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In his Convocation Address Hon'ble Shri. Sharadchandraji Pawar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Food Processing Industries, congratulated the graduants, who have received their well-deserved degrees today. He commented that "my heart is filled with tremendous joy as you are the future of this great nation. You now have the responsibility of using the knowledge and skills acquired at the University to the best of your abilities. The baton of the values and knowledge must be carried with the same dedication and zeal as has been done by your teachers. This is the only "Gurudakshina" that your teachers and your Alma Mater would expect from you." He also stated that graduation was the beginning of a long professional journey. In this journey, the graduantes must strive to provide them professional expertise with humility and compassion, for betterment of the society. He urged the students to work for the welfare of the poor and the underprivileged. He pointed out that the management guru, Dr. C. K. Pralhad had stated, "there is huge fortune at the bottom of the pyramid". He further said that if one was innovative and determined, one can work out excellent solutions for welfare of the poor because of medical and managerial expertise. When one looked at the marginalized sections of our society, a major scarcity of medical care and management expertise was apparent. Whether it was child mortality, immunization, maternal mortality or basic health awareness, the challenges faced by the poor were huge. Similarly, there were opportunities and challenges for management professionals in the development of pro-poor services and infrastructure. He was sure that with training and commitment the students would rise up to the challenge.