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Most Esteemed Chief Guest for today's Convocation Ceremony, Prof. Dhirendra Pal Singh ji, Hon'ble Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi; Dr. Jayant Narlikar, Emeritus Professor, The Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA); Prof. Ram Takwale, Chief Mentor, Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited, Knowledge Foundation and Former Vice Chancellor – University of Pune, YCMOU and IGNOU; Dr. P. D. Patil, Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune; Dr. (Mrs.) Bhagyashree P. Patil, Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune; Members of the Board of Management and Academic Council; Deans of Faculties, Distinguished Guests; the proud Graduands of the day; Faculty members; Admin Staff of the Vidyapeeth; Students; Parents; Members of Press and Media; Ladies and Gentlemen.

I deem it a great privilege and honor to welcome each one of you on behalf of the Vidyapeeth and on my own behalf to this auspicious and solemn occasion of the 12th Convocation of the Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.

It is a matter of great honour, that Prof. Dhirendra Pal Singh ji, has graciously accepted our invitation to be the Chief Guest on this occasion, in spite of his, other significant commitments and priorities. He is a visionary leader and educationist with great ideas and an innovative approach, an able administrator who believes in attaining results. Prof. D. P. Singh has contributed substantially in the fields of environmental science, vocational education and value education through various

academic assignments including several publications in different forms. He has significant exposure to International programmes and experience of handling International projects. He is widely travelled and has visited many countries for academic pursuits. Prof. D. P. Singh has contributed to a great extent in other higher education assignments and management of institutions. He has served as Member of General Body of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR); and Governing Council of Association of Indian Universities (AIU). Prof. Singh has acted as member of several national committees constituted by MHRD for reshaping the future higher education scenario in India. He has contributed as Member, Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO at MHRD. Prof. Singh has been Chairman/Convener/Member of Search-cum-Selection Committees constituted for appointment of Vice-Chancellors of a few Central and State Universities. Prof. D. P. Singh has been bestowed with several honours and awards. I am sure that his Convocation Address, will inspire one and all especially our bright young graduates. Sir, we look forward to your guidance and blessings on this auspicious occasion.

At the outset, I wholeheartedly congratulate all the Graduands who have successfully completed their education at this temple of learning and have become eligible to receive the Degrees of the Vidyapeeth on this wonderful day. Today a total of 1577 degrees with 679 undergraduate students, 874 postgraduate students, 10 diploma students and 14 Ph.D. fellows are being awarded for having completed their studies and passed the examinations during this period. Gold Medals are being bestowed upon 22 candidates who have secured highest marks in their respective disciplines.

We feel greatly honored to inform that Honoris Causa degrees, will be conferred upon Dr. Jayant Narlikar and Prof. Ram Takwale. DPU has recognized these two icons,

for their significant contributions, towards development of vibrant India. The invaluable contributions, of these two eminent personalities have made them worthy of their reputation and in fact they have honored this Vidyapeeth and the society at large by accepting the Honoris Causa degrees today.

Let me share some of the recent achievements and persistent developments that have been crossed by Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune since the last convocation held on 28th June 2020.

- Under National Institutional Ranking Framework (**NIRF**) **2020**, conducted by Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), New Delhi, the Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune has achieved rank as **3rd in Dental** Category, **24th in Medical** Category, **46th in University** Category and **75th in Overall** Category in India.
- Recently, DPU has received "**One District One Green Champion**" **2021-22 Award** for Swachhata Action Plan conducted by Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Pune has been **recognized as a Regional Centre** for conducting revised Basic Course Workshop exclusively for PG teachers (BCW-PG) in stand-alone PG Institutions **by National Medical Commission, New Delhi** on 11th February 2021.
- Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Pune has received "**Environment Friendly Operation Theatre Award**" with platinum grade score 98.6% by Bureau Veritas in January 2021.

- Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Pune has received Certificate of Excellence for being recognized as **“25th Must-Watch Medical Colleges in India”** by Higher Education Digest in October 2020.
- Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre and Dr. D. Y. Patil Dental College & Hospital has been accredited by National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (**NABH**) in 2021 and Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory has been accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (**NABL**) in 2020.
- The Journal of Medical College **“Medical Journal of Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth”** has been **indexed** in **SCOPUS** and **UGC-CARE**. Also, Journal of Dental College **“Journal of Dental Research and Review”** has been **indexed** in **UGC-CARE**.
- Dr. D. Y. Patil Biotechnology & Bioinformatics Institute received **National Educational Excellence Award 2020** and **“Top Biotechnology & Bioinformatics Institute / College of the Year 2020”** India Award under “Quality Education & Innovative Teaching Approach” Category for the year 2020. It also received the title of **“50 Most Promising Educational Institutes of India 2020”** The award was given by National Educational Excellence Awards and Conference 2020.
- Global Business School & Research Centre has received a **National Education Excellence Award 2021** in the category of **‘Most Promising Academics amongst Management Institutes from Maharashtra’** at New Delhi on 10th April 2021.
- DYP Physio Alum- Alumni Association of Dr. D.Y. Patil College Physiotherapy, an IQAC initiative had organised 125 Webinar series by alumni which was declared in **“Assist World Record”** by Assist World Record Research Foundation on 3rd December 2020.

Ours is a young but a very vibrant university with “academic culture” that promotes merit, values and academic freedom. As a nation of 1.3 billion, today more than 2/3rds are in the age group of 15-64 years, which will gradually shift to become a much younger India in the next 30 years, creating a very important human resource asset. The challenge, therefore, is to empower this young India to enable them to contribute not only for the development of the national economy but also the entire world. Our courses and programmes have been redesigned to meet the growing needs of specializations, to facilitate mobility between programmes and courses, to update and modernize curricula and to encourage the introduction of reforms in the evaluation procedure. We envisage creating an academic environment of international standards in healthcare education, under the guidance and support of our Hon’ble Chancellor Dr. P. D. Patil. He has been very generous with his time and counsel and we are indeed very grateful to him for his dynamic leadership to our University.

Research:

University can grow successfully only when teaching and research get together symbiotically as they have no independent existence. We have created a conducive environment to undertake collaborative research projects combining teaching-learning and research, to nurture originality, creativity and novelty. I feel proud to state here that this year DPU published more than 800 papers in International and National journals of repute, which are indexed in Scopus, Pub Med, Web of Science and UGC approved journals. There has been a significant rise in h- index from 45 to 51, indicating translational value and higher citations received by individual publication. Total number of 7,854 citations have been received in the year 2020. The highest impact factor among the publications during the year under report was 60.392 (The

Lancet), 42.778 (Nature), 21.597 (Lancet Global Health). Publishing papers is only one part of research, however, filing patents and writing books, chapters, editing books, forms yet another aspect. I am also proud to state that this year DPU has filed 24 patents and 16 Copyrights.

Research is impossible without funding. DPU has always been supporting research activities and has provided seed money of more than 73 Lakhs during the year. In addition, this year university has received a total extramural grant of more than 115 Lakhs from Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Department of Science & Technology (DST), ICMR and foreign agencies like National Institute of Health, USA and Harvard Medical School Centre for Global Health Delivery, Dubai.

International Research Collaborations:

In keeping with our motto of 'Breaking Boundaries – Finding Frontiers' and one of our missions, namely, partnerships with organizations with congruent ideals, we have signed MoUs and collaborative agreements with many institutions worldwide. The International linkages of DPU have helped it in drawing upon the wisdom built up at the partner institutions of repute.

Linnaeus-Palme exchange program between DPU and University of Skövde, has been funded by the Swedish Council of Higher Education, under which two students are selected with full tuition fee waiver with all costs covered for completion of six-month project work at University of Skövde, from 5th February 2021 to 4th July 2021. A 10-week online course for virtual mobility in Molecular Modeling is offered by University of Skövde, Sweden in which teachers from Institute of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics are participating in the teaching of this course. Two students from

Institute of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics were selected with full tuition fee waiver.

