

**The Address by the Chairperson
Dr. M.L. Swarankar on the occasion of
2nd Convocation of Mahatma Gandhi University of
Medical Sciences & Technology, Jaipur**

Dignitaries of the dais, faculty members, my dear students, their relatives, Ladies and Gentlemen –

As a Chancellor and Chairman of the University, I consider it a great privilege and honour to pay respect and express our **immense gratitude** to Dr. Harsh Vardhan who has kindly accepted our request to **grace and be the Chief Guest** at this 2nd Convocation of Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences & Technology, Jaipur.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan - at present the Hon'ble Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and also the former Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, besides having a political career of esteem and pride is also a medical doctor, a graduate and postgraduate in Otorhinolaryngology (ENT) from Govt. Medical College, Kanpur.

Of many outstanding achievements and contributions made, Dr. Harsh Vardhan's flagship initiative was the implementation of the pilot project of 'Pulse polio programme' involving the mass immunization of children till India was declared a polio free country by the WHO in year 2014.

Rightly, so he was chosen to be conferred with many prestigious National and International awards including the 'Director General's Polio Eradication Champion Award Commendation Medal' by WHO. While honoring Dr. Harsh Vardhan with Rotary International's "Polio Eradication Champion Award", the then Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in presence of large number of International luminaries paid compliments by nicknaming him as 'Dr. Swasthya Vardhan'.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan maintains a low profile. Fondly called "Doctor Saab" by supporters and political opponents alike, he is known for his disarming simplicity in his personal life, transparency at the work place, high indexed integrity, utmost sincerity, commitment, dedication and passion to deliver the best what country needs.

He is among the few politicians in the country to enjoy broad and bipartisan admiration. Former Prime Minister of India Shri Inder Kumar Gujral while addressing an international event once said – "If I have to single out the one minister for an outstanding award in India, then my first choice will be Dr. Harsh Vardhan".

The Padma Bhushan awardee Professor Dr. Shiv Kumar Sarin who is an eminent Gastroenterologist and Hematologist of international repute is the founder Director of 'Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences', New Delhi.

He is also Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar awardee and the past chairman of the Medical Council of India. He is one of the most eminent medical men and a shining Star of our medical profession. An alumnus of SMS Medical College. Dr. Sarin has done pride to the pink city of Jaipur, to our State and has brought laurels to our Nation.

Ladies and Gentlemen – **we are grateful to him for having graced this convocation.**

Padma Shri Dr. Ashok Panagariya who is one of my mentors and an inspiring teacher who brought and established me in Jaipur is a leading Clinician in Neurology in India, born and professionally brought up in Jaipur has risen to the pinnacle of heights by immensely contributing to the medical sciences. An alumnus of SMS Medical College Dr. Ashok Panagariya has the honour to be the Principal of the same Medical College. He has also been the Vice Chancellor of Rajasthan University of Health Sciences.

The man of his eminence is here to grace this convocation. **We are oblige to him.**

I am grateful to Hon'ble Member of Parliament of Jaipur Sh. Ramcharan Bohara and our beloved and local MLA Dr. Kailash Verma to grace the occasion as always.

I must pay my sincere gratitude to Dr. Hari Gautam founder President of our University to persuade Hon'ble Union Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan to come and grace the occasion.

The convocation, besides being a ceremony for the students to rejoice and receive their degrees is also an occasion for them to appreciate the sense of responsibility, commitment, dedication, discipline and values this institution has nurtured in them.

We are here to celebrate their graduation.

We are here to congratulate them.

We are here to share their happiness

and we are here to thank their teachers and all others who made this to happen.

I congratulate the students who have received their degrees, medals and academic prizes. Boys and girls-it is a landmark event both for you and the institution. Young friends – this is an important day in your life, as before you now lies a challenge to shape your career and the future of our country, our motherland.

Today, you are standing on a bridge between the past and the future. Education is a life time process. Graduation is the beginning, but not the end. You are the architect of your own present and future. Hard work always pays.

You should set goals, get up and march ahead to achieve your mission. Remember – You can do anything, you set your mind to. You are the author of your life and you have unlimited potential. Please remember that the journey of life has no ‘Interval’. A new chapter has now begun in your career.

You should be proud of your parents.

You should be proud of your teachers.

You should be proud of your Institution.

You should be proud of your country.

Remember that whatever you do and wherever you are – you shall always be an alumnus of Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences & Technology. Your doings and deeds shall bring credit both to motherland and your mother institution.

My dear graduates – The life is ahead of you. Opportunities wait for you. Right decision at a right time shall pay the dividends. Plan through analysis. Plan both through your head and heart and do what you would like to. Once made a choice - set goals, work hard with confidence and trust in God and go ahead to achieve even what initially seemed an impossible. Never give up till you achieve your aim. Remember – Success shall come to you by courageous devotion to the task lying in front of you and that respect, recognition and reward shall flow only after a good performance.

I pray God to bless you,
to bestow success on you
and help you to see your dreams come true.

This is my Diksha on this 'Dikshant samaroh'.

Hon'ble Chief Guest, Guests of Honour, Graduates,
Faculty and ladies & gentlemen – I appreciate this
opportunity availed by me to present some of my personal
thoughts at this solemn occasion of 2nd Convocation of our
University.

Jai Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences &
Technology !

Jai Bharat !

Jai Hind !

Dr. M.L. Swarankar
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