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Dr. D. Y. PATIL VIDYAPEETH, PUNE**

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Hon'ble Padmashri Dr. D. Y. Patil, Governor of Bihar, Dr. P. D. Patil, President of the University, Prof. K. B. Powar, the Chancellor, Dr. P. N. Razdan, the Vice Chancellor, Members of the Board of Management, Members of the Academic Council, Members of Faculty, the Parents of graduating Students and my dear Students.

I am delighted to have this opportunity to address this august audience comprised of promising students, scholars and academic leaders. I can see the gleaming faces of the future gathered here today. Young and bright with the promise of tomorrow. This is an exciting moment and lifetime opportunity for those who are here to receive their degrees, especially to them who are being felicitated with medals and certificates of merit. The atmosphere I felt in the convocation pandal today is vibrant. This is not surprising because graduation is a major academic milestone in an individual's life. It opens the gateway to higher studies and career of one's choice. At this point, let me state that the excitement of education is not limited to just one day or a specific course period but is a life-long process, and graduation is the formal recognition that validates that a student is ready to move a step forward towards acquiring yet more knowledge in the area of his choice.

I am happy to learn that the University today has 8 colleges and institutions under its ambit. The University was started with the vision ***“To see enlightened, cultured and economically vibrant India, developed through education in diverse disciplines”***. As we felicitate students from various areas of health-care, biotechnology and management today, we must also appreciate the steady fulfilment of this vision. In this regard, I must compliment Padmashri Dr. D. Y. Patil for his visionary zeal, Dr. P. D. Patil for his inspirational role and the faculty members for their relentless efforts.

The University is blessed with a galaxy of qualified, experienced and highly dedicated faculty both in the areas of academics and research advancements. This institution has now become one of the premier institutes in the region because of the



blessings of the people of the city of Pune and beyond. However, I should again place on record the dynamic leadership, dedication and zeal with which Dr. P. D. Patil has served all the educational institutions here and I have no hesitations in wishing him the best.

Graduation is not the end, but the beginning of a long professional journey. In this journey, you must strive to provide your professional expertise with humility and compassion for betterment of the society. Dear students! I sincerely urge you to work for the betterment of the poor and the underprivileged. As the management guru, Dr. C. K. Prahalad reminded us, “***there is huge fortune at the bottom of the pyramid***”. If we are innovative and determined, we can work out excellent solutions for welfare of the poor through our medical and managerial expertise.

Healthcare, Biotechnology and Management are among the top-most priorities of the Government. We need to give highest priority to healthcare infrastructure and services. Our's is said to be a young country in the world in the sense that majority of its population is youth with creative energy, enthusiasm and dream for promising future. This, I believe, is the greatest asset that our country could possibly have and we must harness this demographic dividend.

However, to convert this youth power into the competitive and productive human resource is the biggest challenge before our system of education. Proper healthcare facility and nutrition that can ensure the sustenance of this youth energy, its health and creativity for the longest possible time is yet another challenge.

I am happy to learn that the Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune has been channelizing all its effort and resources towards this front. Vice Chancellor's address provided the glimpses of the commitment and sincerity the University has, to address this issue.

Bio-technology is a new domain of scientific and technological development. The prudent use of bio-technology can do wonders for our agriculture and pharmaceutical sectors. Management is the act of getting people together to accomplish desired goals



using available resources efficiently and effectively. We need to create business executives and entrepreneurs who proactively respond to changes and use them as opportunity to achieve the goals.

In my view, management provides to society what would otherwise remain only potentialities. The challenge of present economic order lies largely in efficient management. It is upon the vision and skill with which managerial functions are carried out that helps contribute to the power, prestige and economic well being of a country. The former President of USA, Roosevelt had appropriately once remarked that a Government without good management is like a house built on sand,

Therefore, I would urge you to inculcate that specific skill of management which would help our country to overcome the bottleneck of limited resource in nation building yet remaining competitive with the best in the world.

As you leave this campus today, and as some of you begin preparations for your further studies in your chosen fields, others prepare themselves to practice, all of you should be conscious of the fact that as doctors, scientists and managers, wherever you go, faith and trust shall be reposed in you by your patients as well as their relatives. They will look upon you with hope and expectations. Therefore, you must always work to maintain this trust in your practice and apply your knowledge in a very responsible way. Medicine is an intensely humane and personal endeavor and the doctor-patient relationship itself becomes part of the therapeutic process. While treating patients, always be conscious that you are not treating the body alone, but the concerns and doubts in their minds about their health as well. Try to reduce their anxiety and give them confidence and hope. Patients should feel that the doctor cares for them because a doctor is like a God to patients. I hope that the doctors who are passing out today will bring laurels to the country with their accomplishments and also serve humanity.



Finally, I wish to tell you all the very need of this hour is that, the strengthening of our total educational structure for the nurturing of talented students is of paramount importance to the growth of the nation. All you young men and women, who are graduating today, please note that you are not just stepping out into a new arena, you have inherited a brand new world. You were born in an India that had shortage of foreign exchange, and enjoyed very little respect in the eyes of the global community. Yet, this nation provided you an opportunity to educate yourself in a better environment. You grew up in changing times. You grew up in an empowered atmosphere. India earned the respect of the developed world of the west, which is currently facing a major economic crisis. You are entering a new life and there will be many exciting opportunities ahead. You are lucky that you have been born in the right country, at the right time and in the right age. But you can make a difference ONLY if you don't take low-end jobs but contribute to the immense development of research in Affordable Health and Sustainable Energy. This needs integration of all disciplines of medicine with social sciences. So you need an interdisciplinary, holistic approach to handle the challenges that the future will pose.

Remember that medicine and science are able to do many, many things. Be mindful also that there is a huge role you have to play to make this planet safe for billions of people. I wish I were your age, today, in India. I wish I could be a part of those phenomenal discoveries that I know will take place in the next two decades. I wish, you choose a profession that will be driven by inquisitiveness and curiosity leading to development of technology leading to the fulfillment of all dreams. Never forget that three billion marginalized people of the world need you as much as you need India.

May you be bestowed with all the inclinations and energy to build a strong, prosperous, inclusive and peaceful India. I wish you, my dear young friends, a very best in your endeavor and in your life.

I warmly thank each one of you for your attention.

Jai Hind!