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CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

Dr. TAMILISAI SOUNDARARAJAN

Hon'ble Governor of Telangana State and
Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry



Thursday, 28th December, 2023 at 4.00 p.m.

Venue: Bhavanam Venkatram Auditorium

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University

Hyderabad, Telangana

Twenty Fifth Convocation Address

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Address by

Dr. (Smt.) Tamilisai Soundararajan

Hon'ble Governor of Telangana State,
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Chancellor of the University

Convocation Address by Dr.(Smt) Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana State, Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry and Chancellor of the University on the occasion of 25th Convocation of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar open University, Hyderabad, held on 28th December, 2023 at 04.00 PM at Bhavanam Venkatram Auditorium, University Campus.

Distinguished Chief Guest of the Twenty Fifth Convocation of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad Prof Mamidala Jagadish Kumar the Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi

Learned Professor Dr. V.S. Prasad, the recipient of Honoris Causa

Prof K.Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor of the University

Members of the Executive Council, Directors, Deans,

Members of the Faculty and Staff,

Donors of the Endowment Gold Medals, Book Prizes Invitees, learned Colleagues,

Recipients of Degrees, Gold Medals and their Proud Parents, Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

My greetings to you all for embellishing the Convocation Function…

It gives me immense pleasure to be with you this evening today for the Twenty Fifth Convocation of the University, BRAOU, the country's First Open University and coinciding Forty Years of its successful Journey in taking the fruits of higher education to the remotest areas of both the Telugu speaking states.

I take the opportunity to congratulate each and every one of you present here on the festive occasion of 25th Convocation of the University, amalgamating forty years of its contribution to higher education. I have no hesitation to say that, as the first Open University in the country, it has traversed many mile stones during the last forty years. Taking clue from Dr. B.R.Ambedkar's educational philosophy, who considered education as an essential tool for all men and women, irrespective of social and economic status, for their progress and wellbeing; it fulfilled the higher educational aspirations of many who discontinued their higher education for various socio-economic reasons.

The University has provided a second opportunity to the housewives, socially and economically poorer sections in fulfilling their dreams of higher education and enabling them to garner plenty of missed opportunities. It has provided cost-effective educational opportunities to a large number of people in the state, particularly those who could not pursue formal education for one reason or the other, which includes geographically remote and socially disadvantaged learners in large numbers. It also provides lifelong learning/continuous

learning opportunities to working population for skill up-gradation and life enrichment. Because, education has occupied tremendous importance as the foundation of progress, both for an individual and for the country as a whole. To quote John Dewey, the American philosopher, “Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”

To quote Swami Vivekananda “Education is not the amount of information that is put into your brain. It is life-building, man-making, character-making assimilation of ideas”. Education is one of the most defining features in the life of an individual. It is the corner stone for economic and social progress and hence the core of educational planning for the institutions must be on creation of job opportunities focusing on unfocussed areas and skill education, to enable the candidates make use of the opportunities available elsewhere. To our Prime Minister, Narendra Modiji, “Education is not only the foundation upon which our civilization has been built, but it also the architect of humanity’s future”. Therefore, the need of the hour is providing quality education with a focus on industry oriented skill based education. Further, the NEP also encourages flexibility in choice of subjects and allows students to follow their passion.

In course of time the BRAOU proved as a renowned institution for accessible education and numerous graduate contributions to society. Further, plenty of opportunities are open for the University to devise plans to provide more

accessible quality education, mediated by technology, at affordable cost to service the people better with skill up-gradation and life enrichment activities. Accordingly efforts may be made to re-engineer the institutional framework to improve its performance in designing innovative educational programmes focusing on student centric, innovative and creativity centric programmes by providing quality study materials, conduct of examinations and declaration of results on time so as to enable the candidates to augment the opportunities thrown open to them by the job market and society at large.

On the celebratory occasion of 25th Convocation of the University and its contributory role in sprouting new graduates I congratulate both, the University and the students and say that there are enormous challenges and opportunities waiting for you in the whole world. It is for you to face these challenges and work with unwavering dedication to make your contribution to the human society and a moment of taking crucial life decisions “to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective life activity so that our nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement”.

I once again congratulate all the candidates who are graduating from Dr.BRAOU. It is a fact that graduation marks the end of one era and the beginning of a new one. In a way, it is a combination of bitter-sweet moments filled with all kinds of emotions. In fact beginning of education for a child at tender

age begins with bitterness of leaving their loved ones at home. As Aristotle, the famous political philosopher said “the roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet”. Understand that graduation ceremony is not just a mere formality but a celebration of students for their academic accomplishments and a testament to their grit and determination. It is an opportunity for them to reflect on their journey and the challenges they have overcome to get to this point. It is a great occasion that marks the culmination of years of hard work and dedication for students. It is this wonderful day when you will receive your degrees upon completion of your studies. I hope you all will further strive hard to accomplish your dreams, because the future depends on what we do in the present. To quote APJ Abdul Kalam, “To succeed in your mission, you must have single-minded devotion to your goal” to fulfill the goals he reminded that “dream is not that which you see while sleeping it is something that does not let you sleep.”

So my advice is ‘dream big’ and ‘aim high’ till you achieve it. My sincere greetings to all the new candidates who are getting their degrees today and I also congratulate the parents and teachers of the graduates who are instrumental for the successful completion of their education. I genuinely hope that as a result of the education you all received at this illustrious university, the streams of wisdom will begin to flow more freely within each of you.

I will conclude by congratulating the holders of degrees and

gold medals once more. I commend all the proud parents for working hard and making sacrifices for their children's achievement.

They, as well as this University, have a very promising future. In the genuine spirit of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav festivities, let us all recommit to making our nation strong and a global guide in imparting education.

I wish you all the best of luck in anything you do.

Jai Hind.

THE VISION

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's social philosophy of education as a means of creating an egalitarian society is the vision of this University. Access to relevant quality education and training programmes for diverse sections of society with a focus on hitherto deprived sections at lower costs by using the modern technologies in teaching-learning processes as well as in administrative and support services is the goal of this University. The University programmes aim at making education and training instruments for living and for making a living.

THE MISSION

- Enrichment of on-going academic programmes;
- Competency building through education and training programmes;
- Interactive individual based teaching learning processes;
- Reliable and credible student evaluation systems;
- Result oriented, accountable and transparent administrative and logistic support systems; and
- Research, innovation, training and networking for system development and staff development.

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