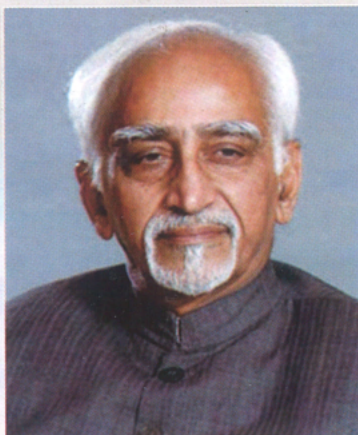


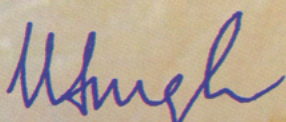
Message from Vice President of India



Shri Mohammad Hamid Ansari
(The Vice President of India)

Honourable Vice President of India is happy to know that the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi, Himachal Pradesh is organizing its Second Convocation on March 15, 2015.

The Vice President of India extends his greetings and good wishes to the students, teachers and staff and wishes the event all success.


(NAGESH SINGH)

(On behalf of Vice President of India)

हिमाचल प्रदेश के राज्यपाल का सन्देश



श्री कल्याण सिंह
(राज्यपाल, हिमाचल प्रदेश)

मुझे यह जानकारी प्रसन्नता हुई है कि भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान मण्डी द्वारा 15 मार्च, 2015 को दीक्षांत समारोह का आयोजन किया जा रहा है |

भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों को देश में बेहतरीन तकनीकी शिक्षा प्रदान करने का गौरव प्राप्त है | ये संस्थान गुणात्मक तकनीकी शिक्षा के साथ-साथ अनुसन्धान की दिशा में भी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा कर देश विकास में अहम् योगदान दे रहे हैं |

इस मौके पर मैं, विद्यार्थियों को बधाई देता हूँ | उनके उज्ज्वल भविष्य की कामना करता हूँ तथा आशा करता हूँ कि युवा इंजीनियर अपने ज्ञान और कौशल के माध्यम से देश में विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी के विकास को नए आयाम देंगे |

कल्याण सिंह

Message from HRD Minister, Government of India



Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani
(The HRD Minister of India)

Convocation Day is a day of celebration, excitement and great optimism. It is the day for celebrating the results of hard work and successful achievements. I am sure this second Convocation ceremony at Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi on March 15, 2015 will be etched in the memory of all graduating students.

IIT Mandi stands as a proud example of the Government's commitment to create new world class institutions to provide quality education to the youth of this country. The Government, the Administration and the Faculty are infusing their best in collaboration with other stake holders to take the institution to new heights. To realize the goals of the “**Make in India**” initiative announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, we need to inculcate a spirit of entrepreneurship among the youth and work in cohesion with the industry to develop cutting edge technologies. I am happy to learn that IIT Mandi is focusing more on research and innovation to achieve this.

I hope that the distinguished students graduating from IIT Mandi will always remember that knowledge is the most powerful tool to get access to opportunities and advancement. I would also like to implore you to contribute to our national development in a meaningful way, no matter what career you pursue.

I congratulate and wish the faculty and students of IIT Mandi all the very best on this occasion of accomplishment.

SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI

Message from Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh

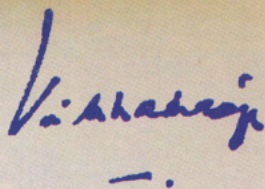


Shri Virbhadra Singh
(The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh)

I am delighted to learn that the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mandi is organizing its second Convocation on 15th March, 2015 and a brochure is also being brought out to mark the occasion.

Established in the year 2009, this institution has progressed gloriously ahead by achieving brilliance in the field of research and education. It is emerging as one of the pioneering institutes of the country imparting quality education to the students. I extend my heartiest congratulations to the staff and faculty members on the occasion and also the student's of 2010 batch who will be awarded degrees during the Convocation. I hope it would continue its endeavour to provide quality education to the students in future too.

My best wishes for the convocation.



VIRBHADRA SINGH

Message from MHRD Secretary



Shri Satya N. Mohanty
(The MHRD Secretary)

It is indeed a memorable day in the life of our graduates, who have been looking forward to this eventful day with great expectations. This day marks the happy ending of your dream to secure a qualification of your choice from an Institution known for its eminence and excellence. Education is never a solitary pursuit. The enviable position that you are in today is undoubtedly because of your perseverance and hard work. But remember, equally important is the sacrifices made by your parents and selfless contribution of the faculty, who committed so much time and energy in transforming your lives.

