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FIRST CONVOCATION

**GRADUATING
STUDENTS OF:**

Artificial Intelligence & Data Science
Digital Media & Marketing Communications
Sports Management

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COMPENDIUM OF SPEECHES



“ Education is all about
igniting young minds and
enabling them to attain
their fullest potential ”

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WELCOME ADDRESS BY PROJECT DIRECTOR



Dr. Palak Sheth

WELCOME ADDRESS BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

Distinguished Chief Guest, Arundhati Bhattacharya Ji, Sri. Jalaj Dani, member of the Governing Council, Sri. Ashwin Khasgiwala, beloved Vice Chancellor, Dr. Dipak Jain and Dean Dr. Shailesh Kumar – I extend a very warm welcome to you all and thank you for your leadership and constant guidance, that have been instrumental in realizing the vision of Jio Institute.

Esteemed members of the Governing Council, Faculty, Industry Partners, Jio Institute Community Members, Parents, and the Graduating Classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025; it is my absolute privilege and pride to welcome you all to this momentous occasion - the first-ever Convocation Ceremony of Jio Institute. I would also take this opportunity to extend a special welcome to our honourable Chancellor, Dr. R. A. Mashelkar who is not physically present with us right now, but has been a guiding force and a strong pillar of strength for the institute.

Jio Institute believes that education is not merely a means to an end but a powerful force for transformative change. Our founders' firm belief is that it is the youth of our country that holds the power to transform India. This belief has been instrumental in establishing the vision of Jio Institute which is to become a world-class higher education institute through multi-disciplinary academic programmes, and a culture of research, innovation and entrepreneurship.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our founders, Sh. Mukesh Ambani, Smt. Nita Ambani, Smt. Isha Ambani, Sh. Akash Ambani and Sh. Anant Ambani for their unwavering support and guidance as we navigated our way through the horizons of academic pursuit.

Dear graduates, you are the pioneers of this vision - the first wave of graduates who will carry forward the ethos of excellence, innovation & purpose. I welcome you to today's occasion which is a celebration of your hard work, resilience, and determination. This day marks the culmination of your academic journey and the beginning of an exciting chapter ahead. Each one of you has embraced challenges, navigated uncertainties, and grown in ways that will continue to shape your future. Whether you are stepping into the workforce, launching new ventures, or advancing in your careers, remember - this milestone is only the beginning of all that you will accomplish.

WELCOME ADDRESS BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

A very warm welcome to our dedicated faculty - you have imparted knowledge, inspired curiosity, ignited passions, and shaped future leaders. Your mentorship has left an indelible mark on these graduates, and your lessons will resonate far beyond the walls of this institution.

I extend my sincere regards to all Jio Institute community members, our industry partners, mentors, and well-wishers whose dedicated support and collaboration have enriched our journey and empowered our graduates to reach new heights.

To the families and loved ones gathered here today, I extend my heartfelt welcome to you all - your support and sacrifices have made this achievement possible. Every late-night study session, moment of self-doubt, and milestone celebrated has been shared with you. Thank you for standing by these graduates with constant belief and encouragement.

Graduates, as you step forward as proud alumni of Jio Institute, you carry with you a legacy of bold thinking and purposeful action. You are now ambassadors of an institution that believes in pushing boundaries, solving global challenges, and driving progress. Your journeys will shape how the world perceives Jio Institute, and your accomplishments will inspire generations to come.

So, to the Classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025 - congratulations! Embrace the adventures that await you. Be fearless in your pursuit of dreams, persistent in your quest for knowledge, and unfaltering in your commitment to making a difference.



Dr. Shailesh Kumar

Good Evening and Welcome to our first Convocation Ceremony.

Three years ago, Jio Institute was born under the guidance and with the blessings of our Chairman Sh. Mukesh Ambani ji and our Chairperson, Smt. Nita Ambani ji, with a bold vision - to become a world-class institution of learning, innovation, and sustainable progress for Bharat and the world.

Today, as we reflect on our journey, I feel humbled, grateful, and proud of the remarkable achievements of the Institute in such a short span.

Our foundation is built on academic excellence, holistic education, industry relevance, and societal impact. We currently offer cutting-edge programs in Artificial Intelligence & Data Science, Management, and Sports Management, supported by top-tier faculty and world-class facilities.

