

**Dayalbagh Educational Institute**  
**The 42<sup>nd</sup> Convocation Address**

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Staff of the Institute and Members Dayalbagh family and most important, my Dear Students

I am privileged to be a part of this important juncture in your lives, when you are all set to spread your wings and fly off into the vast unknown future. This is the moment when we, your elders, your institution, your parents jointly express our faith and confidence in you. We let go of our guiding hands so that you can soar unhindered and unfettered. A convocation does not merely bestow an academic degree on you, it is a declaration that you young men and women are ready to take on life as mature, well adjusted adults.

Friends ! You are entering the world at a time when it is transforming at an unprecedented speed. There are technology – led transformations which have totally changed the way people connect and communicate with each other, interact with their physical ecosystems, and the kind of work they are required to do. Artificial Intelligence is making inroads into our lives in ways that we are yet to fully comprehend. Developing competency in critically emerging technology is something that has become more than imperative. Globally, as on the G20 platform, or the connect with the Global South we have recognized the need for countries and societies to work together on issues of common concern, find research based solutions to common problems, map global skill requirements for the upcoming future and empower our youth with relevant competencies.

Nations have committed to sharing of best practices, resources, knowledge and a lot more on these platforms. Yet, at another level there are political upheavals brought on by widespread conflicts in multiple regions of the world that are constantly working to divide the world. Within our own country also, we encounter such contradictions. On one hand we have a lot to feel proud of -

being world leaders in our *digital programmes* through which we have empowered crores of our citizens ; our *moon, mars, sun and other space explorations*; our exemplary management of the *Covid pandemic* not just for ourselves but for many countries of the world through *vaccine maitri*; our *Ujjwala* programme that has brought succour to so many of our rural women; our *Jan Dhan yojana, Ayushman Bharat yojana* and so much more. Yet, we see widespread disparities among people in their access to opportunities and resources; we see conflicts on very meaningless issues like caste, religion, language, regionality.

Making sense of such contradictions, maintaining your wisdom, compassion and equanimity and working to realize your potential in your chosen area may be a very challenging task, but something I am sure each one of you who is coming out of the august institution is fully equipped for. I am sure each one of you has been shaped profoundly by your educational journey through Dayalbagh Educational Institute.

As you commence on your aspirational march across Amrit Kaal today, it is an opportune moment to note the remarkable transformation of our educational ecosystem under the National Education Policy of 2020. This revolutionary policy has laid the path for establishing India as a vibrant knowledge society and is preparing every young Indian to face the challenges and opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century as they lead the country towards Atmanirbharta. Within three years of its launch, we have made impressive progress towards establishing the ***accessible, inclusive, futuristic, flexible, multidisciplinary*** and ***quality*** education rooted in ***Indianness*** that NEP 2020 has envisaged. The higher education sector has rejected its rigid, discipline-linked, straight jacket to adopt flexibility with opportunity for lifelong learning. Multidisciplinary programmes, options for multiple entry exit through an Academic Bank of Credit, choice of online programmes, provision of Joint, Dual and Twinning degrees with foreign universities will now make it possible for students to study as per their convenience and choice, and help them nurture their competencies in consonance with global requirements. Students now have the choice to move between skill and academic streams, do their partial study in Indian and foreign institutions, study multiple courses simultaneously, or do their studies in online mode. We have now allowed even foreign universities to set up campuses in the country, so that you can have access to a wider choice

of quality institutions in the country. What is more, you also have the choice of learning even complex subjects like Engineering in your mother tongues, and taking common entrance exams to various courses in 13 Indian languages. The growing vibrancy of our research and innovation ecosystem and the improving governance structures are evident in the global ranking of our educational institutions that is continuously improving every year. I am confident that all these transformative reforms will define and lead the progress of the country through Amrit Kaal. Also, as envisaged by the policy, we are promoting the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat through programmes like Yuva Sangam, Kashi Tamil Sangamam and other regular programmes with paired states in which many of you may have participated.

I am very happy to know that DEI has been at the forefront of implementing the reforms proposed by NEP 2020. The DEI Education Policy 1975, envisioned by the Founder Director Revered Dr M B Lal Sahab, embraces the same holistic vision of nurturing the mind, body, and spirit as that of the NEP. I wish to congratulate DEI on the progress it has made in contribution to all the seventeen United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals making a remarkable impact in Quality Education, Good Health, and Well-being.

It is heartening to note DEI's active participation in several key projects under the aegis of the Ministry of Education including the Virtual Labs in collaboration with IIT Delhi, the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) with IIT Kanpur, and the creation of software tools with IIT Roorkee. DEI's Quantum and Nano Computing Virtual Centre is pivotal in the development of low-cost synchronization oscillators for standalone communication networks, which aligns with the nation's goal to enhance its technological infrastructure is a commendable sign of progress. These projects showcase DEI's contribution to India's educational and research landscape and reflect a strong synergy with the Ministry's vision for empowering HEI's.

DEI's commitment to nation building, philanthropy and environment consciousness is evident in their endeavour to reach the tribals in Madhya Pradesh and the interiors of Tamil Nadu, the way they have been looking after the well being of the rural people of the surrounding villages through the DEI NSS Free Medical and Rural Assistance Camps and in the deployment of Green and Renewable energy on a large scale in the institution and their initiative to clean and enrich the banks of the river Yamuna. This forward-

looking approach resonates with the educational ethos of Dayalbagh, which emphasizes character building along with knowledge acquisition.

Nurtured under an institution like DEI, as you stand on the threshold of a new beginning, you carry with you not just a degree but a legacy. You are the bearers of a vision that sees beyond the confines of classrooms and textbooks. You are the architects of a future that is more equitable, more inclusive, and more attuned to the needs of a diverse society.

Although the world you are stepping into is fraught with challenges yet is also replete with opportunities. The skills you have honed here, the values you have imbibed, and the knowledge you have acquired are your tools to navigate this complex world. You are equipped not just to succeed in your respective fields but also to lead the way in creating a more just and humane society.

As you embark on this journey, remember that education is a lifelong pursuit. The world is your classroom, and every experience is a lesson. Stay curious, stay compassionate, and stay committed to the ideals of equity and inclusivity. As you move ahead, never lose sight of the fact that there are many young people out there who have not been as fortunate as you in life. Youth who have not had your opportunities. These young people need your support, their welfare needs to be a part of your vision and your endeavour in life.

To conclude, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each one of you. You have made us proud, and we are excited to see the paths you will carve out for yourselves and the heights you will reach. Go forth with courage, with conviction, compassion and with a heart full of hope.

Thank you !