

CONVOCAATION

Sri Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education

(Deemed to be University)

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Namaskar!

Warm greetings to:

**Honourable Chancellor, Distinguished
Members of the Governing Body,
Respected Faculty, Esteemed Parents,
Dear Students, media members and all
other dignitaries present today.**

I am very glad to address this august gathering at the Annual Convocation of Sri Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education, Tumkur. Today is a momentous occasion in the lives of the graduating students and their families, as well as for the esteemed institution that has nurtured their growth and learning. Congratulations to all the graduating students of the Class of 2024! You stand at the threshold of an exciting new chapter, equipped with the knowledge, skills, and values imparted to you by this esteemed academy.

As we gather here to celebrate your achievements, let us take a moment to acknowledge the unwavering dedication and relentless support of your teachers,

faculty members, and parents. Dear educators, you are the true architects of the future. Your tireless efforts to impart quality education, mentor students, and guide them toward excellence have borne fruit today. Parents, your sacrifices and encouragement have laid the foundation for this success. This convocation is as much a celebration of your contributions as it is of the achievements of the students.

My dear friends, convocation ceremonies are often seen as the culmination of years of academic effort. However, I urge you to view this day not as the end of your journey but as the beginning of an exciting new phase.

The certificates you receive today are not just a testament to your academic achievements but a passport to a world of opportunities and responsibilities. As you step out into the world, remember that your education has prepared you to become changemakers, innovators, and leaders. This day marks the start of a journey that will demand lifelong learning, unending

curiosity, and a commitment to contribute meaningfully to society.

Remember, the journey from this point forward is not without challenges. The skills you have gained, coupled with your determination, will help you navigate these challenges successfully. Always remember to embrace change and adapt to the dynamic world around you. Today is the beginning of your contribution to a better tomorrow.

AICTE's Commitment to Skilling and Innovation

At AICTE, our vision is to foster a generation of skilled and innovative youth who can drive the nation's progress. We are committed to bridging the gap between education and employability by introducing transformative initiatives that prepare students for the challenges of the future.

To this end, we have rolled out various programs and policies focusing on skill-based education in cutting-edge domains such as:

- **Space Technology:** We are nurturing a cadre of professionals ready to excel in the space industry, aligning with India's ambitious space exploration goals. Our collaboration with ISRO for space curriculum is something that we look forward to in achieving our goal of excelling India in space industry.
- **Drone Technology:** As drones transform industries like agriculture, logistics, and defence, AICTE ensures students gain hands-on experience in this field and in alignment of the same we have established 47 drone labs across India. This is in partnership





with AVPL International who are drone professionals.

- Defence Systems:** By encouraging advancements in defence technology, we aim to empower students to contribute to national security. Accordingly we inked MoU with Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM), to establish a robust partnership between academia and the defence industry, with a focus on creating a future-ready workforce for the Defence and Aerospace sectors from AICTE-approved institutions across India.

These initiatives aim to equip students with industry-relevant skills and foster a mindset of innovation. AICTE's IDEA Labs, for instance, provide students with platforms to experiment, innovate, and prototype solutions that address real-world challenges. By integrating academic

knowledge with practical applications, we ensure that our youth are equipped to contribute effectively to India's socio-economic development.

We are living in an era defined by rapid advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies. As students, you must embrace these changes and adapt to this dynamic landscape. AI has already begun transforming industries and creating new opportunities across fields. From healthcare and education to agriculture and finance, AI has the potential to revolutionize the way we live and work. As graduates, you are stepping into a world where AI will play a pivotal role in shaping the future.

AICTE is actively working to incorporate AI and other emerging technologies into the curriculum. Through partnerships with leading tech companies and industry leaders, we provide students access to cutting-edge tools, resources, and training

modules. By fostering an understanding of AI and its applications, we empower students to lead the charge in this digital revolution.

However, technology alone is not enough. To truly thrive, you must combine technological knowledge with creativity, ethical responsibility, and the ability to work collaboratively. The key to succeeding in the age of AI lies in your ability to continuously upgrade your skills and remain adaptable to change.

India is poised to become the next global hub for innovation, and you, the youth of this nation, are the driving force behind this transformation. Under the visionary leadership of our Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, India is witnessing an innovation renaissance.

The government's initiatives, such as 'Start-up India' and 'Digital India,' have created a thriving ecosystem for entrepreneurship and technological advancements. These programs have not only encouraged young minds to think

creatively but also provided them with the resources and platforms to turn their ideas into reality.

One of the standout initiatives is the Smart India Hackathon (SIH). Now in its seventh edition, this program has become a benchmark for fostering innovation and problem-solving. Addressed by the Honourable Prime Minister himself, the SIH invites students to solve real-world challenges faced by government bodies and industries. By participating in such events, students gain exposure to practical problem-solving, teamwork, and project management. I urge all of you to seize such opportunities to showcase your ingenuity and contribute to the nation's development.

India's burgeoning start-up ecosystem, the increasing investment in research and development, and a focus on technology-driven solutions are positioning us as a global innovation leader. As graduates, you have the responsibility to leverage this environment and further enhance India's reputation as an innovation hub.





As you embark on your professional journey, remember the larger purpose of your education. Knowledge gains its true value when it is applied to address societal challenges. Whether you become entrepreneurs, engineers, doctors, or researchers, always strive to create solutions that improve lives, uplift communities, and protect the environment.

India needs leaders who not only excel in their fields but also work towards inclusive growth. Be the torchbearers of change by ensuring that your innovations are sustainable, ethical, and inclusive. By doing so, you will not only achieve personal success but also contribute to building a stronger and more equitable society.

In conclusion, I urge you to cherish this day and carry forward the legacy of Sri

Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education. Continue to strive for excellence and remain committed to lifelong learning. Be fearless in your pursuits and resilient in the face of challenges. The world awaits your contributions, and I am confident that you will make a significant mark wherever you go.

On behalf of AICTE, I once again extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the graduates. May your journey be filled with success, innovation, and service to humanity. Remember, the future of our nation lies in your hands, and I am certain it is a bright and promising one.

Thank you, and best wishes for your future endeavors!

Jai Hind!