We have achieved remarkable academic growth

- In the past three years, we have graduated 319 students across the three programs: 143 in AI&DS, 142 in Management, and 34 in Sports Management. These students have come from 26 states of India and four countries South Africa, Nepal, Bhutan and Gana.
- Applications for admission to Jio Institute have increased from 455 in our the first year to 1,800 today.

These students have been supported by world class faculty and Industry leaders

- Our faculty pool comprises of over 100 thought leaders, half of which have come from international universities such as Northwestern University, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, University of Houston, Pace University, Deakin University, Georgia University, and UCSB, University of South Carolina etc. The remaining faculty come from global corporations such as Microsoft, Google, Fractal, Sales Force, Nissan, Allen Institute for AI, Inception Institute of AI PwC, Deloitte, etc.
- We have delivered more than 90 courses per year across all three programs and more than 150 industry experts have engaged with our students in this period.
- Our global immersion program has taken our students to Universities such as the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore and Hamad Bin Khalifa University in Qatar for an enriching academic, startup, industrial, and cultural experience.

Jio Institute faculty have achieved remarkable milestones in Research

- Our faculty have published More than 30 research papers in top-tier journals including the prestigious Nature and IEEE Transactions, and presented at top tier national and international conferences like CVPR MICCAI, ICCV, WACV, etc.
- Our faculty have laid strong foundations in establishing cutting-edge research labs in Artificial Intelligence, Computer Vision Medical Imaging, Semiconductor Materials, Cancer Metabolism, and Microbiota Therapeutics.

Our Students have received Remarkable Placements

- Over 300 organizations have partnered with Jio Institute. With the tireless efforts of our placement team, we have achieved over 85% placement rate across the last three years. We aim to achieve 100% placement rate in the coming years.
- This year alone, our students have interned with Over 50 companies offered projects in the Retail & E-Commerce, Media & Entertainment, Consulting, Sports and other industries.

We have connected with 150 new companies outside Reliance group. Over 30 organizations hired students from our batch

In-line with our motto, “Learning for Life”, apart from our Core PGP programs, we are also developing Executive Education, Summer School, and Faculty Development Programmes.

- So far we have hosted more than 15 executive programs across Reliance Retail, Jio BP, HDFC, and Reliance Foundation, training over 500 corporate leaders in diverse areas like Strategy, AI & Digital Transformation, Retail Management, and Women’s Leadership.
- We have hosted two summer programmes in AI&DS, Marketing, and Sports Management for undergraduate students from ... institutes and school students from where more than 90 students from India.
- Hosted 17 SMU students for the India Immersion Programme, providing them with a comprehensive cultural and academic experience.
- Hosted 33 participants from Enterprise Singapore for one day training module on advance manufacturing.

Jio Institute is also playing an increasingly significant role in developing the Sports Ecosystem both at the local and National level.

- We have a High-performance gym, athletic track, basketball & tennis courts, and a cricket field – these facilities are being used on a daily basis both by the local community and elite athletes.
- Jio Institute hosts 30 elite athletes in residence, this athletes participated in around 30 competitions at the national and international level. At these events, the athletes have won a total of 22 Gold, 20 Silver and 8 Bronze medals.
- Our Sports facilities are opened for corporate cricket, U-12 to U-19 cricket for girls, and athletic championships for local community.

As we move forward...

We aspire to build an institution where the pursuit of knowledge is matched only by the pursuit of excellence in education, research, innovation, and entrepreneurship. We aspire to create a culture that nurtures critical thinkers, bold innovators, passionate entrepreneurs, and compassionate leaders who will shape the future of humanity.

We aspire to become the pride of the nation, attracting students and researchers from across the world, where the best minds come together to learn from the finest faculty, explore new frontiers in research, and collaborate to build solutions for the pressing challenges of society and industry.

We aspire to become a global hub of knowledge, fostering an environment where curiosity thrives and ideas transform into solutions that make a real-world impact.

I am confident that together with the commitment of our leaders, our faculty, our researchers, our students, and our staff we will achieve the bold vision with which Jio Institute was born. We are continuously inspired by legacy of our founding Chairman Sh. Dhirubhai Ambani ji who exhorts us that "Our dreams have to be bigger. Our ambitions higher. Our commitment deeper. And our efforts greater."

