



IIM Indore
Tenth Annual Convocation Address
Dr. N. Ravichandran, Director

Distinguished Chief Guest, Mr. Ramadorai, Respected Lakshmi Nivasji, Chairman, BoG, IIM Indore, members of the Board, IIM, Indore and the Honourable members IIM, Indore Society, faculty colleagues, the staff of the Institute, Guests and my dear students.

It is a matter of great pride that I stand before you to say a few words on the most important yearly occasion of our Institute.

At the outset let me join the IIM, Indore Community in congratulating you for the successful completion of the prestigious educational programme. In this country, education is a great differentiator. Since you are endowed with an outstanding educational experience, you have a great opportunity to contribute to the welfare of the Society and Community in which you choose to work with.

- As you are aware, IIM, Indore is entering its second decade. The unique advantage of the IIM, Indore is its youngness, like India.
- We are endowed with the reservoir of outstanding students, wonderful faculty, great infrastructure, understanding supporting staff and enlightened board of Governors and a benevolent state and union Governments.
- There is no reason why we cannot transform ourselves as an Institute of national repute and international standing in the next few years.
- We not only want to see us an outstanding management institution but we also want to contribute to the resolution of important social issues in the context of the state where we are located in India.
- We are in the process of enhancing our talented faculty strength, streamlining academic processes adding new activities to the existing set of academic activities.
- With a support of the stakeholders of IIM, Indore, I am confident that we should be able to achieve our said objective of becoming one of the top 5 management schools in the country in the next 5 years.

Based on my own teaching experience of 30 years, let me add a few words of advice when you are ready to begin your life journey.

- In order to make a difference you must be able to carefully blend fairness, smartness and innovation.
- The outside world is not systematically organized. Therefore you have to be extremely cautious and careful in dealing with situations that you may have to come across in your professional life.
- While uprightness, transparency and frankness are important virtues, the delivery of them has to be carefully calibrated to ensure the accomplishment of the purpose, in the context of real life.

- While passion will provide you the excellence that you striving for, compassion will provide you an opportunity to distinguish yourself in the changing world.
- Whenever you are unable to resolve an issue, use your intuition, consciousness and values that you have gained in the Institute as well as in your educational experience to resolve conflicts of major interest.

Farewell

Thank you.