

Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University



13th Convocation

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Vice Chancellor's Report



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Hon'ble Lt. Governor of NCT of Delhi and Chancellor of the University, Shri Anil Baijal Ji,

Distinguished Chief Guest, Shri Arvind Kejriwal Ji, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi,

Guests of Honor, Shri Manish Sisodia Ji, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister & Minister of Higher Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi,

Shri Vijay Kumar Dev, Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

Prof. Samir K Brahmachari, Former DG, CSIR,

Members of the Court, Board of Management, Academic Council, Planning Board, Board of Affiliation, Finance Committee,

Deans, Registrar & faculty of University Schools of Studies,

my esteemed Colleagues, Directors and Teachers of Affiliated Institutions,

Graduating Students,

respected Parents of Graduating Students, Ladies & Gentlemen.

I extend to you a warm welcome on this occasion of 13th Convocation of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi.

Before I present the report of the University, I express my sincere gratitude to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi and Chancellor of the University, **Shri Anil Baijal Ji**, an administrator par excellence, thinker, and writer for gracing this august occasion and agreeing to preside over our 13th Convocation. Sir, you are an inspiration to all of us and we look forward to your words of wisdom.

We are immensely privileged to have with us, Hon'ble Chief Minister, **Shri Arvind Kejriwal Ji**, a youth icon, and a leader in the truest sense. Our heartfelt thanks to you Sir, for being with us this morning.

I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister & Minister of Higher Education, **Shri Manish Sisodia Ji**. Sir, your vision of education, which lays focus on knowledge through active participation, shall truly help in building Delhi into a knowledge hub.

I also extend a warm welcome to **Shri Vijay Kumar Dev Ji**, Chief Secretary of Delhi, an eminent administrator for joining us today.

We are privileged to have with us **Prof. Samir K Brahmachari**, Former DG, CSIR, and an eminent educationist and scientist who has agreed to deliver the

Convocation Address.

It is a sheer pleasure to have with us today the former Vice Chancellors of this University Prof. KK Aggarwal (Founder-VC) and Prof. DK Bandhopadhyay. The university appreciates and recognizes their honored presence with us.

We are equally delighted to have with us two International guests, Prof Jeffery W Hutter, DMD, MEd, Dean and Spencer N. Frankl Professor in Dental Medicine; and Prof L Lee Chou, DMD, PhD, Professor and Director of Oral Medicine, Professor of Biomaterials - from Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, Boston University.

It is a matter of great privilege for me to share some of the achievements and accomplishments of the University. I assumed the office of the Vice Chancellor few months back. I consider myself fortunate to join the ranks of my illustrious predecessors who have shaped this institution. I shoulder an enormous responsibility to carry forward their legacy. We at GGSIPU, strive to generate an intelligent human resource pool for the promotion of economic growth, social cohesion, equity and justice.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this University was established by an Act of Govt. of NCT of Delhi in October 1998 and began

its operations at Kashmere Gate. In 1999, we had a combined student intake of about 3,000 in 20 UG & PG programmes which were offered in 7 University Schools of Studies and 30 Affiliated Institutions. **Today, we have more than 74,000 students** enrolled in 170 programmes at UG, PG and Doctoral level, run across 12 University Schools of Studies and 127 Affiliated Institutions spread across Delhi & NCR.

Graduating Students

I am very happy to share with you that a total of 68,554 degrees are being conferred today. That includes 108 PhDs, 11,575 Masters, 55,367 Bachelors, 542 MBBS & 108 BDS, 656 MD/MS, 122 DM/M.CH., and 76 M.Phils. Also 258 First Rank holders and 16 Exemplary Performers of the university are receiving the Gold Medals and Plaques at this convocation. Three instituted Gold Medals, ESSAR POWER Gold Medal for the University Gold Medalist for B.Tech. (Power Engineering), Dr. Bhaskar Prakash Joshi Gold Medal for the University Topper for MBA and Siddharth Khitoliya Award are also being awarded.

