Esteemed colleagues, friends and my dear students,

Firstly, I wish to congratulate you on your great success in getting admitted into the MBBS course at this prestigious institute of the country. It is a rare opportunity to study in the institute. Your sincere and hard work during your schooling has only brought this luckto you. As head of the AIIMS family, I am happy to welcome you and would like to assure you that you can expect a comfortable stay in the campus. You would



receive all necessary help and support from your seniors, hostel staff and the faculty members to acclimatize yourself at the earliest. Feel free to interact and ask for help. Ragging in any form is illegal. Do not be a party to ragging. Till you are familiar with the campus and the city, you may require help and guidance. The hostel staff, Faculty and the security personnel will provide you with all that required for your well being.

Today, on joining AIIMS, you should feel proud of it. It is a great beginning of your career, which will need to be built systematically and nurtured with care here at the AIIMS. We have here a brilliant set of dedicated Faculty and its supporting staff in different location in our laboratories such as Anatomy dissection hall, Physiology labs and others. They are a very well trained and qualified faculty with caring and sharing attitude. Our courses here are such designed such that these will provide a strong foundation to our students for developing a successful career in medicine. With the kind of advances in biomedical sciences and technology and its uses in health sciences—both for diagnostics and therapeutics, there is a paradigm shift in the health care sector requiring to provide a quality and standard service in modern medical practice. We have here a very good library, manned by caring and trained staff to help and guide you and it is also run in a student friendly time schedule.

The training and learning methods in medicine have significantly changed and improved and it has become knowledge based and technology driven. It is a big challenge before you to build both competence and professionalism with confidence in you to make in you a capable, competent, safe and compassionate

doctor. You have to learn now information technology and communication with a view to better learning, delivering patient care service, managing data for storage for research, besides developing skills and attitude for routine patient-doctor communication and serving. You need to learn both cultural and emotional competence for connecting with people and patients for their satisfaction which is most essential as an indicator of better patient care service. All these will, I believe, be achieved by you in the next 5 years in AIIMS through our prescribed educational and training programmes that are made by our esteemed faculty and support staff and your own efforts.

I would again assure you that at AIIMS, our aim is to provide quality focused training that meets the changing demands of modern health care practice with strict adherence to established protocols, ethics and safety. Knowledge, skills and attitude are blended with such values. Our motto-"Pillar success" is our driving force at AIIMS. Foundation has to be made strong in studies and behavioural habits with excellence in work culture.

To achieve success: you need to pursue 3 important things- 1. Set a goal with clarity of purpose,: setting a goal or clarity is not a "hit and miss process" it requires, (a) systematic, deliberate and carefully crafted action plan, 2. Process it for implementing and 3. Perform it with due adherence to principles, ethics and values with honesty, sincerity and humility. We need also to build loyalty to AIIMS and to our country for prosperity. I am sure, you will take this challenge. This is a unique opportunity for you to perform and transform yourself. Performances combined with such an opportunity will bring to you greater luck in your life.

You need also to spend time in sports and games in the campus for both physical and mental growth and development for which we have the required facility. I am sure you will make use of them and build in you a happy personality, full of joy and happiness. Build in you a communicative and caring person, get connected with your fellow students, other workers and faculty for better team spirit in the hostel and classes/practice. As you will take up higher studies later on, young friends, you take a global perspective and innovate something for yourself and for others to use and enjoy of, such outcomes from your work. AIIMS is for excellence in

medical education, research and patient care. Keep that in your mind always. Life is full of change, you have to embrace such changes with humility as well as courage as you grow in life and build confidence.

Ladies and Gentlemen! I have strong belief that these young generation will make us proud and bring laurels through their new ideas, innovation and researchoutcomes into medicine at the AIIMS.

At the end, I would like to congratulate your parents and school-teachers for shaping you so well and making you successful to come here for learning medicine. I am sure, that you will be able to learn and achieve all that you have dreamt of, for making in you a competent and compassionate doctor, or a loving and successful teacher or an eminent medical scientist producing innovation and research for the future and becoming the future leaders not only within India but also in the world in the health sector.

My dear students, I feel strongly that our future will be in the safe hands of yours. The nation is awaitingfor your able and noble services in the coming years. People will salute you for your services.

My dear students Friends! My tips to you for success is in thesefew words: honesty, humility, flexibility, clarity and persistence. Take it home for your practice.

Lastly, I again assure you that we are committed to your comfort and wellbeing. All the best! Thank you,

Jai Hind,

Professor Ramesh C. Deka

Director/CEO, AIIMS

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