

**Transcript of speech delivered by**

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President & Chairman of the Board of Governors, Pandit Deendayal  
Energy University (PDEU), at the 13th Convocation Ceremony held  
today at the PDEU Campus, Gandhinagar**

**Respected Dr Hasmukh Adhiaji,**

**Smt. Anita Karwalji**

**Our Chief Guest for today Shri Sudhir Mehtaji,  
Director General Dr Sundar Manoharanji,  
my fellow Members of the Governing Board,  
Faculty, staff, parents,  
and above all, my dear graduating students.**

Namaste.

A very warm good evening to each and every one of you.

This evening, we are honoured to have Shri Sudhir Mehtaji, Chairman Emeritus of the Torrent Group with us as our chief guest.

For me, Sudhirbhai is one of the proud sons of Gujarat.

He, like my father, started as first generation and build a world class power and pharmaceutical for Torrent and made Torrent a name that is known across India and the world.

His wisdom continues to nurture and inspire his family, businesses, and the exemplary philanthropic service of the U N Mehta Foundation, for which he spends most of his time, now.

A deeply spiritual person, he is an embodiment of the finest Jain principles.

Respected Sudhirbhai, you are form me a bridge between my father's generation and my generation.

And I always had highest respect and for what I have learnt from you. And for the benefit of this audience, we were the founding board of PDEU and we together built PDEU for the first 15 years and I am truly grateful always for your guidance and for all

of us, in my generation, Jinal's generation, future generation..Sudhirbhai, you are a role model for the entrepreneurs and I am sure that some of the budding students in this audience will follow your path and there will be many, many more Sudhir Mehtas coming out of Gujarat, following your footsteps. And you will be always remain a role model and that is why having you here today is a particular privilege. Thank you for all your contributions. My dear students, let us welcome

Shri Sudhir Mehtaji with a very, very warm applause.

***Dear Friends and Students,***

I have always regard Pandit Deendayal Energy University as a sacred shrine, from when I become President in 2007.

*Iss Mandir ki sthapana se main yahan seva karate aayaa hoon, harek saal.*

[इस मंदिर की स्थापना से मैं यहाँ सेवा करते आया हूँ। हर एक साल।]

Therefore, coming here is like pilgrimage to me and seeing each and everyone of you and seeing the energy in the students and seeing this Temple of Knowledge grow, has brought in the highest amount of satisfaction not only to me but the entire Board. This Temple of Knowledge has a lofty purpose to serve both Mother India and Mother Earth.

I am happy that we are making consistent progress in pursuit of this mission.

We are ranked among the Top 50 in Innovation in the NIRF 2025.

Our faculty are recognised among the world's leading scientists in the Stanford Global list.

Our university has published hundreds of impactful research papers and filed over a hundred patents, as Manoharanji has just told us.

My heartfelt congratulations to the entire PDEU Family for these achievements.

All of you, particularly the faculty, deserve a big round of applause.

***So, again my dear students.***

***Friends,***

As PDEU grows from strength to strength, the happiest person is our Most Respected Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi ji.

Whose idea, it was, to start PDEU, way back in early 2000. His blessings and his strategic vision have motivated us every step of the way.

Years ago, I made a promise to him that PDEU would nurture world-class talent to power India's energy ambitions.

Looking at all of you today, I feel that promise being fulfilled.

Today we pledge to our beloved Prime Minister that we are even more determined to do better, and make India prouder and PDEU greater, in the years to come.

***Dear Friends,***

Our university is marching ahead primarily because of its strong leadership.

Dr Hasmukh Adhiaji, your vision and rich experience have made a critical difference to the evolution of PDEU.

You have made it a hub of new ideas, bold innovation and quick execution.

Smt. Karwalji, your wisdom, guidance and unstinting support have been invaluable to PDEU.

Dr Manoharanji, your dedication to academic excellence and global engagement has uplifted the entire university. And I am continuously impressed with your pace of execution.

Let us give, my dear students, our leadership team a huge round of applause.

***Distinguished leaders, faculty and students,***

India today stands at a proud moment in its development journey, when you are graduating.

The global economy is growing at less than two and a half (2.5%) percent.

India is sprinting ahead at nearly 8 percent.

There is erosion of confidence all around.

In contrast, India is bubbling with hope and self-confidence.

A decade ago, the rest of India was talking about VIBRANT GUJARAT.

Today, the rest of the world is talking about a VIBRANT INDIA.

Nevertheless, we must remember that the geopolitical situation has created certain challenges for our future progress.

India must become *Atma Nirbhar* — self-reliant — in critical technologies and industries.

This message is also of great relevance to our university and all other universities in India.

History shows that countries become true economic powers only when they are strong in science and technology.

History also shows that nations lead in science and technology only when they have world-class universities.

America became America because of its best-in-the-world universities.

