

PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES CONVOCATION CEREMONY OF RASHTRIYA RAKSHA UNIVERSITY

SIGNIFICANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF INSTITUTIONS LIKE RASHTRIYA RAKSHA UNIVERSITY ARE GREATLY ENHANCED IN AN EVOLVING SECURITY LANDSCAPE: PRESIDENT DROUPADI MURMU

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The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced and addressed the convocation ceremony of Rashtriya Raksha University at Gandhinagar, Gujarat today (April 14, 2026).



Speaking on the occasion, the President said that in times to come, the security landscape will become even more complex. Until just a few years ago, we were unfamiliar with terms such as Digital Arrest, Cyber Crime and Phishing Attacks. Yet today, these stand before us as major threats. In such a scenario, the significance and responsibility of institutions like the Rashtriya Raksha University are greatly enhanced. The nation requires police officers technically capable and proficient in apprehending and securing the conviction of perpetrators of cyber fraud; forensic experts capable of providing evidence that can withstand the scrutiny of the courts; and also, competent professionals who can grasp the nuances of geopolitics and articulate India's perspective on the global stage with confidence and clarity.



The President underlined that strategic studies are no longer confined solely to the principles of war and peace. They now encompass defence manufacturing, emerging technologies, supply chains and self-reliant industrial capabilities. She stated that establishing an interface with industries related to defence and security would be a significant step in achieving these goals.



The President said that fields such as Information Technology, Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security are playing a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory and direction of the world. The government is making earnest efforts in this regard. Through initiatives like the 'India AI Mission' and the 'AI Impact Summit

2026,' India has emerged as a significant voice in global AI governance. The broad international support garnered by the 'New Delhi Declaration' at the AI Impact Summit 2026 is not merely a technological achievement but also a testament to India's leadership capabilities.



The President said that Cyber Security is an integral part of internal security, financial stability and digital trust. India has developed robust institutional mechanisms, such as the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre and the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, which are proving to be beneficial for citizens.



The President said that national strength relies not only on the courage and valour of military personnel and security forces, but also on the quality, production, training and technological self-reliance regarding the arms and weaponry essential for security. The government is continuously striving in this direction. By fostering indigenous capabilities and self-reliance, dependence on imports in the defence sector is being reduced.



The President expressed confidence that the Rashtriya Raksha University will continue to advance towards becoming an outstanding global centre for security education and graduating students will contribute to the building of a secure, just and self-reliant India. She said that through such endeavours, India will emerge as a secure, empowered and developed nation.

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