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all for being part of our audacious journey.

Thank you!

ADDRESS BY VICE-CHANCELLOR



Dr. Dipak C. Jain

Distinguished guests and my faculty colleagues. I was just reflecting on this occasion; and just seeing that the most distinguished guests we have with us today: Dr. Mashelkar, Ms. Arundhati, and Mr. Jala Dani: What made this happen?

I go back to my personal life. When I became a student, when we were taught chemistry, our teacher used to mention a name Dr. Mashelkar with National Chemicals Lab. When I joined my job, I did a project for CSIR, and somebody told me that the Director General of CSIR, is Dr. Mashelkar. In 1979, my first job after graduation, was with State Bank of India (SBI). In 1978, SBI opened a local head office in Guwahati. Before that, we used to come under the jurisdiction of Kolkata. I never thought, a day would come that I would be sitting next to the ex-Chairperson of SBI, and that, I would be blessed with Dr. Mashelkar's insight

In 1981, when I was a Professor of Management at Guwahati University, a Professor presented a case study on Asian Paints. I never thought a day would come, when I would have the privilege of being with the promoter of Asian Paints.

With three distinguished people here, and a person who studied in Hindi Rashtriya Vidyalaya in Tezpur, what made this happen? I tell you what made this happen. The first is: Indian parents' commitment to education, they will sacrifice everything, but make sure the children gets the best education. I would like all the fellows students who are going to graduate, to give a big hand to their families and friends, for their commitment, their sacrifice and everything else.

The second thing I felt very important is our Indian values, and the commitment of teachers to give the children the best education. I never thought that a person who didn't study in an English medium school, would one day become the Dean of the top business school in the U.S. This is Mother India.

In my childhood, somebody said that there are two ways of spreading light. Either be the candle, or be the mirror that reflects the light. We as teachers, act as the candle. And I really believe that our graduating students are going to be the brand mirror of Jio Institute. We really look forward to your contribution, performance and achievements, because you are student for one year, but an alumni for the rest of your life.

ADDRESS BY VICE-CHANCELLOR

The journey from today is far longer than the journey you have already undertaken. This evening, for all the guests here, I'd like them to join me in giving a big hand to the future of India.

When people ask me one question, how do you brand India? I say, India is going to be the global hub for human talent. So, before I leave the podium, I just want to tell the students a couple of things that have made me what I am today.

When people ask you to do something, never ask the question, what's in it for me. Feel privileged that somebody has faith in your competencies to give this responsibility to you.

The second: competencies can be outsourced, trust cannot be outsourced. Earn the respect and trust of the people that you work for, and work with.

Third: Be yourself. If a person like me can achieve what it is, the best of this world is ahead of us

I want to conclude by saying that whatever the best is in Dipak, I offer to all the graduating students as my graduation gift. Thank you.

ADDRESS BY CHANCELLOR



Dr. Raghunath A. Mashelkar

ADDRESS BY CHANCELLOR

Hon'ble Chief Guest of the day, our most revered Mrs Arundhati Bhattacharya, our beloved Vice Chancellor, Dr Dipak Jain, Dean Dr Shailesh Kumar, Mr Jalaj Dani, Dr Palak Seth, distinguished faculty, proud graduates of the day and their equally proud parents, ladies and gentlemen.

First and foremost, I want to extend a very warm welcome to our chief guest, Mrs Arundhati Bhattacharya. I have admired her over the years as an idol and an iconic leader.

Young generation is in constant search of role models, who represent resilience, integrity, empathy, humility, courage of conviction and boldness of vision. Our Chief Guest is a role model that represents all this and much much more. Thank you so much for your esteemed presence in our celebration, Arundhati ji.

My dear young friends, this is a moment of immense pride, not just for you and your families, but for all of us at Jio Institute. As I look at you, I don't just see graduates-I see the architects of the future, the pioneers of tomorrow, the torchbearers of India's ascent on the global stage.

You are stepping out into a world that is changing at an unimaginable pace. This is a historic day. The very first convocation of Jio Institute, and you, our trailblazers, carry the distinction of being its first three graduating batches-the founding torchbearers of a legacy that will inspire generations to come.

