



President Smt. Droupadi Murmu Addresses First Convocation Ceremony of AIIMS Rajkot

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“Healthcare critical to India’s vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047”

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President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu addressed the first convocation ceremony of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Rajkot today, marking a significant milestone in the institution’s journey as it graduated its inaugural batch of medical students. Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Smt. Anupriya Patel was also present.



Congratulating the graduating students, the President described the occasion as a moment of pride not only for the students but also for all those associated with the establishment of the institution. “You are the first batch graduating from this institution. In that sense, you are the first brand ambassadors of AIIMS Rajkot. Your work and conduct will shape the reputation of this institution”, she said.

Highlighting the rich cultural and historical significance of the Saurashtra region, the President noted its association with sacred sites and the life of Mahatma Gandhi. She called upon all stakeholders of AIIMS Rajkot to work in the spirit of service and public welfare, guided by the ideals of duty and compassion.



Emphasizing the noble nature of the medical profession, the President said, “Medicine is not just a profession, it is a commitment to the service of humanity. This profession requires not only scientific knowledge but also sensitivity, patience and humility.” She urged the graduating students to uphold empathy, patience, and humility in their practice, adding that “the white coat you wear symbolizes the trust that people place in doctors during times of illness and uncertainty.”

The President underscored the important role played by AIIMS institutions in providing affordable, world-class tertiary healthcare, and in advancing medical education, research, and public health. She expressed satisfaction that AIIMS graduates are contributing to healthcare leadership both in India and abroad, reflecting the high standards of these institutions.

Referring to AIIMS Rajkot as a young and evolving institution, the President stressed the importance of a clear vision, good governance, and transparency in ensuring its long-term success. She also highlighted the need to address region-specific health challenges, including maternal and child health and genetic disorders such as sickle cell anemia.



Acknowledging the rapid technological advancements in healthcare, the President said, “Artificial Intelligence, robotics, precision medicine and digital health services are transforming the nature and possibilities of healthcare.” She encouraged students to embrace innovation while retaining the human touch, noting that “human compassion in medicine can never be replaced.” Quoting Mahatma Gandhi, the President reminded the graduates of the value of service: “Now that you have the opportunity to render service, pour your soul into it and learn to enjoy it thoroughly.”

The President also highlighted the importance of ethical values in medical practice, stating that while being a good doctor is important, being guided by compassion, integrity, and altruism is even more essential.

In the context of India’s goal of becoming Viksit Bharat by 2047, the President emphasized that accessible and quality healthcare is a critical pillar. She noted that the Government of India has taken several steps in this direction and called for continued collaboration among all stakeholders, including premier institutions like AIIMS.

Expressing confidence in the future of AIIMS Rajkot, the President said that the institution would play a vital role in advancing equitable healthcare and setting new benchmarks in medical education and research.



Concluding her address, the President extended her best wishes to the graduating students, urging them to serve with dedication, lead with integrity, and uphold the noble ideals of the medical profession.

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