Europe demonstrated this truth much earlier.

Japan did it.

China is also doing it.

Now, it is India's turn ... and we should do better than all the rest.

As all of you know, right now there is a stiff global competition in Artificial Intelligence, New Energy particularly development of nuclear fusion technologies, space technologies, bio technologies and life sciences technologies and other technologies of the future.

In this race, ***JO JEETA WOHI SIKANDAR!***

Under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi ji,

I believe

***Bharat Jeetega.***

***Bharat Aage Badhega.***

***Bharat Duniya Ko Badalega.***

***Aur Hum sab, particularly my next generation, Bharat Ko Badalenge!***

PDEU must make its own contribution to winning this race.

Therefore, today, I want to ask all of you here ... all the students, all the researchers, and teachers of our great university:

**Are we ready to make PDEU one of the best universities in green energy, green materials and green economy? And all endeavours we take. Yes or No? Can I hear a big YES**

Yes, that's the spirit.

I believe in each and every one of you.

I believe in you because the greatest source of energy in the world is the **ENERGY OF THE PATRIOTIC YOUTH AND INDIA IS A YOUNG COUNTRY.**

***My Dear PDEU Family,***

Reliance Foundation has been at the forefront of supporting the all-round development of PDEU.

Over the past ten years, the Foundation has contributed Rs. 150 crore.

***And you can always count on our unstinted support.***

***Dear Graduating Students,***

Today is your day.

As I look at your faces today, I see excitement, pride and a deep sense of achievement.

Every smile here tells a story — a story of hard work, challenges overcome, friendships built and dreams pursued.

You represent the confident and unstoppable spirit of New India.

You are the torchbearers of India's aspiration to build a better tomorrow for all 145 crore Indians.

I heartily applaud your success and wish each and every one of you the very best from my heart.

And ask all others in the audience to give a big round of applause to our graduating students.

Congratulations and well done!

Today, I also want to acknowledge our teachers — the true pillars of this university.

Their joy is as deep as yours.

Behind every successful student stands a teacher who encouraged, challenged, supported and believed in his students.

Please join me in applauding them for their extraordinary dedication.

To all the parents and families here, who I see in the audience far exceeds the students, let me say that this moment belongs to you as well.

Your children are receiving their degrees today, but in your hearts, the real reward is the joy you see on their faces.

You have celebrated their victories.

You have lifted them through their struggles.

Most importantly, you never stopped believing in them in all their inevitable ups and downs.

Your love and sacrifices have made this day possible.

Let us offer our warmest applause to the proud families and parents gathered in the audience.

**Dear students,**

Today as you step into a new world, let me give you a message of hope and positivity.

Your future is bright. Have no worries.

India — and the world at large — are full of opportunities.

I, in-fact, envy you because, when I was of your age we didn't have so many exciting opportunities when we graduated. You are graduating at a very special time.

***My young friends,***

As you begin your journey, I want to introduce you to four lifelong companions who will walk beside you every step of the way.

Your **first** friend is **Curiosity**.

This is the child within you that keeps asking “Why?” and “Why not?”

Curiosity opens doors you didn't know existed.

It pushes you to learn, explore and discover.

Nurture it every single day, because a curious mind never becomes irrelevant.

In today's world, ChatGPT can give you answers, but only ***you*** can ask the right questions.

In the age of AI, the person with the most answers is smart, but the person with the best questions is a leader. And all of you will be those leaders.

Never let your curiosity and your faculty of thinking die.

Your **second** strength is **Courage**.

Courage is the voice that says, “Dream Big.”

It is the strength that stays with you when the world is uncertain.

It helps you move forward even when the path is unclear.

Let courage be your compass in very difficult moments.

Your **third** friend is **Perseverance**.

There will be days when progress is slow, when results seem distant, when you feel tired or discouraged.

Perseverance is the quiet force that helps you rise each time you fall, and try again with renewed determination.

Success is not a 100-meter sprint — it is a long, patient marathon. And always preserve and never give up.

Your **fourth** friend is **Gratitude**, which comes with humility.

It is the gentle reminder that whatever you achieve is built on the support, love and goodwill of countless people around you.

Gratitude and humility keep you grounded as you rise higher.

They teach you that true success is not just reaching the top, but remaining humble once you get there.

As Shri Ramakrishna Paramahansa beautifully said, **“The tree laden with fruits always bends low.”**

**My dear graduating students,**

If you embrace these four friends — curiosity, courage, perseverance and gratitude — your life journey will be purposeful, your achievements will be meaningful, and your life will be truly beautiful.

My heartfelt congratulations once again to the graduating class of 2025.

Congratulations to your proud families.

From the bottom of my heart, May your future be bright, impactful and full of joy and we at PDEU will always cheer you lifelong.

Good luck.

Jai Hind!

Jaishree Krishna.