The Department of Global Health Education, Johns Hopkins University, USA has been sending their students in batches to our medical and nursing institutes, to provide them global health training at DPU, by fostering a collaborative learning environment under their Global Health leadership programme. Department of Medicine holds video conferences regularly once a month on 'Global Grand round in infections' with Johns Hopkins University.

Faculty / Students participating in International Conferences:

About 162 faculty members and students participated in Virtual International and National Conferences (during the COVID-19 Pandemic) and presented papers and posters at various conferences last year.

Conferences, Seminars, Workshops organized at DPU:

From last convocation, DPU has organized about 128 Conferences / Seminars / Workshops / CMEs / Webinars / Faculty Development programmes on virtual platform due to COVID-19 Pandemic for faculty and students.

Outstanding Faculty:

We are extremely proud of our excellent faculty. They are really an asset to this institution and always update their knowledge and skills to help shape our students as

an infinite reservoir of potential talent. I am sure that these students, faculty, staff and the alumni would work collectively towards building this educational institution as a 'World Class University'. These reputed faculty members were invited to deliver keynote lectures or to chair the technical sessions at various conferences/ workshops and received national / international awards and also to participate as chairpersons / members of various national committees. About 184 faculty members received the national / international awards and recognitions and also were invited as Resource Persons / Panelists / Judges for various International and National conferences.

Students' Achievements:

The innovative concept of making learning as a more fun- oriented and interactive activity, boosts up the insight of students as they learn faster and open up to more ideas, making it easier for teachers to identify and distinguish the overall understanding of the subject by the students. I cannot exhaustively list all the laurels earned by you, my dear DPU students, but it is my hope and dream that these are various steps, to bigger achievements that await you in your life. We have implemented innovative concept of making learning more effective and interesting by introducing concepts like experimental, integrated / interdisciplinary, participatory, problem-solving, self-directed, patient centric, evidence based, project based and role play methods, to the students to enable them to acquire overall understanding of the subject. DPU students have actively participated in the various national / international conferences and presented papers or posters and also participated in inter-collegiate sports competitions as the result of which 64 students have won the prizes from the last convocation.

Value Addition by Renowned Visitors:

As in the past, this year too we had a galaxy of top dignitaries, such as scientists, academicians from India and abroad who made us richer by sharing their invaluable experiences which were inspirational to one and all.

Social Outreach:

The hospital is declared as “Baby Friendly Hospital” by Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India. Diet and medicines are provided free of cost for IPD patients. The facilities for angiography, angioplasty and cardiovascular surgery, 4th Generation Da Vinci xi Robotic surgery, two CT Scan machines, two MRI scanners (including 3Tesla), Digital X-ray Machines, digital Mammography, Colour Doppler, USG, 24X7 Clinical Laboratory with latest analyzers, Pharmacy, Blood Bank and Human Milk Bank are in place. Eighteen modular OT’s of global standard, twenty-five dialysis units and two Cath-Labs are available. Medical tourism has been started and super-speciality services are available with latest global standards. The Hospital has performed 89 Renal Transplants, 19 Liver Transplants and 25 Corneal Transplants.

Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre, Pimpri, Pune has executed an MOU with Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation’s Post Graduate Institute Yashwantrao Chavan Memorial Hospital, Pimpri, Pune for providing services and facilities of the Medical and Ayurved hospital for treating Covid and non-covid patients.

We have organized screening and counselling camps for migrants and construction workers at Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre,

Pimpri, Pune. More than 7500 migrants and construction workers have been screened and counselled by Department of Psychiatry and Community Medicine. Also, we have conducted 43 blood donation camps and collected 1364 blood units.

Dr. D. Y. Patil Dental College offers dental check-up & treatment at its all four satellite centres, where 2076 patients have been enrolled at Alandi Centre 212 patients at Ayurveda College and 1501 patient at Savitribai Phule Pune University Centre have been enrolled last year. 1002 patients got benefitted as also 4795 patients have been enrolled in the Department which makes a total of 9586 patients benefitted by the department along with its centres and mobile dental clinic.

