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**Distinguish Invitees**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

I am happy to be here today at the inauguration of Silver Jubilee  
Celebration of Hindustan College of Arts & Science.

“Creativity leads to thinking,  
Thinking provides knowledge,  
Knowledge makes you great.”

As our former President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam said, we have to set our foot in his Vision 2020. The only tool to reach the dream and vision of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam is through education. Education has the power to reach his vision.

Education is the basic requirement for a person to make himself economically and socially useful to society. Education brings out the best skills available within a person, hones them and enables him to achieve perfection in the field of his aptitude. It moulds his personality and gives him an identity.

Our Tamil Saint poet Thiruvalluvar describes importance of education with powerful words: “The wealth that never declines is learning. All others are not riches.”

Tamil poetess Awaiyar mentioned in Aathichudi that one should pursue learning even if he has to beg to meet his needs. It may have been applicable in her period, but we must understand the crux of what she wished to communicate. She talked of going to extremes to earn learning.

Things have changed now. If you are ready to work hard as per your potentiality and interest, the Central Government, the State Government and NGOs are willingly ready to help you financially to

get education. Your only investment is expected to be sincere hard work.

Our Indian education has made the world look up to India. Indian students who excel in their education are placed in various multinational companies. The students from Tamil Nadu are adding credits to their State and India due to our wonderful education system. Remember that geniuses are made as also born. In most cases, they are made by education -- 99% by perspiration and 1% by inspiration. Trying hard will lead to success. To achieve that, we must remember that Learning is a human trait. Teaching is human dignity.

One who has started learning is a student. One who is learning and teaching simultaneously is a teacher.

Mohammad Nabi said, "Teaching is greater than worshipping". So, I would like the teachers to take this profession seriously, because you all are the ones who mould the future of India, that is our young generation, and I want the students to respect your teachers and parents and fulfill their dreams.

Louis L'Amour said, and I quote, "A parent or a teacher has only his lifetime; a good book can teach forever".

I am aware that this is the Age of Internet. This is the Age of Digital Technology. Every three years new disruptive technologies are coming up and having big impact on all of us. You belong to the Digital Generation with knowledge of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Block Chain etc. Still I insist reading in a traditional manner is a not only a habit but also a good behaviour. The main reason for reading is that we gain experience. Books are a rich source of knowledge and information. For the contemporary days, we need knowledge, which is gained only by reading a lot of books. Read autobiographies and biographies of great leaders in all fields, you will learn a lot.

Teachers and parents must be catalysts to make students good citizens of our country. It is their duty to teach goodness and show them the right way. Similarly, they should also teach the students to abhor any bad influence that can affect their well being.

Character is important for all human beings. And in these challenging days it has a greater importance. Helen Keller said, and I quote, "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired and success achieved." Your

character is your wealth. You can sail through tough times with your good character.

John C. Maxwell said and I quote, “A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way”. The quality of a good leader is to be what his subordinates need to be. If he just instructs his subordinates, they won’t follow. Great leaders have the capability to create a great nation. And India is one among them without doubt.

The greatness of India in various fields has created a huge impact in the world. For instance,

- Zero in the number system and its operations were first defined by Indian mathematicians.
- The beginning of yoga was developed by our Indians.
- Takshila, the one of the greatest universities of the world, was located in ancient India.
- The game “chess” originated in India. It was called “chaturanga, which appears to have been invented.
- India built a super computer indigenously.
- India was successful in sending its spacecraft into Mar’s orbit in the first attempt.

- The Chandrayaan spacecraft, which was launched in 2008 and again in 2019, by the ISRO confirmed the presence of solid ice on the moon.

All these wouldn't have been made possible without education.

India has one of the largest networks of higher education institutions in the world with 993 universities and 39,931 colleges. Tamil Nadu enjoys a coveted reputation for higher education in the country. The State has a gross enrollment ratio of 49% compared to a national average of 25.8%. The State of Tamil Nadu has 59 Universities and about 8.64 lakhs of students passing out every year.

Recently we had Vice-Chancellors' Conference in Ooty on 'Chancellor's Vision 2030: Innovating Education in the Era of Industry Four Point Zero'. In the Conference, we discussed methods of improving higher education scenario in Tamil Nadu and methodologies for bridging the gap between the curriculum that is being offered by the Universities at present and the expectations of the industry from the students. To make India 5 trillion dollar economy we need to enhance our education quality.

Education is an important tool to make history. Our scholars know the importance and keep on insisting to impart education to the

society. Nelson Mandela said, and I quote, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”.

Likewise, Mahatma Gandhi, our father of the nation said, “What is really needed to make democracy function, is not knowledge of facts, but right education”. An idle mind is a devil’s workshop. If our mind is not often fueled with education, it would result in being a rusted sword.

To conclude my speech, I quote Swami Vivekananda, “Youth is the best time. The way in which you utilize this period will decide the nature of the coming years that lie ahead of you”.

I congratulate the Hindustan College of Arts and Science for celebrating its Silver Jubilee. I extend my best wishes and greetings to all of you. May you be visited with success in all your future endeavours.

I’m hoping to see greatness from you all. After all, future belongs to the youth. “All power is within you: You can do anything and everything.” So go for Start-Up India, Stand-Up India, or Make in India, do constructive things and help in Nation Building.

WISH YOU ALL THE BEST.

Nandri Vanakkam.... Jai Hind.... Jai Tamil Nadu....