

# **GUJARAT UNIVERSITY**

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**Convocation Address**

**BY**

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**Member of the House of Lords**

Your Excellency Governor Kamala Beniwal, Vice Chancellor Adesh pal, Syndicate Members, Deans, faculty and dear graduating students.

It is my great pleasure to attend this convocation at famous Gujarat University. I congratulate you for living in highly energized and vibrant State of Gujarat. I am happy to see the span of courses offered at Gujarat University. First of all I am very much thankful for inviting me to this convocation. I'm also thankful to Vice Chancellor, my good old friend Dr Adesh Pal to give me an opportunity to address you.

I am known as member of Indian Diaspora. India is my home. The Indian Diaspora is spread over 110 countries. It was said that the sun never sets in the British Empire. It is also the case with Indian Diaspora. The sun never sets in the world of Indian Diaspora. The Indian Diaspora community is active in all walks of life. They are doctors, engineers, entrepreneurs, innovators, lawyers, managers, researchers, scientists, teachers, workers, and in some cases also politicians. They are an asset to their host countries as they contribute towards the development of the country in which they live. Every person in his own way is an achiever. There are some twenty five million of them living outside India.

Indian Diaspora has contributed in a great sense in the world economy. Developing countries, which constitute 70% of the world population, account for only 30% of the world income. The new order was put forward to bridge the gap between the developed and developing countries. The new order emphasized the sovereign equality of countries, broadest cooperation of all members of the

international community whereby the disparities in the world may be eradicated and prosperity secured for all. Moreover, extension of active assistance to developing countries by the whole international community was also one of the major principles of the new economic order. Universities can do a lot to limit this gap.

You are fortunate to participate in new world order. New international economic order is very relevant to the Indian Diaspora which emerged from a developing country. The developing countries including India are working hard to promote their interests by improving their terms of trade, and increasing and development assistance. It was also meant to reverse the former international order which favored the developed industrialized countries. It was not possible for the newly independent countries to achieve an even and balanced development along with other developed countries under the former Economic Order.

The NRI's of today is a strong force. Two third of the Indians living in the European Union live in the UK. The NRIs who have chosen a foreign country as their "home" are professionally trained and well-settled and have not only retained Indian identity but have also shown interest in the advancement of their kin back home in India. Many of them have retained Indian citizenship. They have gained considerable expertise in important spheres of economic and professional life. Diaspora peoples often experience the need to maintain their cultural and national identity through contact with family and friends and through consuming mass media products from their home countries and communities of origin.

I invite you to become a member of this larger community by exposing more to world events, by hosting Diaspora more and more and by reaching out to the government policies to make them a success.

(My speech shall be followed by a power point presentation)

Bless you. Thank you. Good bye.

