



Hon'ble Vice-President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar Visits IIT Hyderabad, Inspires Students with Engaging Interaction - Emphasizes Innovation, Economic Nationalism & Technological Leadership

Highlights:

- **Acknowledgment of IIT Hyderabad's Excellence** – He praised the institute's strong focus on ideation, innovation, and academic achievements, recognizing its faculty's dedication in shaping future leaders.
- **Sustainability Initiative** – As part of the visit, Shri Dhankhar and his spouse participated in the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" tree plantation drive, promoting environmental awareness and sustainability.
- **Encouragement for Youth:** Hon'ble Vice President Shri Dhankhar emphasized the importance of monetizing time and resources, urging young minds to embrace research, entrepreneurship, and technological disruption.
- **Emphasized on Technological Advancements, Trade and Economic Growth, Digital Transformation, Personal Reflections, Industry-Academia Collaboration, Alumni Engagement.**
- **Exclusive Invitation:** The Hon'ble Vice-President invited IIT Hyderabad students and faculty for an exclusive visit to the Indian Parliament, promising interactive sessions on governance and policymaking.

Hyderabad, 2nd March, 2025: Hon'ble Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, graced the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) with his presence, delivering an inspiring address that underscored innovation, technological advancement, and national progress. In the presence of esteemed dignitaries, the Vice-President emphasized the pivotal role of IITs in shaping the nation's future.

Shri Jishnu Dev Sharma, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Shri M Raghunandan Rao, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Medak, Dr. BVR Mohan Reddy, Chairman of the Board of Governors, IITH, and Prof. BS Murty, Director, IITH. Also present at the event were Smt. Valluru Kranthi, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate, Sangareddy, and Shri. Ch Rupesh, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Sangareddy,

As part of the visit, Hon'ble Vice-President Shri Dhankhar and his spouse, Dr. (Smt.) Sudesh Dhankhar, planted a tree under the initiative "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam", symbolizing environmental consciousness and sustainability. Further, he interacted with the faculty and students.

Prof. B.S. Murty, Director of IITH, extended a warm welcome to the esteemed guests. Chairman Dr. BVR Mohan Reddy highlighted IITH's key achievements, setting the stage for an engaging.

Hon'ble Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar lauded IITH's faculty and students, acknowledging their contributions to ideation, innovation, and accomplishments. Stressing the importance of monetizing time and resources, he encouraged young minds to embrace a transformative approach to research, entrepreneurship, and technological disruption.



Highlighting India’s rapid strides in quantum computing, green hydrogen, and artificial intelligence, the Hon’ble Vice-President called for a renewed commitment to economic nationalism, self-reliance, and value addition in indigenous industries. Addressing India’s trade deficit, he urged the youth to explore solutions for reducing dependency on imports and enhancing domestic innovation.

Reflecting on India’s historic digital transformation, he praised the seamless integration of technology across rural and urban landscapes, attributing this success to the visionary leadership of the Prime Minister. Drawing from personal experiences, he underscored the significance of perseverance, adaptability, and fearless experimentation in achieving success.

Hon’ble Vice-President Shri Dhankhar further advocated for stronger industry-academia collaboration, urging corporates to invest in research and development. He proposed the formation of a confederation of alumni associations from premier institutes, aimed at fostering policymaking, research, and global competitiveness.

In conclusion, the Hon’ble Vice-President extended an invitation to IITH students and faculty for an exclusive visit to the Indian Parliament, promising interactive sessions and discussions on governance and policymaking.

His visit left a lasting impact, inspiring young minds to contribute towards a brighter and more innovative India.

Please refer PIB’s press release for Hon’ble Vice President’s speech:

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2107587>

About IIT Hyderabad:

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It has 325+ full-time faculty, 5,350+ students (PG+PhD students accounting for about 60%). The institute has a strong research focus with Rs. 1400+ Cr of R&D funding (Rs. 250 Cr funding in 2023-24), 11,500+ publications, 460+ Patents (210 patents in 2024 and a commitment to “Patent a Day: Mission 365” for 2025 to earn 365 patents by the end of 2025), and about 260+ startups (that have generated 1100+ jobs and a revenue of Rs. 1500+ Cr).

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