

CONVOCATION

Anna University

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Namaskar,

Warm greetings to Honorable Thiru R.N. Ravi, Governor of Tamil Nadu, Vice Chancellor Dr.R.Velraj, esteemed faculty members, distinguished guests, proud parents, and, most importantly, dear graduates.

I am truly very glad to be here at Anna University, Asia's oldest Technical Institution and the oldest one established outside Europe. It is indeed a privilege for me to attend the 44th convocation ceremony of Anna University as the Chief Guest.

Thank you to the VC and entire administration of the University for the warm welcome. I am excited to share my thoughts and give blessings to all the graduates on their remarkable achievement of successfully accomplishing their degrees from Anna University.

Friends, you have spent quality time at this University, making friends, learning skills, engaging in practicals and so on. The days we spent in our classrooms always remain in our memory due to the many moments that we share with each other. I want you

all to always cherish your college memories in life and continue your friendship beyond classrooms. The knowledge, learning, skill and experience you have attained in Anna University, will help you in different stages of your life.



To be a part of Anna University adds a new dimension to your portfolios. Do you know why?

Because Anna University has a rich legacy of academic excellence and innovation. Since its inception, it has been a beacon of knowledge and a cradle for nurturing talented engineers, architects, managers, and social scientists who have gone on to make significant contributions to society. The university's commitment to fostering a culture of research, innovation, and holistic education is truly commendable.

I am deeply impressed by the vibrant academic environment and the state-of-the-art facilities of this University, which support cutting-edge research and learning. The dedication of the faculty members and the enthusiasm of the students are palpable, reflecting the university's ethos of striving for excellence. It is clear that Anna

University not only imparts knowledge but also instills a sense of responsibility and purpose in its students.

Friends, today marks a significant milestone in your academic journey, and I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each one of you on your remarkable achievements. As you stand on the threshold of a new chapter in your lives, it is essential to reflect on the journey that has brought you here and to look ahead at the exciting opportunities and challenges that lie before you.

To the parents and families of our graduates, today is also a celebration of your unwavering support and encouragement. Your belief in your children has been the bedrock of their success. Your sacrifices, patience, and love have played an indispensable role in guiding them to this achievement. On behalf of the entire academic community, I extend our deepest gratitude to you.



Friends, We are in the Amrit Kaal, a pivotal time to make significant strides in your career. Embrace critical thinking, continually upskill and reskill with the latest technologies and ideas, and carve out a unique place for yourself in this rapidly evolving world.

The future belongs to those who are willing to learn, unlearn, and relearn. In this era of disruption, your ability to think critically, to innovate, and to adapt will be your greatest assets.

Friends, AI and other emerging technologies are indeed transforming various aspects of our lives. While these advancements offer incredible potential, they also raise concerns about their impact on jobs, decision-making, and society. As machines and AI systems become more sophisticated, there's uncertainty about job security in certain sectors. However, rather than fearing these changes, we should embrace them and adapt to new methods of sustainability and growth.

With the advent of disruptive innovations, it's crucial to stay updated and proficient with advanced technologies. Hence, always keep your spirit of learning alive.

AI is reshaping the workforce and the nature of jobs. As graduates, you must be ready to adapt to these changes. Embrace AI as a tool for innovation and problem-solving, but also be aware of the ethical implications and the need for responsible use. Continuous learning and staying updated with the latest advancements in AI will be crucial.

Remember, AI is a tool—a powerful one. How we use it will determine its impact on our world. As the future leaders, innovators, and decision-makers, you have the chance to shape that impact positively. Embrace AI, but do so with a mindset geared towards creativity, responsibility, and inclusivity.

In this dynamic environment, the importance of skilling and upskilling cannot be overstated. The knowledge you have gained here is just the beginning. Engage



in lifelong learning, seek out new skills, and be proactive in upskilling to stay relevant in your field. The AICTE is committed to supporting your continuous learning journey through various initiatives and programs, ensuring that our students are well-equipped to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving world. I am pleased to share some of our key initiatives that are designed to support and empower you as you embark on your professional journeys.

AICTE Initiatives:

1. **AURA Scheme:** This initiative promotes research and innovation among students and faculty, providing grants and resources to support groundbreaking projects that can make a real impact on society.
2. **MoU with C-CAMP:** Through this collaboration with the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms, we aim to foster innovation and

entrepreneurship in biotechnology and life sciences, offering exciting opportunities for interdisciplinary projects.

3. **PG Scholarship and Post-Doctoral Fellowship:** These programs are designed to support students financially and academically, enabling them to pursue advanced studies and contribute to cutting-edge research.
4. **Career Portal:** Offering guidance and resources for career planning and development, this portal helps students navigate the job market, build professional networks, and make informed career decisions.
5. **Scholarships for UG and PG Students:** AICTE offers various scholarships to support your educational journey financially, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder your pursuit of knowledge and excellence.



6. **Saraswati Scheme for BBA/BCA Girls:** This scheme provides financial assistance and encourages women to excel in their chosen fields, promoting gender equality in education and professional domains.

I am excited to introduce you to the AICTE Anuvadini tool as well, a groundbreaking initiative developed by the All India Council for Technical Education. Anuvadini is a translation tool designed to break down language barriers in technical education. It enables the translation of technical documents, academic content, and more into multiple Indian languages, ensuring that young graduates who may not be proficient in English can access educational materials in their native tongues. This tool not only supports inclusive education by making learning more accessible but also enhances understanding of complex concepts, thereby improving academic performance. For educators, Anuvadini facilitates the creation of multilingual content and the

translation of research papers, fostering a more inclusive and diverse learning environment. By enhancing language skills and technical comprehension, Anuvadini also boosts employability and career prospects for graduates.

Friends, AICTE promises to revolutionize the approach of internships and career placements in technical education across India through its Internship and Placement Portal.

This portal, developed by the All India Council for Technical Education, stands as a beacon of opportunity for our young graduates. It serves as a centralized platform where students can explore a myriad of internship opportunities tailored to their academic disciplines and career aspirations. Whether you're studying engineering, management, pharmacy, or any other technical field, this portal provides access to diverse internship programs that help bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world application.





But the benefits don't stop there. The AICTE Internship and Placement Portal goes beyond just internships. It also connects students with prospective employers, offering a streamlined process for securing job placements post-graduation. This initiative is not just about finding jobs; it's about empowering our students to thrive in the competitive global workforce by providing them with the necessary tools and opportunities to kickstart their careers.

Imagine the impact—a seamless transition from academic excellence to practical experience, all facilitated through a user-friendly online platform. For educators and institutions, this portal serves as a valuable resource to support students in their professional journeys, ensuring they are well-prepared and equipped with the skills demanded by industry leaders.

So, whether you're a student eager to gain hands-on experience through internships or a graduate ready to embark on your career path, the AICTE Internship and Placement Portal is your gateway to success. Embrace this opportunity, explore the possibilities,

and pave the way for a future filled with promise and achievement.

Remember, success is not just measured by the positions you hold or the accolades you receive, but by the positive impact you have on others. Strive to be leaders who inspire, innovators who create solutions, and individuals who make a difference in the lives of others.

So once again congratulations my dear graduates! To the parents and families, today is a celebration of your support, sacrifices, and unwavering belief in the potential of your children. Your guidance and encouragement have played a pivotal role in their success.

The future is bright, and it is yours for the taking. Dream big, work hard, and never stop learning. The world is waiting for you to make your mark. I wish you all the very best for your future endeavors. May you achieve great success and bring honor to yourselves, your families, and your alma mater.

Thank you!