

Speech of H.E. the Governor of Bihar Sri Ram Nath Kovind in the Convocation of NIFT, Patna.

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Honourable Justice Samrendra Pratap Ji, Prof. Sanjay Shrivastava Director, NIFT Patna, Mr. N.S. Bora Joint Director, Faculty and staff members of NIFT Patna, Students, Ladies and Gentlemen!

Let me at the outset, thank Prof. Sanjay and NIFT for their invitation to be part of this occasion.

I am glad to know that NIFT Patna is a pioneer institution in evolving fashion business education in the country through an education system, which is of highest standards. Its prime objective has been to spawn a critical mass of highly competent technical professionals in the area of Fashion Design, Technology and Management capable of providing leadership to the Indian Fashion Industry, to enable it to compete better in the global economy.

It is praiseworthy to acknowledge the contribution made by NIFT Patna to the overall development of the society and nation building with its initiatives like the Bhagalpur Mega Cluster Project. Project to reposition of Bihar Khadi, and national events like CONVERGE 2017 and international competitions like the South Asian Games Logo, where NIFT Patna has come out with flying colours.

I am happy to know that NIFT PATNA has been ranked amongst the top ten fashion training institutes and probably the only institute to figure out from the state in the surveys being carried out by various agencies of National repute.

Convocation is a special day in the academic calendar of any institution just like yours. It marks the culmination of a phase of learning. Having satisfied that the student is now ready, as a worthy citizen, to face and contribute to the world at large. The teachers deliver the final advice and blessings for further journey that student is embarking upon. It is a solemn occasion for the students and also for the teachers. The bond between the college and the student is supposed to have been built through years of mentoring, which brings in an emotional content to the Convocation day. I wish to use this occasion to thank all teachers who in their own way have contributed to shaping the young minds while they were with NIFT.

I congratulate all students graduating today. Some of you who are being specially recognized and deserve our highest appreciation. All of you have gone through your respective courses of studies and have been adjudged to be worthy of the degrees that are being awarded to you. You are now ready to face the exciting world out there. You have to be an important part of the nation building process through your respective capabilities that you have acquired here and elsewhere.

Dear Students! Always come out with a glorious dreams and vision. Our Former President Late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam has told “Dream is not what you see in sleep, Dream is something which does not let you sleep.” -अर्थात् “सपना वो नहीं है, जो आप सोये में देखते हो, सपना तो वह है, जो आपको सोने ही नहीं देता।” वह आपको बेचैन बना देता है—कुछ नया करने को, कुछ नया सोचने को। There are so many problems and difficulties in your life. But difficulties in your life do not come to destroy you, it comes to help you, realize your, hidden potential and power. Let difficulties know that you too are equally difficult. None can surpass you. Today there is ample scope for innovation and entrepreneurship. The way our country is marching ahead, the opportunities for the capable ones will continuously expand. ‘Digital India’ ‘Make in India’, ‘Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas yojna’ and other so many schemes of Govt. of India and ‘Sat Nichay’ Programme of Govt. of Bihar can give you many opportunities in your life. I wish all of you a very successful career ahead. May all your dreams be fully realised. I extend my best wishes and congratulations for your bright and fruitful career. Thank you all.

Jai Hind!!

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