

**ADDRESS BY THE HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA
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AT THE PASSING OUT PARADE OF THE GRADUATE COURSES
OF INDIAN MILITARY ACADEMY**

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I am happy to be here amongst you at the historic campus of the Indian Military Academy. This Academy that stands as a shining symbol of honour, courage and selfless service to the nation. Many extraordinary military leaders who have defended our frontiers and upheld the dignity of India under the most challenging circumstances, have passed out from this Academy. I take this opportunity to appreciate everyone associated with this prestigious institution in the past and present.

It gives me pleasure to see before me the Officer Cadets, who would shortly embark on their journey. Their courage and wisdom will be their strengths. I am especially delighted to see the nine women cadets. This is watershed moment in the history of IMA. It is not only a milestone in the history of India's defence forces, but also an inspiring example of India's march towards women-led development. I am sure that many more women cadets will join the Academy.

I congratulate all officer cadets for their successful completion of one of the most rigorous training programs in the country. I also congratulate your proud family members who have contributed to your achievements. I appreciate the Commandant, instructors and staff of the Indian Military Academy for their tireless efforts in guiding the officer cadets.

I convey my hearty congratulations and best wishes to the cadets from the friendly foreign countries on passing out from the IMA. Your countries had entrusted us with responsibility of training you to the highest levels of military professionalism. I am confident that you will

bring many laurels to your Armed Forces and countries through your service and the values you have imbibed here.

I am happy to note that Officer Cadets from 29 friendly foreign countries are presently undergoing training at IMA. The presence of foreign cadets here reflects India's commitment to fostering friendship, cooperation and peaceful relations with countries across the world. Cadets here develop mutual trust, understanding and professional bonds that play an important role in strengthening defence cooperation among nations. I am confident that with the strength of the values and training they receive here, they will contribute to regional stability and global peace.

Dear Cadets,

Your journey at the Indian Military Academy has been one of discipline, sacrifice and perseverance. You have learned that military leadership is not only about command, but also about character, compassion and commitment. You are the protectors of our nation's sovereignty, unity and integrity. You carry the sacred trust of over 140 crore citizens. You should always remember that service is the highest duty.

In an era of rapidly changing security challenges, technological advances and complex global environments, the Indian Army must remain adaptive and future-ready. I urge you to be lifelong learners, courageous decision-makers and ethical leaders.

As Army officers, you will be responsible for leading, guiding and caring for the soldiers. You have to lead by example, inspire confidence, and encourage the spirit of teamwork and dedication. By balancing operational effectiveness with the well-being of your soldiers, you will build trust and strengthen the fighting capability of the units you will lead. I expect you to lead from the front, care for your soldiers and uphold the finest traditions of our Armed Forces.

Dear Cadets,

As you pass out of this institution as proud officers of the great Indian Army, you should carry within your hearts the motto of Academy 'वीरता और विवेक' - Valour and Wisdom. Remain humble in success and resilient in adversity. I am confident that you will rise to every challenge and continue to enhance the prestige of the Indian Army and our great nation.

I once again extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the passing-out Officer Cadets on their commissioning. May you always march forward with pride, purpose and patriotism.

Jai Hind!

Jai Bharat!