A few years ago, two of the greatest visionaries of our time, Mrs. Nita Ambani and Mr. Mukesh Ambani dared to envision what many deemed audacious-a world-class university, globally benchmarked yet deeply anchored in Indian values. It was not just a vision; it was a call to excellence and relevance – and at the highest level.

I had the privilege of witnessing this dream in its infancy-when there was only a spark in the eye, but fire in the soul. That spark has now become a radiant beacon of learning.

Jio Institute was conceived as a sanctuary where disciplines converge, where innovation breathes, where research illuminates, and where entrepreneurial spirit finds its wings. From those early conversations to this grand celebration, we've seen something extraordinary take root: not just an institution, but a movement.

ADDRESS BY CHANCELLOR

When we began, it wasn't merely about a building with bricks and mortar. It was about sculpting a community of courage, a temple of thought, a garden of ideas where young minds could blossom. You entered these halls with curiosity; you leave them now with conviction.

Let me say this from my heart: you are not just graduates, you are the very soul of this institution. You are the promise we made to ourselves and the proof that dreams, when pursued with dedication, do take flight.

But let me be clear-today is not a culmination; it is a commencement.

I had the privilege of giving the 100th convocation address of Banaras Hindu University. The title of my convocation address was 'Dikshant ka matlab Shikshant nahi hota'.

Your graduation is not the end of learning. It is just the beginning of learning. And learning that would be a lifelong learning.

The world you are entering is complex, fast-changing, and often uncertain. But it is also filled with possibilities waiting to be claimed by those bold enough to leap.

I urge you not just to improve but to "exprove"-a word I use to capture the relentless pursuit of excellence that defies limits. Improvement may take you forward. 'Exprovement' will take you beyond.

I ask you to carry with you the mindset of the pole vaulter-not content with jumping over hurdles, but determined to soar above them. In an era of disruption, the champions will not be those who walk along well-worn paths, but those who dare to imagine new ones.

Remember, the world does not need more followers. It needs pathbreakers, dreamers, doers and disruptors.

We stand at the precipice of a technological revolution that will reshape our world in ways we cannot imagine.

Remember, every disruption in history started with one bold mind refusing to accept limits. The world is waiting for India's DeepSeek moment, India's global breakthroughs, and it is waiting for you to make them happen!

And as you set out on this journey, I want you to carry with you the five Mashelkar Mantras-principles that have guided my own journey, and ones that I know will propel you to greatness:

Mashelkar Mantra #1

Keep your aspirations high. They are your possibilities.

At the age of eight, Gukesh said his aspiration was to be the youngest-ever world champion in Chess. And he made a billion Indians proud by becoming one.

Mashelkar Mantra #2

You can do anything, but not everything. So focus.

As Swami Vivekananda once said, “Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life - think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success.”

Mashelkar Mantra #3

Purpose, perseverance, and passion matter.

Talent and intelligence will get you started, but only grit and resilience will take you to the finish line. “Winners never quit, and quitters never win.” Stay hungry, stay relentless.

Mashelkar Mantra #4

If the doors that you keep on knocking on don’t open, create your own doors.

You will face rejection, you will hit roadblocks, but never let someone else’s “no” define your journey. Innovators don’t wait for opportunities; they create them. Be a creator, not just a consumer.

Mashelkar Mantra #5

There is no limit to human endurance. No limit to human achievement. Except the limits that you put on yourself.

ADDRESS BY CHANCELLOR

Just look at the events in the last few weeks.

Look at 18th March. Sunita Williams, returned to earth on that day after spending a record 322 days in space. She stretched the extremities of human endurance by battling the vast loneliness of space, isolation, distance and time itself.

Look at 20th January 2025. China's announced its AI model, DeepSeek-R1. It achieved something that was considered impossible - ultra-affordable Generative AI.

DeepSeek erased over \$1 trillion in market capitalization of top American deep tech leaders within days, a global record. But most importantly, DeepSeek's disruptive innovations dramatically reshaped the global balance of power in technology, economics, and national security.

So remember, every record broken, every frontier conquered, every invention that changed the world started with someone who refused to believe in limits. You can be that someone if you go limitless.

ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST



Smt. Arundhati Bhattacharya

President and CEO, Salesforce - South Asia

ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST

Professor Mashelkar, Chancellor of Jio Institute, Dr. Dipak Jain, Vice-Chancellor, dignitaries on the dais and the graduating students, parents, faculty, staff and other guests present here today: first of all, a heartfelt thank you to Jio Institute for inviting me for this very signal event. This is the first ever convocation of an institute which I know will one day be world beating, because of the very way that it has been conceived.

The vision that Shri Mukesh Ambani and Smt. Nita Ambani had of creating an institute, that is something that will create a global benchmark, has begun to take shape. And you the first three batches, you are the ones who will be the flag bearers of the same. I know when we come to give a convocation address, you are supposed to tell certain things to this graduating students that will help them in their life going forward.

It's difficult to do that after what Dr. Mashelkar has already told you. He's covered almost every single mantra there is, and if you can remember all of those, I know that you all will be very successful in life. But even then, to do my duty, let me tell you a story or two about what you can do in order to ensure that you make a place for yourself in this very uncertain world, but a world that is full of possibilities.

Going back to the story, there was a time; and this is a story from the Mahabharata, one of our epics, which is a storehouse of knowledge. In this, Narada, who is supposed to be the messenger of the gods, asks Shri Vishnu that why is it that Yudhistir, whose also a person who always gives a lot of things to whoever asks for, is not called Daata Yudhistir, but it is Karna who is known as Daata Karna. Why is this the case?

And Vishnu said: “come let's go there and I will show you why”. So, they took the disguise of two mendicant and they go to Raja Yudhistir. They had still got his kingdom at that time. And they say, that our father has passed away, we are poor Brahmins.

His last wish was that he should be cremated on a pyre of sandalwood. This was the month of Shravana (monsoons) and it was raining everywhere. So Yudhistir said, your wish is my command, I will give you the sandalwood that you desire, please rest. He sent his people all over the place.

The people came back after three days and said, we are sorry, we can't find a single piece of dry sandalwood. We are not able to bring it. Yudhistir comes and apologizes to these mendicants: "We are really, really sorry, but we can't find dry sandalwood to give to you. Vishnu and Narada make their way to Karna.

They repeat the same request and Karna does the same. He sends his people all over the place, and three days later, it's the same result. His people come back and tell him, it's not available. Such wood is not available right now. It's raining so hard. Karna sits and thinks and then he says: "take down all the windows and doors of my house. They are all made of sandalwood and give those to these mendicants, because that is dry." And when they leave from there, Vishnu turns around and tells Narada: "now you know why he is called Daata Karna."

The reason why I tell this story is whatever is the job given to you, learn to excel at it. Learn to think out of the box. Learn to really be such, that you can be relied upon to do something which will actually give the solution. If you can do that, you will not have any competition. Your space, in whichever space you wish to be, will be completely assured.

Let me now tell you just the second story and I will end with that one. The second story is of a coach. This is an interesting Instagram Reel that was sent to me by one of my colleagues, and I liked it very much, so I am repeating it to you. It is about the coach who is asked by a young girl who wants to run the 100-meter race to coach her, and he takes her on.

He coaches her for three to four months and then the first race occurs. There are eight participants in the race. This girl is also there. They run the race and she is very sad because she comes in last, and she comes to the coach and she says, "I'm sorry I failed you". And the coach says, "no you haven't." The girl asks, "how is that so?"

He says, "I had you down for 19 seconds. I had you down for breaking the 20 second barrier. You actually ran the race in 18 seconds. Do you realize that this is your career best? You may have lost in respect to others, but in respect to yourself, this is the best that you have done in your entire career, so actually, you've won this race."

ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST

The girl looks up and says, “that's true. I've never run this in 18 seconds. Tomorrow I'm going to do better.” And every other day from then on, whenever she could beat that 18 seconds barrier, even if it was 17.9 seconds, she would take one of the flags and do a victory lap around the track, because she had bettered herself.

And that's exactly what you all need to do; every single day that you wake up, be a better version of yourself. It doesn't matter if it is by 0.01 seconds, but if you continue to improve on a regular basis, you can then actually realize your full potential.

