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The Convocation Address by Her Excellency Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil The President of India was something everybody was looking forward to. She started by congratulating the graduands and took due note of the higher number of women awardees of the evening. Subsequently, she commented that men have to work harder henceforth. In her succinct speech, she touched on the need to amalgamate the traditional medical wisdom and the technological advancements in the modern medical fields and regularly updating the medical curricula to incorporate the newest developments, especially because in India, there is tremendous scope for the medical field. She stated that each new doctor must work in the rural area to get the full grasp of the Indian medical scenario and its challenges and also cautioned that money should not be their only focus. She expected an institute like DPU to generate public awareness and collaborate with other national and international institutes for the betterment of medical education. Citing the existence of Distance Learning facility at DPU, she stated that the technology could be used to help the needy in distant areas by way of tele-medicine. To the young graduands, she advised to touch a chord in the patients' hearts while treating them so as to achieve success. She also highlighted the importance of the nursing profession as a link between doctors and patients. Her Excellency's speech was extremely well received by one and all.