

## Speech of the President

### FIRST CONVOCATION OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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1. It is my privilege to attend the First Convocation of the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Arunachal Pradesh, one of the ten NITs established after 2006-07.
2. I am also happy at the opportunity to once again visit this beautiful state, whose pristine beauty and sylvan surroundings make it the 'nature's treasure trove'. Its songs, dances and crafts only add to the magnificence of this place. Arunachal is a historical land finding mention in ancient scriptures like *Kalika Purana* and *Mahabharata*. It is an important centre of pilgrimage with the Tawang Monastery and Parasurakund located here.
3. Arunachal Pradesh is in the throes of socio-economic change, aided by development in sectors like hydro-electric power and tourism. A facilitator to this transformative process is education, which has received considerable impetus.
4. NIT Arunachal Pradesh was set up in 2010. It has since progressed swiftly, overcoming the difficulties that crop up in the nascent stage. With 35 faculty members and 400 students enrolled in programmes ranging from graduation to PhD levels, it offers mainstream engineering disciplines as well as emerging subjects. Despite operating from a temporary campus, this Institute has made best efforts to maintain the quality of instruction. I compliment the management and faculty of NIT Arunachal Pradesh for their energy, dynamism and commitment in steering this Institute most admirably in its formative years.

Friends, my dear students:

5. This Institute has reached a major milestone today as the first batch of students has been awarded their degrees. I congratulate the new graduates, who by their dint of labour and perseverance have reached this culminating stage. You are now ready to step into the world outside your academic institution. I am sure you will make the best use of the knowledge you have gained here to attain

