

SRM University Sikkim
1st Convocation, 6th Dec 2018

Welcome Address

The honourable Chief Guest of this convocation, esteemed Chief Minister of Sikkim, Dr. Pawan Chamling, a visionary leader, under whose governance Sikkim has been living its pristine present and foreseeing its prosperous future.

The most Honourable Governor of Sikkim, Shri Shriniwas Patil, whose guidance and support has helped the State scale its new heights.

The Honourable Minister for Human Resource Development Department of Government of Sikkim, Shri. R. V Suba who played a key role in bringing SRM to the state of Sikkim.

Respected Founder Chancellor of the SRM University, Chancellor of SRM University Sikkim, Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Dean.

Esteemed Members of the Board of Management, Governors, Academic Council, Professors, HOD's of different Schools and faculty members.

Respected Invitees, Parents, Young Graduands and our friends from press and media.

Today deems to be a remarkable day in the history of SRM University Sikkim. The first bunch of students have been carefully groomed for their career and life and is already ready to set out for their respective journey. It gives me immense pride to see them seated here today to receive their hard earned degrees from the benevolent hands of the Chief Guest.

I have no hesitancy in saying that this first convocation of SRM University Sikkim is a magnificent step towards establishing a Portal of higher learning, with world class facilities and highest quality education possible, in this very beautiful and tranquil land of Sikkim.

Let me take this privilege to heartily welcome the Chief Guest, the Honourable Chief Minister of Sikkim Dr Pawan Chamling, illustrious son of the Sikkim's Soil, an efficient and far-sighted leader. Dr Chamling has been an exemplary person and a true inspiration to many people including youngsters. Belonging to a humble family himself, his service to humanity and development of the State is something everyone nobly talks of.

To such an eminent personality, SRM University Sikkim feels privileged to confer Honorary Doctorate on this 1st Convocation of this University.

This day is indeed historic. I vividly recall 4th September 2014, the day when SRM University Sikkim was inaugurated by His Excellency, the Governor of Sikkim, in this very hall. Today, yet again, he is amidst us to appreciate and congratulate these first batch of gradunads whom he had inducted then. Sir, having you here today feels complete. I thank you and also heartily welcome you for this function.

Let me also take this opportunity to speak a few words on SRM University Sikkim. It is one of the State Private Universities under the SRM Trust, the other two being Amaravati Campus in Andhra Pradesh and Sonepet Campus in Haryana. The parent University is in Chennai.

SRM University Sikkim has welcomed the students from the neighbouring states of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh; the sister states of North East and neighbouring countries like Bhutan and Nepal. Students from Sikkim constitute the majority student population. A humble beginning with 100 students under two Schools have gone up to 700 students under five Schools. With the unparalleled support of Government of Sikkim, in years to come, SRM University Sikkim will be running a full-fledged campus offering many innovative courses pertaining to this region and catering to larger student fraternity.

I am glad to say that SRM University Sikkim has already been granted with the first funded project by ICMR on “Descriptive Epidemiology of Unintentional Child Injuries in India.”

Growth is not a one-day process or one man’s affair. All of us present here today, belonging to different professions are directly or indirectly contributing towards this growth. Certainly, our coming together and working together for this growth will make a significant difference.

Dear Graduands, now you are deemed the alumni of this institute. Aim high and soar high. Wherever you go, keep up the name of the institute. I congratulate you all for your achievements and extend my best wishes for your journey ahead. I bring my speech to a close by once again extending my hearty welcome to everyone present in this august gathering.

Thank you.

