

Address by Prof. R.C. Deka, Director to New Batch of MBBS students on 16th July, 2012

My dear students and my esteemed colleagues,

Firstly, I wish to congratulate you - the new batch of MBBS students on your brilliant success in getting admitted into the MBBS course at All India Institute of Medical Sciences at New Delhi. This is the most prestigious medical institute in the country. It is a unique opportunity for you to study in the institute. Your sincere and hard work during your schooling has brought this luck to you. As head of the AIIMS family, I am happy to welcome you today. I would like to assure you that you can expect a safe and 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. Ragging in any form is illegal in the country and it will be strictly enforced at the AIIMS. 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. Feel free to interact and ask for any help.



Today, on joining AIIMS, you should feel proud of it. It is a great beginning of your career, which will need to be systematically nurtured with care and built 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 and Biochemistry labs and other areas in the hospital and Library. AIIMS Faculty and staff are a very well trained and qualified faculty with caring and sharing attitude. They will mentor you with full care, responsibility and commitment. 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 including the problem solving case studies, have significantly changed and improved in the practice of medicine and it has become knowledge based and technology driven. It is a big challenge before you to build competence and professionalism with appropriate confidence in you and to make in you a capable, competent, safe and compassionate doctor.

You have also 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 delivering services to the people. 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. You will be exposed to a variety patient material and also to a significant level of technology such as imaging, ultrasounds and platform based methods, research based skills for patient care and making you better understand the health and disease conditions.

I would 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 patient care protocols, ethics and patient safety. Knowledge, skills and attitude are blended with such values. Our motto-“Pillar success” is our driving force at AIIMS. The foundation has to be made strong in studies and behavioural habits with excellence in work culture. There will be many challenges before you during the next 5 years of your studies and I am confident that you all will face them with courage, and make great success through sincere efforts.

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. Processes for implementing and performing it with adherence to principles, ethics and values with honesty, sincerity and humility. The intellectual humility and empathy is of great importance in life to succeed, more so in the practice of medicine. Building loyalty to our country is essential for prosperity. I am sure, you will accept this challenge. This is a unique opportunity for you to perform and transform yourself. Performances combined with such a challenging opportunity will bring to you greater luck in your career and 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 celebrations. 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 including practice labs and clinical situations in the patient care areas.

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 challenges and change, you have to embrace and adapt with such changes with humility as well as courage as you will grow in life.

Ladies and Gentlemen! I have strong belief that these young generation will make us proud and bring laurels through their new ideas, innovation and research outcomes 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 and becoming the future leaders not only within India but also in the world in the health care sector.

My dear students, I feel strongly that our future will be in the safe hands of yours. The nation is waiting for your able and noble services in the coming years. People will salute you for your services. Do plan to spend some of your experience in rural India and take part in the national rural health mission for better health of the people of India.

My dear students, esteemed colleagues and Friends! Finally I would end by saying these few words for these young minds: Practice honesty, humility, hard working habits and flexibility, Maintain clarity of purpose, and persistence in doing things, and Keep good health and consistency of good behaviour.

Lastly, I again assure you that we are committed to your comfort and wellbeing.

All the best!

Thank you,

Jai Hind,

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(Note: I am also asking my staff to circulate to you another lecture on “Challenges before the Students of Medical Sciences” which you may read).