Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participates in Platinum Jubilee celebrations of IIT Kharagpur

There are no limits to what young minds can achieve: PM

Today, as we move forward with the goal of Viksit Bharat, IIT Kharagpur's 75 years of experience is going to play a very big role in the country's development and in the country's innovation profile: PM

Nations realize their true potential only when they break the boundaries of their thinking; Over the past few years, India has unequivocally declared, “Break the Limits, Unlock the Possibilities” : PM

When you move forward with the mindset of ‘Nation First’, it will undoubtedly open up new opportunities for you while immensely benefiting the nation: PM

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today participated in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of IIT Kharagpur in West Bengal. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Prime Minister noted that before him stood a talented, aspirational generation connected with India's past, present, and future, gathered to celebrate the institute's 75-year journey and honor its legacy. Highlighting the numerous milestones IIT Kharagpur has created over 75 years, an era in which India has seen sweeping transformations from bullock carts to bullet trains and from postal letters to social media messages, he emphasized that as the country's first IIT, the institute has played an important role in every phase of these changes. “I extend my heartiest congratulations to all students here, faculty members, the entire staff here, and all alumni of IIT Kharagpur,” remarked Shri Modi.

Recalling that certain memories of campus life stay with one forever, the Prime Minister expressed confidence that many alumni fondly remember discussions over tea at Chedi's even decades later, and noted that unlike hostels in other institutions, IIT Kharagpur has Halls of which every student is deeply proud. Referring to the recent Diwali celebrations, he shared that he had been told Diwali enthusiasm at IIT Kharagpur is unique, with its Illumination carrying a charm of its own made even more special by the competition among different halls. “Which hall won in this competition this time?” asked PM Modi.

Highlighting Bengal as the land where ideas gained strength and national movements were born, the Prime Minister pointed out that IIT Kharagpur stands on the very site of a former Detention Camp for freedom fighters that decades ago witnessed the indomitable courage of Indians who wanted self-rule and aspired to see India at the pinnacle. Observing that the same campus today prepares youth whose innovation and ideas are becoming the strength to make India Atmanirbhar, he contrasted the past aspiration for Self-Rule and dream of Freedom with today's resolve of Self-Reliance and opportunity to build the Future. “This very journey from aspiration to self-reliance is the real energy of building a Viksit Bharat,” asserted Shri Modi.

Tracing IIT Kharagpur's journey from its founding in a newly independent India, before even the first General Election had been held, a time when the nation needed engineers for its industry and infrastructure, the Prime Minister noted that as India's scientific capabilities grew, its graduates advanced the Space and Atomic Energy programs, and later strengthened India's software industry and led major global companies during the Information Technology era and global economy. Emphasizing that the institute has consistently stepped forward to fulfill its nation-building responsibility in every era and that its 75 years of experience will play a major role in the nation's development and innovation profile as India moves toward Viksit Bharat, he expressed full faith in the students. “I am confident that you will leave no stone unturned in fulfilling the dreams of today's Aspirational India,” affirmed PM Modi.

Explaining that one's capability is determined by the courage to challenge obstacles rather than how quickly one sits back satisfied, the Prime Minister noted that people often place limits on their own thinking, known as limiting beliefs, which restrict their dreams, their talent, and the capability of their country, leading them to decide for themselves what is possible and what is not. “We end up considering the limit of our thinking itself as the limit of the world,” observed Shri Modi.

Stating that nations too recognize their capabilities only when they break the limits of their thinking, as India has demonstrated in recent years. “India said boldly: Break the Limits, Unlock the Possibilities,” asserted PM Modi.

the Prime Minister stated that over the past 12 years, the government changed that mindset by strengthening and empowering the poor and launching schemes for their Ease of Living, whose results are visible today. Citing the latest World Bank report stating that 50 crore people in India came out of poverty in just 12 to 13 years, he underlined the significance of the achievement. “This is not a small change; this is the result of that mindset which says: Break the Limits,” observed PM Modi.

Offering the Semiconductor Mission as another example, the Prime Minister noted that its launch was met with numerous questions asking what the need was when other countries had been making semiconductors for 50 years and what India could possibly achieve now. “Therefore, when I spoke of the Semiconductor Mission, it was said that now it is too late,” remarked Shri Modi.

Stating that he remained firmly resolved and questioned whether India should still sit with its hands folded just because there was a delay earlier, the Prime Minister recalled making a beginning by personally bringing officers together to draw up plans. He noted that within four years, numerous semiconductor facilities have started across the country, India

has begun exporting chips, and former IIT Kharagpur students are leading and executing many of these facilities. “But think, if we had accepted that it has been done over there and why should we make semiconductors now, then nothing would have happened at all,” remarked PM Modi.

Citing the space sector as another strong example, the Prime Minister noted that India's space ecosystem was previously confined to ISRO, where entry was largely restricted and every launch or mission followed its own distinct system, leaving young talent outside the organization with few opportunities. Recalling how he told the ministry that young innovators must get an opportunity and opened India's space sector to its youth, he highlighted that IIT Kharagpur alumnus Pawan built Skyroot Aerospace to give India the pride of launching its first private rocket, alongside many space startups accelerating India's space program today and turning what once seemed impossible into reality. “I can say with pride that your alumni have made a very big contribution in making this impossible possible,” affirmed Shri Modi.

Emphasizing that the country has great expectations from the students as the coming two decades will be among the most productive years of their lives and the most decisive years of India's development, the Prime Minister noted that many of them will be in leadership positions by 2047, making their every success vital for the nation. He urged them to always ask themselves which national challenge they would like to contribute toward solving and to remember his mantra of Nation First. “When you move forward with this mindset, then certainly, this will bring new opportunities for you too and the country will also benefit greatly,” asserted PM Modi.

Commending their wonderful work over the past 75 years and urging them to move forward with the firm resolve to work hard and celebrate the institute's 100-year ceremonies in a Viksit Bharat, the Prime Minister concluded his remarks by invoking Swami Vivekananda's words, ‘Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached’.

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