that seeks better ways of doing things, that questions assumptions, and that is willing to learn from failure. I encourage you to cultivate curiosity, interdisciplinary thinking, and the courage to experiment. Do not be afraid to take calculated risks. Some of the greatest breakthroughs in science and technology have come from individuals who dared to think differently.

At the same time, innovation must be guided by ethics and social responsibility. Technology is a powerful tool, but its impact depends on

how it is used. As professionals, you will face choices that test your integrity and values. In such moments, let the principles instilled in you by this University guide your decisions. Remember that true success is not measured only by wealth or status, but by the positive difference you make in the lives of others.

The All India Council for Technical Education is committed to creating an ecosystem that supports quality education, research, and innovation across the country. We are working to strengthen industry-academia collaboration, promote startup culture, encourage multidisciplinary learning, and ensure that technical education remains relevant to societal needs. Institutions like Jadavpur University play a crucial role in this national mission, and we look forward to deepening our partnership in the years to come.

Dear students, as you embark on this new phase of life, carry with you the spirit of Jadavpur University. Carry its legacy of excellence, its courage to question, its commitment to social good, and its faith in the transformative power of education. Stay connected to your alma mater, contribute to its growth, and serve as ambassadors of its values wherever you go.

In closing, I once again congratulate Jadavpur University for the 68th Annual Convocation. I congratulate the graduates for their achievements, the parents for their unwavering support, and the faculty for their dedication. May this University continue to shine as a beacon of knowledge, innovation, and national service. May the graduating class of today rise to great heights and, in doing so, contribute meaningfully to the progress and prosperity of our beloved nation.

I wish you all courage, wisdom, and success in the journey ahead.

Jai Hind.

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