I would also like to share that of all the graduating students 78.16% passed with first division and 6.78% of the students passed with distinction. **The overall success rate has been 93.61%.**

Campus and Infrastructure

In the year 2010, the University established its 65 acre campus here at Dwarka after shifting from Kashmere Gate. To keep up with this, GGSIPU is coming up with an **18.75-acre campus at Surajmal Vihar**, which is about to be completed. This campus, when ready next year, shall house the University School of Architecture & Planning and University School of Design.

Financial Resource Mobilization

One of the notable achievements of this University is financial self sufficiency. The university faculty members avail grants from external agencies such as DST, DBT, DAE-BRNS, CSIR & IUAC and have secured **financial assistance to the tune of around Rs. 4 Crores** for their individual and departmental projects including UGC-SAP for USMS & USBT and FIST for USEM & USBT. An amount of Rs. 2.73 Crores has been sanctioned as a part of *Faculty Research Grant Scheme (FRGS)* of the University. The University has also been aiding faculty by giving **development grants** towards logistics and infrastructural support such as subscription fee of memberships, cost of publication in international Scopus-indexed journals, grants to attend national and international conferences etc. As a result, University faculty research papers have started appearing in the top-of-the-line international journals like "Nature", "Symmetry", "Physical Review", etc. The 20-

year's H index of university stands at 49.

In order to provide **equal access to quality education**, financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 1.68 crores was granted to 564 students in the year 2018-19.

The University has implemented the **Merit-cum-Means linked Financial Assistance Scheme** of Govt. of NCT of Delhi. Rs. 9.62 cr was disbursed to 1778 students in the year 2018-19.

The University has put in place mechanisms to **strengthen linkages with the Industry**. The Indraprastha University Industry Interaction Cell (IUIIC) has been established to foster strong linkages with industry to make our curriculum practical and industry oriented. The students are also being supported through Central Career Guidance and Placement Cell of the University for their Placement in reputed organizations. All these facilities are being given a renewed push by the new leadership of the University.

Assessment, Accreditation and Ranking

Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University was accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC for the period 2013-18, and I am happy to announce that the University is soon **going to participate in the 3rd Cycle of NAAC Accreditation** this academic year. The university has

participated in the *National Institutional Ranking Framework* implemented by the MHRD, Govt. of India. I take pride in informing that GGSIPU was ranked 82 in the year 2017, 74 in the year 2018 and **66 in the year 2019**. All this has become possible due to the high level of commitment, hard work and active participation by all the stakeholders, especially by our faculty and staff over the years.

The University and all its affiliated institutions have been participating regularly in the annual All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) since 2010-11. Since about 95% of the university students are enrolled in its 127 affiliated institutions, it becomes imperative to have regular monitoring and mentoring. Towards this objective, an **Academic Audit of all the affiliated institutions** is carried out on annual basis. From this Year, University proposes to **conduct academic audit of all University Schools of Studies** to strengthen them in providing quality education as per Global standards.

I am happy to put on record that GGSIPU has started several good practices like "*Best Researcher Award*" for the faculty; "*Employee of the Year Award*" for non teaching employees; Programmes for working Professional on Weekends; regular cultural and sports activities for

students and staff, etc.

We continue our efforts to encourage an equitable balance between academics and extra-curricular activities. The university nurtures and promotes social, cultural and sports activities in the campus. We organise **Anugoonj-** the Annual Cultural Festival of the University in February and the Annual Sports Meet in October, where thousands of students celebrate the spirit of leadership.

Srijan – the Society for Creative Expressions, provides a platform to students to hone their skills and interests in areas like photography, literature, music, dance, fine arts, science and nature. The University over the years has collaborated with SpicMacay. In the past few years, we have had the honour to host distinguished artists of high repute such as Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Pt. Debu Chaudhary, Ms. Malavika Sarukkai, Nizami Brothers, Ms. Shovana Narayan, Shri Wasifuddin Dagar, Qutbi Brothers, Pt. Rajan and Sajan Mishra and many more.

