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From the VC's Desk



Dear Students, members of the Faculty, Staff and Alumni of the University of Calcutta,

I assumed the office of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta, a couple of months back, with a sense of immense responsibility and humility. As one of India's oldest and most prestigious universities, Calcutta University has embodied knowledge, intellectual pursuit, and social transformation for nearly 170 years. To be entrusted with its leadership at this moment, fills me with deep gratitude towards the Honourable Chancellor, the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, the State Government, the University community, and each one of you who has placed his/her faith in me.

Having spent a significant part of my academic life within these very walls — first as a student, then as a teacher and researcher in the Department of Chemistry, and later in various administrative roles including a previous stint as interim Vice-Chancellor — this institution is not merely my workplace; it is an integral part of my identity. I return to this revered seat with renewed commitment to build upon the rich legacy left by my distinguished predecessors and a promise to steer the University towards greater heights in the years ahead.

Our university stands at a critical juncture in the arena of the new higher education. We are witnessing rapid transformations driven by NEP 2020, advancements in interdisciplinary research, digital learning, global collaborations, and the urgent need to enhance employability and innovation. In order to reach these goals, we need to act on the following tasks:

- To strengthen academic excellence through curriculum modernization, promotion of research, and fostering a culture of critical inquiry and original thinking.
- To enhance learning outcomes and administrative efficiency by filling the existing faculty and non-teaching staff vacancies.

- To prioritize NAAC reaccreditation and improve our national and international rankings by enhancing quality parameters in teaching, research, infrastructure, and outreach.
- To ensure that our campuses remain vibrant centres of learning, free from disruptions, politics, and violence, where every member — student or teacher — feels safe, respected, and empowered.
- To bridge the gap between academia and society by expanding collaboration with industry, skill development programmes, and community engagement initiatives.
- To nurture inclusivity, diversity, and equity. And to ensure that learning and research opportunities are available to students from all backgrounds, especially those from marginalized and under-represented sections.

I call upon every stakeholder to join hands in this endeavour. To our brilliant students — you are the future torchbearers of this great University; dream big, question boldly, and contribute meaningfully. To our dedicated faculty — your scholarship and mentorship shape generations; let us raise the bar of excellence. To our non-teaching staff — your silent yet indispensable service keeps the University moving; and your commitment is deeply valued. To our alumni — your success is our pride; your guidance and support will be invaluable.

Let us work collectively to make Calcutta University not just a repository of tradition, but a dynamic, innovative, and globally recognized institution that continues to serve the nation and humanity.

I seek your blessings, cooperation, and constructive suggestions as we embark on this shared journey. Together, we shall strive to uphold and enhance the motto of our University — Advancement of Learning — in letter and spirit.

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