



From The Desk of The Vice Chancellor.

26th. January 2017.



Dear fraternity of the Central University of Gujarat,

Greetings on the 68th Republic Day.

At the outset let me congratulate the entire students and staff fraternity of CUG and all our country men on the 68th Republic Day of our free and democratic country. Today is the day when way back in 1950 when many of us were not even born that our nation builders assured us the Right to Education, Freedom of Speech, Expression and Action, Equality of Mankind, irrespective of the heterogeneous society in which we live by adopting the Constitution that Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasahab Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar the first Minister of Law and Justice of free India and his colleagues in the Constitution Drafting Committee pains takingly and thoughtfully, keeping in mind the needs of a free India then and in future drafted and adopted the Constitution, the fruits of which we are enjoying today. The freedom of expression, life, liberty, access to equal opportunity is the biggest advantage to every citizen in this country guaranteed by the Constitution and protected by the State and Government. At the Central University of Gujarat, we believe in the ethos of our national aspirations and Constitutional rights and duties towards the above in letter and spirit.

From the first Republic Day speech of our country's first President Dr. Rajendra Prasad wherein he referred to our Constitution as a democratic instrument seeking to ensure to the individual citizens the freedoms which are so invaluable that already existed in the Indian cultural ethos "we shall therefore, be only implementing in practice under our Constitution what we have inherited from our traditions, namely, freedom of opinion and expression", to our present Hon. Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi ji who in no less a place as the United States of America proclaimed that "for my government the Constitution is its real holy book. And, in that holy book, freedom of faith, speech and franchise, and equality of all citizens, regardless of background, are enshrined as fundamental rights".

Fortunate as we are, we also owe a great responsibility of our duties towards the country in general, and in particular in our context as teachers in the higher education system of our country it becomes all the more important to be responsible, impartial, being a good human a compassionate person and a concerned teacher. This, I believe is more important than flaunting great scholarship and masquerading as intellectuals flashing their names in web portals without being solicitous and sensitive to students

concerns, a teacher has to be a mentor and counsellor to a student and not a tormentor as it is the students Constitutional right to seek education with dignity and respect and not to be persecuted at the hands of the so called super intellectuals in course of their studies in the University, after all there has to be a difference between the robots programmed with artificial intelligence capable of answering any question and providing solutions to complicated mathematical equations but devoid of compassion ethical and moral values that a teacher a guru as a human need to have and pass on to his disciple/ learner.

It is to be noted that when we speak of our individual Constitutional rights we need to remind our selves that the other, be it a colleague, a student, a neighbor or a by stander also has the same inalienable Constitutional rights and protection under the same Constitution, it is not personal and exclusive to any single individual, therefore it is essential to look to the other before flaunting ones own individual constitutional rights to trivialize and subvert the others. Instead of posing as and taking shelter under obscurantist issues and personal megalomania, delusions of self obsessionalism and individual short comings as general and common problems of all, and by bringing to halt change, progress and development for selfish and parochial reasons, we need to be a part of the constructive development. If not this defames and hinders growth and progress of institutions and the nation, therefore, let us not be always opposing the institutions, establishments, social order and national interests for just personal reasons and for opposition sake. We need to isolate such individuals where ever they are, in a institution, in society, in the nation and humanity at large as these are the elements that stall progress and development be it of an institution or the nation.

The students who are the future of this nation, when go out of the University after completing their studies should have built up a holistic personality to face the challenges of the world. They need to know their constitutional rights but it is also very important that they know their duties and responsibilities towards the institution, the society and the nation. They need to learn to rise above narrow and parochial aspects of caste, community and religion which can be used to promote personal interests of individuals and groups to divide the student community, the society and the country. As they enjoy their rights they should also learn from their University their duties towards nation building and for this the teachers have to play a very responsible role.

At the Central University of Gujarat, let us all on this 68th Republic Day 26th January 2017, the day when in 1950 our impeccable "holy book" the Constitution of this Great Country that has given all those rights and privileges to us that more than 50% of the worlds population does not have, pledge to work for our institution, society, nation and humanity as one.

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With best wishes

Yours truly.



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