

GRADUATION DAY

Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology

Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

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Warm greetings to:

- Smt. S Malarvizhi, Chairperson and Managing Trustee
- Dr. K Sundararaman, CEO, SKCET
- Dr. K Porkumaran, Principal, SKCET
- Management Committee members, Academic Committee Members, esteemed faculty, students, parents, media persons, ladies and gentlemen.

Vannakam!

Happy Vijaya Dashami to you! As we celebrate Dussehra today, following the nine days of Navratri, we commemorate the significant victory of good over evil. It's a truly meaningful occasion!

It is a privilege and a pleasure to be here today on this momentous occasion—the 22nd Graduation Day of Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore. Graduation is a time of celebration, reflection, and anticipation for what lies ahead. It is a time when years of hard work, sacrifice, and dedication are

recognized, and the future is embraced with open arms. My heartiest congratulations to each one of you for reaching this significant milestone in your lives.

Vijayadashami is regarded as an auspicious day to embark on new ventures, learn new skills, and perform puja for all tools. It is also celebrated as Vidyarambham, a time to initiate education and knowledge.

To the graduating students, I extend my warmest congratulations. This day belongs to you. You have navigated through the challenges of rigorous academic programs, late nights of study, and countless assignments. You have emerged victorious, equipped with the knowledge and skills that will serve as the foundation for your future endeavors. Today, you become the torchbearers of a bright future, ready to contribute to our nation's vision of a Viksit Bharat—a developed India. The journey you have undertaken here has prepared you not just for professional success but also for the responsibilities you will shoulder as citizens of this great nation.

As you step into the next phase of your journey, remember that **education is not**

just about degrees and certificates. It is about shaping a mindset that is adaptable, innovative, and resilient. It is about fostering a spirit of curiosity, a desire for lifelong learning, and a commitment to societal progress. Your time at Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology has given you the tools to be agents of change, to think beyond the ordinary, and to innovate for a better tomorrow.

On this day, we honor Thiruvalluvar and his work, the Thirukkural, which highlights the importance of skill and knowledge for a successful life. Specifically, couplets 441 and 1070 emphasize the value of education and expertise.

To the esteemed faculty and administration, I offer my heartfelt appreciation for your relentless dedication and commitment to shaping young minds. You have been the guiding light for these students,

inspiring them to reach greater heights. The achievements of this institution, such as its NAAC A++ grade and impressive rankings in the NIRF 2024, are a testament to your hard work and dedication. You have made this institution a beacon of academic excellence and a place where students are not only educated but also inspired to dream big.

Your role as educators extends beyond imparting knowledge; you are the mentors who have instilled values, ethics, and a sense of purpose in these young minds. It is because of your guidance that these graduates are ready to take on the challenges of the world with confidence and conviction.

To the proud parents, today is a moment of joy, pride, and fulfillment for you. Your unwavering support, sacrifices, and encouragement have been the bedrock upon which your children have built their dreams.

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As they don the cap and gown, know that this achievement is as much yours as it is theirs. You have nurtured them, believed in them, and stood by them through their ups and downs. Your role in shaping their journey cannot be understated, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for being their pillars of strength.

As we gather here today to celebrate the achievements of our young graduates, it is important to recognize the **critical role that the youth of India play in building a Viksit Bharat**. Our nation is at a pivotal point, poised for rapid growth and development. The aspirations of 1.4 billion people rest on the shoulders of our youth—individuals like you, who possess the energy, enthusiasm, and innovative spirit needed to drive India forward. You are the architects of a new India, an India that is inclusive, sustainable, and vibrant.

In your hands lies the power to transform industries, uplift communities, and shape the future of our nation. I urge you to remember that true progress is not measured solely by personal achievements but by the positive impact you create in society. As engineers, innovators, and problem-solvers, your work must be guided by a commitment to the greater good, to building a nation that offers opportunities for all its citizens.

In this era of rapid technological advancements, the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is undeniably transformative. AI has become an integral part of various sectors, from healthcare and education to manufacturing and agriculture. It holds the potential to solve complex problems, optimize processes, and improve the quality of life. But with this power comes a great responsibility. As future engineers and technologists, it is imperative that you approach AI

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with a sense of care, empathy, and ethical considerations. AI should not merely be seen as a tool for efficiency but as an enabler of human well-being.

We must ensure that AI is used to bridge societal gaps, promote inclusivity, and create opportunities for those who have been historically marginalized. AI should be used to empower, not to replace, to enhance human capabilities, not to diminish them. As you embark on your professional journeys, I urge you to remain grounded in values of compassion and empathy. Let these principles guide your work, ensuring that the technology you develop serves humanity's best interests and addresses the challenges of the modern world with sensitivity.

At AICTE, we are committed to creating a robust ecosystem that supports your growth and development. Our initiatives are designed to provide you with the skills,

opportunities, and platforms needed to thrive in this ever-changing world. Programs like the National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) have brought cutting-edge AI-based learning solutions to the doorstep of students, making education more personalized and accessible.

Through initiatives such as the Smart India Hackathon, we have encouraged students like you to come forward with innovative solutions to real-world problems. The Hackathon has not only fostered a spirit of creativity and innovation but has also demonstrated the potential of our youth to tackle pressing challenges. Similarly, AICTE-IDEA Labs have been established to nurture innovation and entrepreneurship, providing a space for students to experiment, prototype, and bring their ideas to life.

We have also launched scholarship programs, and support for startups to ensure that every student, regardless of



their economic background, has access to the resources they need to succeed. Our focus remains on building a learning environment that is inclusive, supportive, and geared towards preparing you for the demands of the future.

As I conclude my address, I want to leave you with a few thoughts that I hope will guide you in the years to come:

1. **Never stop learning.** The world is evolving at an unprecedented pace, and the knowledge you have today may soon be outdated. Stay curious, embrace change, and continue to upskill yourself throughout your career.
2. **Be resilient in the face of challenges.** Life will not always go as planned, but it is your resilience and determination that will define your success. Learn from setbacks, adapt, and keep moving forward with optimism and courage.
3. **Use your skills for the betterment of society.** Remember that the true measure of success is not just in what you achieve for yourself, but in the positive impact you create

for others. Use your engineering skills to solve real-world problems, uplift communities, and contribute to nation-building.

4. **Be empathetic leaders.** As you take on leadership roles, remember the importance of empathy. Lead with kindness, understand the needs of those around you, and strive to create a work culture that is inclusive and respectful.

In the end, the world is yours to shape.

You have the knowledge, the passion, and the potential to make a difference. Let us together work towards a Viksit Bharat—India that is not only technologically advanced but also compassionate, inclusive, and equitable. I have full faith that each one of you will rise to this challenge and make our nation proud.

May your journey ahead be filled with success, fulfillment, and purpose. May you continue to shine brightly, bringing glory to your alma mater, your families, and your nation.

Thank you.

Jai Hind!

