

## RAJASTHAN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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Presidential Address by

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Mr. Vice Chancellor, Members of Board of Management, Academic Council, Deans, Learned members of the Faculty, Distinguished Guests, Recipients of Degrees at this Convocation, Friends.

As Chancellor of this University and Governor of Rajasthan I feel greatly honoured to welcome Dr. Venugopal here, on my own behalf, and yours on this the First Convocation of our young Rajasthan University of Health Sciences.

Ever since its inception in 2006, this University has coordinated the lights of the

many torches of learning in the broad field of Health Sciences to enable us all to provide focused attention on Medical Education, to bring our standard of Medical Education and training and dedication to the national level and to ensure that our level of research in the medical arena remains at par or even better than research and innovations anywhere in India.

When this University came into existence there were in our State 98 affiliated colleges running courses in medical, dental, nursing, pharmacy faculties and specialization. Now there are 209 similarly affiliated colleges. This University has had, therefore, to frame new curricula for studies in B.Sc. Ophthalmic Techniques, Post Basic Diploma in Oncology, M.Sc. Nursing. Curricula for Physiotherapy and

Occupational Therapy were framed and have been commenced forthwith. Now students of these colleges are studying in their Third year of professional training.

Looking to the need of rural Rajasthan, we are going to start certificate courses in important branches like anaesthesia, paediatric, gynecology etc. These certificate courses will be for in-service candidates so that they may work in far-flung rural areas, which earlier had remained deprived of such facilities.

Our University has already restructured and refined curriculum in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, physiotherapy to suit the emerging needs of society. In the Medical curriculum special attention has been given on communication skills and computer education.

Our University has seized opportunities to sign MOUs with esteemed Medical Institutions abroad like the York University, Canada Glasgow Calendonian University, Scotland; the Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences, Canada; Alpha Laboratories and Alphaglobal-IT, Toronto Ontario. The effort is to collaborate so as to help the growth and academic enrichment of our schools and teachers, to ensure that our academic standards keep pace with those of the rest of the world.

We hope to structure our University in a way that it keeps evolving towards excellence in health care and research, and help Rajasthan to shape our society, and ensure that students from this University are useful to all societies and became capable of probing answers to problems affecting our society.

This University proposes to structure and build, very soon, a University Research Hospital in which the emphasis remains on fundamental, biological, cellular and molecular research. Perhaps this lacuna has so far escaped attention and is now receiving our concern. The Medical Universities and Colleges should now collaborate with our Law Universities and Colleges to make our research more globalized covering Intellectual Property Rights Issues as well.

This First Convocation of our University is a landmark in the ongoing history of this University. Convocations enable us to understand the importance of degrees in the lives of our scholarly and academic community the value of education in the careers of building scholars and researchers. Degrees equip us with

knowledge, but our skills and capabilities are tested as we step out of this University. Students must be helped to possess and hold a holistic view of their roles and responsibilities. They must learn to be committed to whatever work they choose. All the scholars, students and academics present here today are fortunate in being in the presence of Dr. Venugopal and would have greatly benefited from absorbing the content of his Convocation Address. I hope some them at least will try to emulate his qualities of strict intellectual discipline and commitment, dignity of mind and thought, and being devoted to societal good and providing to the poorest of the poor, the helpless, some relief, and much succour.

I congratulate the recipients of degrees and wish them success in life. Be disciplined and determined, strengthen yourselves so nobody can weaken you. Firmness of mind and faith in your capability will steer you towards your goals. And above all things lack of greed and pursuit of Truth.

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