



National Institute of Technology Rourkela

XXIV Convocation - 2026

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON, BOG



It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations to the graduating students, their parents and families, the faculty, staff, alumni and the entire NIT Rourkela fraternity on the occasion of the 24th Convocation of the National Institute of Technology Rourkela.

Convocation marks a significant milestone in the life of every student. It celebrates years of dedication, perseverance, learning and personal growth, while also signifying the beginning of a new journey filled with opportunities and responsibilities. As you step beyond the portals of this esteemed institution, you enter a world that is being rapidly transformed by technological innovation, artificial intelligence, digitalisation, sustainability imperatives and global interconnectedness.

The education you have received at NIT Rourkela has equipped you with a strong academic foundation and the ability to think critically and solve complex problems. However, success in the years ahead will depend equally on your willingness to continuously learn, adapt, collaborate and contribute meaningfully to society. In professional life, technical competence must be complemented by integrity, teamwork, effective communication and a commitment to excellence.

The future belongs to those who can transcend traditional boundaries and work across disciplines. Engineers, scientists, researchers and innovators must combine technical expertise with an understanding of societal needs, environmental sustainability and economic realities. The ability to transform knowledge into practical solutions that create lasting impact will be the hallmark of successful professionals and leaders.

India today stands at a defining moment in its development journey. The nation requires talented and committed individuals who can drive technological advancement, strengthen industry, foster innovation and contribute to sustainable and inclusive growth. As graduates of an Institution of National Importance, you have both the privilege and the responsibility to participate in this transformation.

I urge you to carry forward the values that NIT Rourkela embodies excellence, innovation, integrity and social responsibility. Be ambitious in your aspirations, confident in your abilities and steadfast in your commitment to lifelong learning. Remember that true success is measured not merely by personal accomplishments, but by the positive difference you make in the lives of others and in the progress of the nation.

I once again congratulate the graduating Class of 2026 and convey my sincere appreciation to the faculty, staff, parents and all those who have supported our students throughout their academic journey. I wish each one of you, success, fulfilment and purpose in all your future endeavours.

May you continue to learn, innovate, lead and serve with distinction.

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