

**Speech of the Hon'ble Governor on the occasion of
10th Convocation of Assam Don Bosco University**

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Respected Vice Chancellor of the university, Fr (Prof) Stephen Mavelly, Deans, Registrar, Heads of the Departments and Centres, distinguished Members of the Board of Management, Academic Council and other Statutory Bodies of the University, Faculty Members and most importantly all graduating students and their parents.

A very good evening to everyone. I am delighted and greatly honoured to be a part of this Convocation where all the bright minds present will be receiving their degrees. Today we are holding this graduation ceremony, much like the rest of the world, in a virtual mode. Dear students, I understand the aloofness you must be going through for being away from your university and attending your convocation ceremony through virtual mode.

Convocation of a University is the most important event of an academic calendar. It gives me immense pleasure to be part of the 10th convocation of Assam Don Bosco University. I

extend my heartiest congratulations to all our graduates and their families.

This convocation marks the outcome of years of commitment, hard work and perseverance for all of you. You are graduates now and ready to prove yourselves in larger platforms, to work towards the upliftment of the society and the nation. From now onwards, you all have a greater responsibility and I wish all of you all the best for the new phase of your life.

This evening, as I look at you who are emerging from the ravages of the pandemic, this is the message that I want to share with you: look for what unites us as a country, as a nation, as a great civilisation that has stood the test of time.

Today the whole world acknowledges our country to be on the crossover of a great awakening. In the world of digital technology and artificial intelligence, it is Indian brains that is leading the world. It does not matter whether they are located in our country or serving elsewhere. Our brains rule the world of digital technology.

When hunger is a wide-spread reality in large parts of the world today, our country can proudly claim itself to be self-sufficient. Thanks to the green revolution, the white revolution, the silver revolution, blue revolution that have brought self-

sufficiency in our living. When the powerful names across the world are trying to divide the world into their own spheres of influence, we stand proudly as a nation. Our time-tested policy of non-alignment and our adherence to social and secular values make us stand apart among the comity of nations.

Our country today has achieved impressive records in start-ups and entrepreneurial ventures in the whole world. We are now moving from being at the receiving end of foreign support to rendering our expertise to the entire world. As a result, our exports are looking up in quality and quantity as well.

To navigate successfully in this new emerging world order, let me propose to you a few essential tools and qualities:

Self-knowledge and discipline, attentiveness to your own experience and to that of others, respect for intellect and reason as tools for discovering truth, skill to rationalise the right course of action, a conviction that talents and knowledge are gifts to be used for oneself, and to help others, flexibility and pragmatism in problem solving, large-hearted ambition, and a desire to find God working in yourself and all other things.

These might appear to be a spiritual vision to you. But these are the keys. If you want to live meaningful lives as

leaders in industry, in government, in business and in various professions you have to be very focussed.

As the visitor to your University, I feel privileged to address you on this great day. I am sure you consider yourself fortunate, to have lived in the magnificent campus of the university. I once again, congratulate the recipients of degrees and medals and wish you a great future ahead. A future that is full of dedicated service to the community and the nation.

God bless you on this day! Go forth now, forge unique paths for yourselves, and create ripples wherever you go!

Thank you...

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