The University regularly celebrates **all days of national importance and Indian festivals** to promote togetherness amongst all employees and students.

Ladies and gentlemen, GGSIPU has entered into **a number**

of collaborations with foreign educational institutions.

We have over 30 Memorandum of Understandings for academic and research collaborations; the University is also a member of Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU). Under an MoU with Slovak University of Agriculture, Slovakia, as a part of ERASMUS+ agreement, Ph.D. candidate from GGSIPU went under student exchange; 4 Ph.D. scholars and one faculty visited to Technische Universität Dresden, Germany under DAAD Scholarship. Besides this, foreign delegates from countries like Germany, Cyprus, Australia and USA have visited the University in 2018-19 to strengthen foreign linkages.

It gives me immense pleasure to report some of the awards and honors won by our faculty and students

- Prof. PC Sharma, was awarded the Delhi Govt. University/College Teacher Award, 2018 by Department of Higher Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi;
- Prof. N Raghuram was selected Chairman of the International Nitrogen Initiative Member FAO-UNEP-WHO consultative committee on the health and environmental effects of fertilizers and pesticides;
- Dr. Nimisha Sharma, was awarded the “Indo-US

Visiting Research Professorship” by American Society of Microbiology and Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (2017);

- Prof. Nupur Prakash from University School of Information Communication & Technology was given the Lifetime Achievement Award for promoting women centric education on International Women's day 2018;
- Dr Lisa P Lukose from University School of Law and Legal Studies was awarded “Secretary of the Commonwealth Legal Association & Member Secretary”, by Commonwealth Law Reform Committee;
- Prof. Dhananjay Joshi of University School of Education was awarded the Dwarka Srijan Shree Award, Delhi;
- Dr. Sumit Dookia, from University School of Environment Management was felicitated by Maharaja of Jodhpur Shri Gaj Singh Ji for Long Term Contribution on Wildlife Research in Thar Desert of Rajasthan on the eve of 2017th World Environment Day.

The many prestigious scholarships and awards received by our students have been a source of pride and pleasure for us. Two students of University School of Environment Management Ms. Priyanka Kumari and Ms Anchal Garg won the international Young Scientist Award 2018.

Number of students of University School of Studies qualified the CSIR UGC NET examination as well as GATE.

GGSIU through its **Outreach Programme**, reaches out to its neighborhood for its community development. The outreach programme is implemented in terms of adopting five nearby villages Pundwala Kalan, Surera, Kharkhari Nahar, Khera Dahar, Kharkhari Jatmal for their socio-economic development through various NSS activities.

Ladies and gentlemen, the University **participated actively in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**. We have already declared our Campus as plastic-free campus. Eco Clubs of various Schools of Studies with grants coming from Delhi Govt. are sensitizing residents of RWA of Dwarka about the importance of Green Environment through poster competitions, lectures and doing other activities. Programmes like Leadership for Academician Programme (LEAP), Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) and many more have been integrated into the system for the creation of a new academic and research ecosystem.

Finally, I conclude by conveying my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to each one of the

graduating students. I also use this opportunity to congratulate the proud parents for supporting all your endeavors to help you realize your ambition. The University invests a lot of hope and promise in you. We are confident that you will do the university and our nation proud.

As Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi said:

***"Your belief become your thoughts
Your thoughts become your words
Your words become your actions
Your actions become your habits
Your habits become your values
And your values become your destiny"***

Let the flame of knowledge keep ignited at Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University to make you the architects of a paradigm change and yet the custodian of harmony.

Before I end, I again thank Hon'ble Chancellor Shri Anil Baijal Ji, respected Shri Arvind Kejriwal Ji, Shri Manish Sisodia Ji, Shri Vijay Kumar Dev and Prof Samir Brahmachari and all the distinguished guests for being with us today. Thank you all.

Jai Hind.



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