So that is what I will leave you with. Excel in what you do, become better every single day, and last but not the least is something that's been told to you by all your teachers, by your Chancellor, by everybody who's come here: Be a lifelong learner. The only way that you are going to make your place in this world, the only way you're going to make a mark, the only way when you come to my age and look back at your life and wonder whether you have lived it well; is if you become a constant learner.

I can only congratulate you once more. Welcome to the world. Welcome to possibilities and welcome to being a Jio Institute alumni, who's going to hold the flag high and ensure that this institute is going to flourish more and more. Thank you.



Sri. Jalaj Dani
Co-Promoter, Asian Paints

ADDRESS BY THE BOARD MEMBER

Good evening to you all. It is my pleasure to stand before you today as we celebrate this significant milestone in your journey.

Congratulations to all of you dear students. You've put in a year of hard work, late nights, and relentless effort to reach this moment. Today, you don't just receive a certificate-you step into a world full of opportunities, challenges, and possibilities.

As someone from the industry, I can tell you that the world beyond these walls is evolving rapidly. The way we work, innovate, and solve problems is constantly changing. But even as this transformation is happening, some things remain timeless: your ability to adapt, your hunger to learn, and your commitment to excellence.

What excites me even more is knowing that the education you've received here at Jio Institute is not just theoretical but aligned with real-world industry needs.

It is encouraging to see how this institution has continuously evolved, ensuring that its courses remain relevant and responsive to industry demands.

This alignment is crucial because it means that you, as graduates, are entering the workforce equipped with the right skills, knowledge, and mindset to make an immediate impact.

I would also like to take a moment to thank the industry partners who have played such an important role in supporting our students throughout this journey.

Through internships, projects, mentorships, and other forms of collaboration, the industry has provided the our students with the platform to apply what they've learned, hone their skills, and gain invaluable real-world experience.

This partnership between academia and industry has been a vital part of the education at Jio Institute, and we are deeply grateful for the opportunities they've had to engage with industry professionals who have guided and supported you along the way.

ADDRESS BY THE BOARD MEMBER

This partnership between academia and industry highlights the incredible power of collaboration in shaping a brighter future.

With the industry's guidance and support, our students will get the opportunity to understand the challenges and seize the opportunities that lie ahead.

To the graduates of today: On behalf of the industry, I welcome you to this exciting new journey, and I look forward to seeing you grow into the leaders of tomorrow.

Congratulations once again, and my best wishes for your future!

ADDRESS BY SPECIAL GUEST



Sri. Ashwin Khasgiwala

Chief of Business Operations, Reliance Retail

Distinguished dignitaries on the dais, and Dr. Mashelkar, he's attending online, our beloved chairman, Mukesh Ambani, Chairperson of Jio Institute Mrs. Ambani. For me, Jio Institute, is really a place where, we learn every time we come here, we meet the students and, we come here to either give a session or for the campus placement or interviews. Every time I meet the students, the question when I ask them, how will you do that? The ideas.

I have come to this place before. It happens when you have a very long career with Reliance. My bonding with this place is when this was just a barren land. This was a land acquired by Reliance long ago. There was nothing over here. Then I came to visit and saw the Institute and I was just shocked: the kind of facilities that have come up and the entire infrastructure. The place had become totally different, and one would not even imagine the scope of this very big transformation. It is the entire institute, the students, the faculty and the leadership, which has made this happen.

It is a temple of learning and, for us at Reliance Retail, the courses are very much aligned to our business. Especially the data sciences, and the AI part of it, the world is learning. It is absolutely a great thing that Jio Institute is leading the way in creating knowledge for the future and for the entire industry.

One more thing I want to say is that every time I interview the students for campus, it is a very big dilemma in the evening when we go back, we don't know. We have a limit of people we can take as well. If it would have permitted, I always feel that we would have taken many more people, but it's a very big choice and difficult choice; which we have to make and whom to take, because all the students are so brilliant.

Many of the students, over the batches have already come into our organization and they are delivering exceptional business results for us. I think the future is really, really very bright. We look forward to really working with the Institute and together we will take the business to a great height.

Thank you so much!

