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AP Governor Biswa Bhushan Harichandan addresses the seventh convocation of JNTU in Kakinada on Saturday in the presence of Vice-Chancellor of the University M. Ramalinga Raju and others. — DC

Be firm and confident: Governor to students

Successful JNTUK students receive degrees, medals

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Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswa Bhushan Harichandan exhorted students to improve their confidence level and become strong and firm to bring a positive change in society. He was addressing the 7th convocation of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Kakinada (JNTUK) here on Saturday after conferring 'Honoris Causa' on chairman and managing director of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) B. Prasada Rao. Speaking about former Prime Minister late A.B. Vajpayee, the Governor said that despite pressure from several quarters across the globe, he conducted five nuclear explosions in Pokhran to reveal the fact that India was a strong atomic power. The present Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he added, was showing his determination in the same way and trying to show that the country is a super power in the world.

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STRONG IDEAS

- **A.B. VAJPAYEE** as the then Prime Minister ignored pressures and conducted nuclear tests.
- **TECHNOLOGICAL** education can make remarkable contribution to economic growth.
- **STUDENTS** can be part of these flagship programmes of the government that will help them realise their dreams.

his convocation address. He asked the students to be bold and confident while taking a right decision. He asked them to improve their knowledge through studies as well as gaining experience in different walks of life. He exhorted the students to be part of the historic journey the country has taken up while on the verge of emerging as a world economic power. The youth would be instrumental in shaping up the future of India and the world. He called upon the youth to contribute towards the country's growth.

The Governor pointed out that technical education plays a vital role in human resources devel-

oping skilled manpower, enhancing industrial productivity and improving the quality of life. It is instrumental in making remarkable contribution to economic growth and development of countries by way of producing human resources matching the needs of the industry, society and the world at large. Producing highly skilled manpower and knowledgeable technocrats in the present era of science and technology is the need of the hours. He said that the Government of India has launched several initiatives, such as 'Make In India' 'Start-Up India' 'Skill India' 'Digital India' and others with an aim to make the

globally in the specific sectors.

He exhorted the students to seize the opportunities and be a part of these flagship programmes of the government that will help the students realise their dreams. These initiatives are designed to facilitate investment, foster innovation, enhance skill development, protect intellectual property and build high class infrastructure across the country. Make in India programme is very important for the economic growth of India as it aims at utilising the existing talent base, creating additional employment opportunities. He said that the AP Government is also proactively encouraging synergy between industry and institutions so as to create an enabling environment for collaboration and growth.

The Governor Mr Harichandan along with the Vice Chancellor of the University M.Ramalinga Raju presented 29 gold medals to the students and Ph.D pattas to 300 students in