

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

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Address of Shri B. D. Pande, B. Sc. (Allahabad), B. A. (Cambridge), ICS (Retd), Governor of West Bengal and Chancellor, North Bengal University on the occasion of the 17th Annual Convocation of the North Bengal University on the 20th April, 1983.

Mr. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Iqbal Narain, ladies and gentlemen and students,

I am indeed happy to be with you once again.

I would like to convey the congratulations and best wishes of all to Dr. Prabodh Chandra Sen on the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa). Dr. Sen has honoured the University by accepting this award.

The University is also happy that they have been able to honour Shri Rittwik Ghatak, though posthumously.

I would then like to congratulate all those who have been awarded various degrees and received medals for outstanding work. I wish them success in life.

We have among us Prof. Iqbal Narain, a distinguished educationist and Vice Chancellor of the Benaras Hindu University. I would like to thank him on behalf of you all and myself for having delivered the convocation address. It has been most stimulating and will not only benefit the university circles but has been of interest to all of us.

The Vice Chancellor has already dwelt with the previous years' activities of the university. Like others this university is also facing financial constraints. There is, therefore, great need for a judi-

cious use of the funds available, to avoid waste and exercise utmost discipline so as to get maximum benefit out of the limited resources.

I referred last year also to the pleasant surroundings of this university campus. May I make a special appeal to everyone in this university that they help to make it more beautiful by planting trees, keeping it clean, having flower beds and the like. I request you to make the best use of the facilities available here and help in its growth.

The Vice-Chancellor has identified areas where more sustained endeavour needs to be made for the higher educational needs of this area. I would urge again that the university devotes special attention to the needs of the hill regions of Darjeeling and Sikkim, and also for the general development of the rural areas of North Bengal.

Imparting of information is only a minor part of the educational process. Our emphasis must be on the cultivation of the latent faculties of the students and prepare them for serious and constructive work. This is a great task facing the universities today.

Many of you will be leaving the university shortly and enter into a new world where you will come across many challenges and difficulties. I hope that you will face them with courage and determination. As the future leaders of the country, I hope you will strive for peace and goodwill among all its peoples and help whole-heartedly in maintaining the unity of our great country so that its development can proceed unabated.

I once again extend my good wishes to you all.

Thank you.

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