STUDENT SPEECH



Garima Choudhury

PGP in AI&DS, Class of 2023

STUDENT SPEECH

Good evening, esteemed dignitaries, proud parents, faculty, management team, and my fellow students.

I am Garima from the founding batch of AI & Data Science at Jio Institute, and standing here today feels surreal. It is quite a challenge to summarize an entire year's experience in a few minutes, but I will give it my best.

A few years ago, we made one of the biggest decisions of our lives-to step into the world of AI and Data Science. At the time, it was a leap of faith, filled with excitement, uncertainty, and hope. Today, as we stand on the other side of that decision, we are stronger, wiser, and more prepared for the road ahead.

From the very first day, it was clear that this program was not just about learning algorithms or writing code. It was about something much bigger-understanding how AI and data-driven solutions are transforming industries, businesses, and lives. The curriculum was rigorous, the learning was immersive, and the experience was nothing short of transformative. We didn't just gain technical expertise;

But what truly made this journey special were the people-our mentors, our friends, and every person who made this institute feel like home. This experience would not have been the same without the unwavering support and guidance of our faculty. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Shailesh Sir and many others who have shaped our thinking, challenged us to push our boundaries, and reinforced the values that this institution stands for. Their wisdom and encouragement have been instrumental in shaping us into the professionals we are becoming. And then, there is us

I am deeply grateful for this journey and for everyone who has been a part of this

Thank you.

STUDENT SPEECH



Sree Kavya Godavarthy

PGP in DM&MC, Class of 2024

STUDENT SPEECH

A Good Evening to our respected Chief Guest Smt. Arundhati Bhattacharya Ma'am, Chancellor Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar Sir, Vice Chancellor Dr. Dipak Jain, Faculty and staff of Jio Institute and the life of Institute the dearest students or alumni of this remarkable Institute.

What a special moment this is! Today, we celebrate three incredible batches-our seniors, who paved the way for us; my own batch, who stood together through every challenge and triumph; and the graduating batch, who are about to step into a world full of endless possibilities. No matter when we graduated, one thing unites us all-Jio Institute, a place that didn't just teach us, but transformed us.

It's hard to believe it's been a year since I graduated from Jio Institute. Coming back today brings back so many memories-of late-night assignments, intense marketing pitch competitions, and presentations that pushed us beyond our comfort zones.

But more than anything, it reminds me of the person I was when I first walked in-eager to learn, hungry for growth, and maybe just a little unsure of what lay ahead.

Jio Institute wasn't just about learning Consumer Insights, Strategic Marketing Communications, or Digital & Social Media Marketing-it was about discovering who I truly was. Some of the most valuable lessons didn't come from textbooks, but from deep conversations with professors-conversations that weren't just about marketing but about ambition, purpose, and life itself. Those moments, those insights, shaped my thinking in ways I never expected.

The Singapore Immersion Program was another defining experience-seeing global markets up close, interacting with industry leaders, and realizing just how much there was to explore beyond what we knew. And then, of course, there were the everyday moments-the chai breaks that turned into brainstorming sessions, the group projects that tested our patience but taught us teamwork, and the friendships that became my greatest takeaway.

Somewhere along the way, Jio Institute became more than just a place of learning-it became a home away from home.

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Today, as I build my career at L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad, I see Jio's impact everywhere-in the way I craft communication strategies, engage with audiences, and approach every challenge with confidence. This journey may have lasted a year, but its lessons will stay with me for life.

Because at Jio Institute, learning never stops-it stays with you, shaping you, guiding you, and pushing you to grow.

Here's to new beginnings, lasting friendships, and carrying Jio's spirit with us wherever we go. Thank you!

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Varsha Rai

PGP in AI&DS, Class of 2025

STUDENT SPEECH

Good evening, everyone, faculty, friends, and the AI & DS family.

Standing here today not just as a student of AI & DS, but as someone who's lived through every chaotic, beautiful, stressful, and hilarious moment of this journey.

From the legendary 11:59 PM submissions that taught us more about time management than any course ever could... to the collective pleas to Bharath sir, "Sir, just one more day, please!" And let's not forget the classic "Digicampus is down, we tried submitting!" -which, let's be honest, sometimes wasn't even a lie.

