

## CONVOCATION SPEECH - CUJ (3<sup>rd</sup>)

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The most Revered and Distinguished Chief Guest of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Convocation of the Central University of Jharkhand, Honourable President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu ji, Esteemed Guest of Honour, Honourable Governor of Jharkhand, Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan ji, Guest of Honour most respected the Chief Minister of Jharkhand Sri Champei Soren ji, Guest of Honour Respected MoS , Education, Smt. Annapurna Devi ji, Esteemed Chancellor of the University Prof. Jai Prakash Lal ji,

The Registrar, Sri K. K Rao ji, Respected members of the Court, the Executive Council, the Academic Council, the Deans & Head of the Departments, Erudite Professors, Statutory Officers of the University, Galaxy of Invited Dignitaries off the dias, other Staff and Employees, Beloved Graduating Students and their proud Parents, Media friends, Invitees & Dignitaries present here.

Ladies & Gentlemen, I welcome you to this memorable event of accomplishments , its a celebration of confirmation and conferment of achievement. Before, I start my address, I express my deep gratitude to Hon'ble President of India Hon'ble Madam Smt. Droupadi Murmu ji for accepting our invitation to grace this convocation. We have a long-cherished urge to have you as our chief Guest of this academic extravaganza. I welcome you Madam for your maiden visit as the Visitor of the University.

As the Vice-Chancellor of this University, I congratulate our graduating students, the achievers for their dedication and endeavours. We know, this is a momentous occasion for you the achievers, which you will cherish your entire life. I wish you to become extraordinary & outstanding achievers through your competency & capability and bring laurels to your Alma Mater and to this country.

I would like to inform this august gathering that in this convocation, Degrees for the academic year 2021 & 2022 are awarded. In total 1539 students will be awarded their degrees. Out of this pool, 67 students will be receiving Gold Medals in their respective subjects for securing highest marks. There are 3 recipients of Chancellor's Gold Medal for 3 years awarded in recognition of being Best Graduates of the respective years. 35 scholars will be conferred with Doctoral Degrees.

Hon'ble Madam, since you are the Visitor of the University, its my privilege to put forth a glimpse of our journey of last two and half years before you . As the Governor of the state

you are witness to the evolving journey of 15 years of this University. Your involvement and concerns for this institutions during your tenure are fondly remembered by the CUJ family. Now, we feel honoured that you preferred to visit this University in both the capacities. Hon'ble Madam, we are still in our Fformative years, evolving from a fragile condition with Aspirational and Audacious Vision. We have revisited our Mission & Vision in the context of NEP-2020 preserving our Core Values and Enduring Purpose. We have carved out our own path and moving ahead with a new approach to claim our position of significance in the journey to the destination of "Vikshit Bharat" @2047. Quest for Excellence is our soul motto with 5 Rs that is Recruitment and Retention, Research, Relationship, Resources and Rank as the driving forces.

Since my joining as the Vice-Chancellor in 2021, July last, we decided to alter the Status Quo prevailing then because of COVID-19 and other reasons. Despite having problems of Land acquisition, Road, Electricity and Water connectivity, we have shifted almost 80% of our operations to this permanent campus and successfully implemented NEP-2020 in letter and spirit. We are committed to transform this campus an Environmentally Sustainable and Culturally Sensitive Campus. We admit that there are some hicupps with regard to smooth functioning of the campus but I am thankful to our neighbour ruralites, students and employees of this University for their co-operation and peaceful co-existenc

Hon'ble Madam, during these two years we have re-aligned our academic programmes and expanded our academic portfolio by introducing new subjects, contextualising the NEP-2020. The Curriculum have been designed as per the NHEQF, embedded with Bharatiya Gyana Parampara (Indian Knowledge System) after benchmarking with domestic peers. For each programme and course "Learning Outcome and Credit Framework" have been clearly articulated focussing on the requirements of future workforce and aspirations of the nation.

I would like to place it on record that, after the introduction of 5 year Integrated Programmes as per the mandate of NEP there is a surge in the number of applications for admission by 30% and admission has gone up by 20% with significant student diversity.

During the last 2 years we have strengthened our e-Resources to promote blended learning. Till date we have set up 33 flipped class rooms and one Audio-Video Studio for creating On-line courses. For Ease of Doing Research & creating a culture of research, we have set up a structured R & D cell to facilitate research. Presently three departments of the university have been awarded DST-First, 21 Faculty Members have received Major Research Projects worth about 4 crore rupees. More than 600 publications have been made in High Impact Journals . This year one of our Associate Professor has registered an Indian Patent.

The University has an active collaboration with Central Coal Fields Ltd (CCL) & IMMT (Bhubaneswar) under Industry Academic Interface, apart from IIT-ISM, Dhanbad & NIT, Jamshedpur.

I am delighted to inform further that the University is putting its efforts in tapping International students. During my visit to South Korea in November, I have signed MoUs with 3 Universities. Presently 21 students from S.Korea are studying on line.

We are glad to mention that under the banner of EK Bharat Shrestha Bharat, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and NSS we have accelerated our local level engagement through outreach and extension activities. A number of awareness & training programmes were organised on SDGs in 10 adjoining villages.

The University's Centre for Endangered Language boasts of having published books and Barnmala in languages like Mundari, Asur, Bihor in Devnagri scripts. The Centre is trying to restore the story and culture in Book format. Santhali language is offered as optional subject. The University Celebrates with much pride the Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda as Jana Jatiya Gourav Divas.

To know the significance of festivals like Sarhul and Karma, the University not only celebrates it with much funfare but also deliberates on these Cultural Heritage.

Hon'ble Madam, during this short span of time with the cooperation of all our faculty members, employees. and students including the Ministry of Education , Govt.of India, we are trying to stand up to the expectations of our stakeholders.

I wish express my sincere gratitude once again to our Chief Guest Hon'ble President & the Visitor for delivering the Convocation Address and offer blessings to the graduating students.

I also thank Hon'ble Governor, Hon'ble CM, and Esteemed Guest MoS, Smt. Annapurna Devi and other dignitaries off the dias for their presence and guidance.

I thank our Chancellor, Court, EC, AC members.

I convey my best wishes to the graduating students and urge them to be significant messengers and contributor in building Swarnim Bharat defending moral principles.

(Prof. K.B. Das)