

**CHAIRMAN BOG's ADDRESS
AT THE 4TH CONVOCATION OF IIT GUWAHATI
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As Chairman of the Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, it's my pleasure and privilege to welcome you to the Fourth Convocation of this Institute. I feel a sense of great personal satisfaction in participating for the fourth year running, in the Convocation of IIT Guwahati. Convocations are solemn occasions, when degrees are conferred upon qualifying students and Convocation Address delivered by eminent personalities. We are fortunate that we have with us today, Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, a well known Scientist of great repute in our country. His presence amongst us and his address at this Convocation should be a source of inspiration for the students of this Institute. I am grateful to him for having responded to our invitation and come here today.

I congratulate those who are receiving their degrees today after years of study at this Institution. They have deservedly obtained these degrees which should stand them in good stead in their career. A whole vista of opportunities now lie before them. This Institute has equipped them to face the challenges of the vocations in which they may engage themselves. They should pursue their chosen goals with confidence in themselves and relentlessly engage themselves in the pursuit of excellence. At the same time, they should endeavour to uphold our cultural values and our great heritage.

It is indeed very heartening that every year this IIT has making steady progress both in the academic field and in getting administratively organized at this location. So far as expanding our areas of academic activity is concerned,

we are today for the first time conferring degrees in Bachelor of Design. Ours is the only IIT in the country having a Faculty of Design and providing facility for the study of this discipline. Two new departments of Bio Technology and Chemical Engineering are now being added to the curriculum of the Institute. Other academic activities like undertaking Projects, Consultancies, Research and Publications have been proceeding in a very satisfactory manner. There has been steady improvement in functioning facilities and administrative conveniences at this campus on the North Bank of the Brahmaputra. At this rate, I am confident that within a couple of years the great venture that we have undertaken of establishing this IIT, the only such Institution in the country with totally indigenous effort, will be fully completed and IIT Guwahati will flourish as an Institution of excellence. Its campus is all set to become one of the prettiest for such Institution in the country.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulating the founder Director of this Institute, Prof. D. N. Buragohain, for all that he has done for this Institute. He has been the guiding force behind establishing this IIT. The members of the Faculty have been functioning very creditably and have ensured that this IIT has reached a high level of academic attainment. The students at this Institution have maintained a good standard of discipline and have contributed towards maintaining the right environment at this important centre of learning. They have also been undertaking cultural activities and interacting with the students of other educational Institutions in Guwahati. This is as it should be.

In conclusion, I again congratulate the recipients of degrees today. I whole heartedly bless them and I wish them every success in life.

Jai Ai Assam Jai Hind.