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It is indeed a great pleasure to be part of the 32nd Convocation ceremony of IMS Ghaziabad and extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the PGDM graduates who are stepping into the next exciting phase of their professional journeys. As Chairman of AICTE, I have the privilege of attending many convocation ceremonies across the country. These occasions allow me to interact with young minds, hear about their career aspirations, and most importantly, emphasize the crucial role education plays in shaping a successful future.

India's Honorable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has set forth a vision of a developed India by 2047. This vision challenges us to transition from being a developing nation to a developed one. As we approach this new era, it is crucial to recognize the transformative power of technical and management education in nation-building. India, with its diverse and complex fabric, has an opportunity to harness education in ways that will not only empower individuals but also shape the nation's future.

We are currently in the phase of "Amrit Kaal," a time of profound change and opportunity. It is in this period that we must implement groundbreaking reforms and strategies to advance education across the country. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, along with the initiatives led by AICTE, has laid a robust foundation to bring this vision to life. As a country, India's ambition to become the educational and knowledge capital of the world is further solidified by its emphasis on technical education, supported by initiatives like



“Make in India.” However, the realization of this vision will require collective efforts, including multi-sectoral partnerships, to address the challenges we face, such as promoting research and innovation, improving rural education, and supporting students with diverse needs.

In my view, three key factors will drive India’s technical and management education to become a global game-changer: **Quality Education, Skilled Youth, and Leadership.** While we are fortunate to have strong leadership under the guidance of our Prime Minister and Education Minister, it is the responsibility of educational institutions and the upcoming generation to dedicate themselves to enhancing the quality of education and skill development.

The National Education Policy 2020 emphasizes the importance of quality education. In every address to institutions, I urge all educational bodies to focus on

imparting education that meets global standards and prepares Indian students for the competitive global landscape. To build quality education, it is essential to focus on research and development (R&D), which forms the backbone of intellectual growth. Strengthening R&D across institutions will enhance the quality and scale of our technical and management education systems.

The future of India’s education system should be focused on creating a skilled workforce that is not only globally competitive but also innovative and entrepreneurial. This vision must encompass accessibility to education for all students, irrespective of their background, and foster the development of technical, management, and soft skills that can be applied in real-world scenarios. Additionally, improving the infrastructure of institutions, promoting industry-academia collaborations for







practical training, updating curriculums to meet industry demands, and encouraging research in emerging fields of technology are essential pillars for the growth of technical and management education.

Let me highlight a few key aspects that can elevate India's technical and management education during this transformative "Amrit Kaal":

1. Quality Universities & Colleges
2. Institutional Restructuring
3. Multidisciplinary Education
4. Optimal Learning Environments & Support
5. Motivated, Energized & Capable Faculty
6. Equity & Inclusion in Higher Education
7. Catalysing Quality Academic Research
8. National Research Foundation

India has a long-standing legacy of scientific and technological excellence, from the invention of zero to the creation of the world's first satellite. Through technical

education, India can continue to cultivate innovators and entrepreneurs who will drive the country's technological progress and global economic standing.

On a positive note, I would like to share with you a remarkable achievement—nearly 100 Indian universities have entered the World University Rankings announced by Times Higher Education (THE). This accomplishment underscores the significant progress India has made in the field of education and positions our country as the fourth-best represented nation in these rankings.

Once again, I urge all educational institutions to focus on delivering quality education for a brighter and more skilled future. To all the young graduates present here today, I encourage you to prepare yourselves for the future by embracing emerging technologies and adapting to the fast-paced world, which is marked by rapid advancements in fields like big data, machine learning, and artificial intelligence.

**Thank you!**

**Jai Hind!**