All the patients reporting to the OPD with any tobacco related habit are enrolled for free of cost behavioral counseling at tobacco cessation clinic. Last year 1909 patients got enrolled, follow up of which is managed through telephonic and personal interactions by a dedicated counselor, who maintains the records of each patient.

Ayurved College and Hospital is also functioning as Dedicated COVID-19 Centre with 272 beds. It is also approved as COVID-19 Vaccination Centre. College has distributed herbal sanitizers, herbal hand wash, Dhoopan dravya (for fumigation) and Immune booster ayurvedic poly-herbal decoction for preventive purpose. Sudhatatva Pharmacy of Rasashastra Department is GMP and FDA certified and preparing 222 ayurvedic formulations. Paralysis Ayurved Treatment Centre inaugurated on 29th September 2020.

Dr. D. Y. Patil Homoeopathic Medical College had organized mass drive of distribution Arsenicum Album 30C as homoeopathic prophylactic medicine for COVID-19 and this was undertaken by the college as a part of its social responsibility. More than 3000 policemen of PCMC as well as citizens were distributed Arsenicum Album

30C free of cost during the COVID-19 pandemic. College also participated actively in the Public Health Response to COVID-19: Campaign for COVID-Appropriate Behavior organized by the Central Council of Homoeopathy, New Delhi as a part of the Jan Andolan against COVID-19 launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Nursing students participated in National Pulse Polio Immunization Programme under which students gave Polio Doses and visited homes in PCMC area of Pune.

Physiotherapy College has organized various camps, blood donation drive, organ donation awareness drive, National Health Day Celebration, awareness program on COVID-19.

Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Institute was recognized by the Social Entrepreneurship, Swachhta and Rural Engagement Cell (SES REC) for its efforts on social transformation through entrepreneurship. Also, as an initiative towards Social outreach for Adopted Village "Nere", Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Institute organized Food distribution and COVID-19 Awareness AICTE recognized the efforts of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Institute in the massive Tree Plantation Drive and awarded a certificate of appreciation to the institute.

Global Business School & Research Centre in Association with BOSCH, Bangalore has conducted a 'Mask Distribution Drive' at Grampanchayat Jambhe Village on 7th April 2021. One thousand face masks were distributed through the Sarpanch of the Village.

Infrastructure:

DPU has always endeavored to deliver quality education in a globally benchmarked learning environment through modern amphitheatre-styled air-conditioned classrooms, hi-tech labs and libraries. Not only has the physical infrastructure been extensively modernized, the facilities and equipment have improved at a faster pace. We have installed **3 Tesla MRI system: MAGNETOM Vida** with biomatrix technology, which is the first installation of its kind in any Asian country and will provide data quality comprehensive image as a robust, standardized reproducible image data of patients. We have also installed **Robotic Surgery System of Da Vinci Xi**, which is the 4th generation frontier for the minimally invasive surgeries of the modern century.

The DPU Advanced State-of-the-Art IVF and Endoscopy Centre was inaugurated at the auspicious hands of Hon'ble Dr. Bhagyashree P. Patil, Pro-Chancellor, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune on 16th February 2021. Also, Department of Cardiac Anaesthesia is started in December 2020.

Global Business School & Research Centre has developed Smart classroom for the students. In the era of digital learning smart classroom is well equipped with specialized software, assistive listening devices and audio/visual capabilities.

Before I close, I would like my faculty and staff to join me in congratulating all our students, who will be graduating today from DPU. To all those graduating today, I hope you were able to get the most of what DPU had to offer, and that you will use your knowledge and experience fruitfully to serve the people of this country and those elsewhere. Set your goals higher and the glory will belong to you. Success has only one

amazing formula, stop thinking in terms of limitations and start thinking in terms of possibilities.

I wish you all the very best in your lives, both professional and personal and as you move forward in your life, do reflect upon the many contributions that your family, your teachers, and your communities have made to your lives. Do remain connected with your Alma Mater and visit us whenever, you yearn to revive some of your fine moments. I urge you to remain worthy ambassadors and great Alumni of this distinguished Vidyapeeth by upholding the virtues of honor and excellence in service to the society around you and beyond.

Jai Hind.

Constituent Colleges



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