

**SPEECH OF THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR FOR 19TH CONVOCATION OF
TEZPUR UNIVERSITY ON 26TH FEBRUARY 2022**

Namaskar,

Hon'ble President of India, Sri Ram Nath Kovind ji,

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma ji,

Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University, Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain,

Registrar, Deans, Heads of Departments and Centres,

*Distinguished Members of the Board of Management, Academic Council,
and other Statutory Bodies of the University,*

*Faculty Members, Administrative staff, Guests, Friends from the Media and
most important of all – graduating students and their parents*

It is a matter of great satisfaction for me to preside over the 19th convocation of Tezpur University and that too in presence of the Hon'ble President of India. Sir your presence here today in our midst has added glory to this occasion. I heartily congratulate all the degree holders today on your achievement and wish you all a bright future ahead.

Higher education and academic research have always been the most crucial aspects in nation-building. Quality of life and environment in any country is determined significantly by the educational competence of its citizens. We are happy that in India, higher education has made significant contributions to

economic progress, social development, political stability and environmental sustainability. I am happy that Tezpur University has been able to join the league of those reputed institutions, which are making visible contributions to this nation-building process.

You know, today's fast-changing world is characterized by pressing challenges with issues related to economic equality and stability, environmental security, socio-cultural trust, and harmony. We can only deal with these challenges by relying on the advancements made in various frontiers of science, technology, and humanitarian scholarships. In this regard, the academic programmes offered in the various departments and centres of Tezpur University reflect the sensitivity of this university to regional and global competitive requirements.

On this auspicious occasion today, it is important to recall the fact that this university is the outcome of the Assam Accord and therefore this university since its inception has been particular in meeting regional aspirations. Since its inception, this University has been able to build an impressive infrastructure of higher education and research facilities. In the last couple of years, the rankings secured by this University in the assessments

carried out by different national and international agencies reflected it's impressive performance. However, I do emphasize here that this should not lead to complacency. Rather, it should be treated as a constant reminder that there are still miles to go before this university can proudly claim itself as a preferred destination in the global arena. Moreover in the wake of New Education Policy 2020, I request this university to be a front runner in implementing the provisions of this policy to take our higher education to a new height.

Dear graduating students and researchers, as the Chancellor of this beautiful university, I take the pleasure in congratulating you and your parents. I am sure, you will be able to utilise the knowledge and skills, you have acquired from this university, in becoming successful professionals and responsible citizens. Please remember, getting a degree is never the end of learning. Rather, it is a recognition and responsibility to continue your learning in rational ways. Once again, I congratulate you and wish you all great success and happiness in your future pursuits.

Thank you,

JAI HIND