The process of globalization continues to transform the economic play field. Knowledge has acquired a new significance. This is an era, wherein “Intellectual Capital” has become the prime mover of organizations and nations. Thus opportunities are very many and avenues are unlimited for you to explore and benefit from. You are embarking on a most exciting journey. The world out there is fiercely competitive, but you should have no fear for you have been tempered by one of the most rigorous programs in the world and are now ready to test your mettle in your respective fields. Please do not forget that all this becomes meaningful only when it touches and improves the community around you. Use your knowledge to better the world around you and therein lie the satisfaction of both.


(Satya N. Mohanty)

Message from Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Mandi



Shri M. Natarajan
(Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Mandi)

I am indeed delighted to associate myself with the second convocation IIT Mandi. As IIT Mandi's first Chairman, BoG, I am honoured to extend a hearty welcome to the Chief Guest; Guests of Honour; Members of Senate; Director, IIT Mandi; graduating students; family members of degree recipients; and members of IIT Mandi students, faculty, and staff.

Established in 2009, IIT Mandi is the country's newest IIT, the only institute of its kind for the advancement of knowledge and education in science and technology in this beautiful Himalayan landscape. In a short span of 5 years, the institute has grown in strength, accommodating 620 students, 455 in B. Tech., 28 students in M.S., 3 students in M. Tech., 10 students in M. Sc. and 124 students in Ph.D. My thanks to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, which generously accommodated IIT Mandi in Vallabh College Campus, where this IIT started functioning from its transit campus at Mandi in 2010. This generosity certainly helped kick-start activities, while we were scouting for over 538 acres of forested land on the banks of river Uhl for the institute's permanent campus at Kamand. The sustained efforts by all concerned led to the acquisition of this land and development of the architectural plan of the entire campus. The construction activities of phase 1, comprising of new buildings for Hostels, Administrative Block, Mess, Labs, and Classrooms are nearing completion. While it may take a couple of more years for the campus to be fully built, the academic and research activities are already flourishing here with vigour and vitality. I would like to convey my thanks to IIT Mandi's Director, faculty, staff and enthusiastic students for pursuing their activities unmindful of inconveniences and hardships.

A growing economy like India has challenges not only in disciplines such as space, atomic energy, defence, communication, renewable energy and medicine; but also in housing and living conditions; food and nutrition; water and sanitation; and, healthcare, agriculture and

transportation. Dear students, India is a vibrant democracy that looks for opportunities to develop science and technology for bridging social disparities. The creative minds, equipped with knowledge and expertise, can help find pragmatic solutions to our problems and provide for a variety of products, services and systems to our society. While our growth in successive 5 year plans is impressive, the rising population demands innovative solutions that are practical and affordable.

We are a 5000 year old civilization with rich traditional knowledge and skill sets. Here, it is vital to study and capitalize on traditional knowledge related to medicine, architecture, arts, crafts, and culture. We must find an appropriate blend of old and new knowledge and expertise to arrive at innovative solutions to some of our problems and lift the country from the malaise of poverty and hunger that stalks over a third of our population. For us to really change things, we need to look inward. Our country can only achieve development through outstanding contributions of intelligent, well qualified and professionally committed work force that looks for opportunities in challenges within a resource limited environment.

I am confident that the constant efforts of the faculty here to present innovative teaching and research will help us build our knowledge and skills further. I would also urge each one of you to appreciate the talent in every individual and seek ways and means of working effectively as a team member and as a leader. I have no doubt that as you enter the society as new graduates, you will make a strong impact and, at later stages, share your experiences and expertise with your alma mater. It is only through your constant engagement that IIT Mandi can become the torch bearer for science and technology and for the advancement of the nation and its society at large.

May I take this opportunity to wish each one of you, graduating, post-graduating, or receiving a Ph.D. degree, the very best in the years ahead for professional accomplishments and for a happy, healthy, peaceful, and prosperous life. May God Almighty bless each one of you and be with you in all your good deeds.

Shri M. Natarajan