Then came Stats and Optimization, two subjects so intense that even the faculty knew we wouldn't make it out alive on our own. Kalyan sir and Bharath sir had no choice- they had to step down from the podium, grab the markers, and personally drag us through those equations, because let's be real- we weren't surviving those exams otherwise!

Let's not forget the all-nighters, hunched over laptops, fueled by caffeine and regret, trying to complete projects. And then the ML exam, where no matter how much we prepared, we just knew- it was going to be a disaster.

We raced out of DBMS class, not to revise, but to pack for Singapore. We fought over who'd get to cut the cake with faculty, strategized to drain MBA trek's money, and celebrated with biryani parties after our glorious victories.

And yes... we all said "important work" after class, only to bump into the entire batch at the theatre during Munjya's interval. Classic AI & DS.

We sat through AI for X sessions, dreaming about our million-dollar ideas, while secretly wondering if we'd at least make enough to afford a decent dinner. And we had our own student representatives, our brave negotiators, who took up the noble cause of fighting for breaks.

But here's the truth- AI & DS wasn't just a batch. We were a family. We thrived together, cried together, cribbed together, laughed together, stood together... and won together.

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So, as we step forward, into a world waiting for us to shape it, let's never forget what we built here-not just knowledge, but friendships, resilience, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Because AI & DS is just the beginning, our journey is far from over!

"Picture अभी बाकी है मेरे दोस्त!"

To AI & DS-we made it. And the world better be ready for us. Thank you!

STUDENT SPEECH



Harsh Vora

PGP Management (specialisation in Marketing), Class of 2025

STUDENT SPEECH

Good evening everyone,

As I stand here today on the final day of our journey at Jio Institute, I feel a hundred emotions rushing through me. I am sorry Bharat Sir and Sujata Mam, if i take a minute more but it's coming from all of us. From studying in a crowded building with 9 colleges in Mumbai to being part of this full-time residential program-what a transformation it has been!

Jio Institute wasn't just a place we studied-it was home. A place where friendships bloomed over late-night assignment panic, canteen food, and those never-ending group meetings. And while we all pretended to go to the gym, I'll be honest-I went thrice. Beech mein motivation aaya tha. After that, it became my personal steam/sauna retreat!

Whether it was playing snooker or TT between classes, sneaking in a quick nap at the Yoga Room during evening lectures, or getting caught (and warned) by Avinash sir for sleeping on the sofa at the Activity Centre-we've done it all. The Multipurpose Hall gave us everything from guest lectures to dance and music rehearsals. Yes, I danced, I sang, and of course-giggled on the back benches when the lecture went just a little too long.

We played every sport, but let's admit it-cricket ruled the campus. From playing at the assembly area during monsoons to constant fights between matches, to those intense matches where someone always complained-"Lefty ko advantage milta hai boundary choti hai yaar." And let's not forget the OGs-Don, Rocky, Mila, Choti and her puppies-our unofficial emotional support squad.

The cafeteria became our comfort zone. Be it convincing JP bhai for that special Maggi, pretending we paid for those extra biscuits, or the eternal hope of getting a taste of what the guest were served-it was a ritual. And of course, the Student Affairs ke 7th floor visit for some serious business... and the legendary special coffee.

How can I forget the Singapore trip? My first international trip-NTU, Porsche APAC, Mastercard-exposure like never before. But what made it unforgettable was the bond we shared. Exploring together, getting lost, laughing, learning, living-we paused life to make memories.

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Living in the hostel was an experience in itself. The random room checks, those late-night ground floor gossip sessions, the empty Daalchini machine, and the mysterious treadmills on the 2nd floor (which still nobody uses)-every corner holds a memory. And oh-running into each other's rooms just before deadlines to finish submissions as if our lives depended on them!

Yes, we mostly went to the library to use GPT-4o or get printouts. But that's okay-it's all part of the journey.

Looking back, Jio Institute has given me more than just knowledge. It gave me growth, self-belief, friends who became family, and a memory box full of laughter, madness, and moments I'll cherish forever.

It wasn't just about the fancy facilities or the international exposure. It was the culture. The care. The freedom to be yourself. The people who became your 3 AM lifeline.

We grew here-not just as professionals but as people. We became sharper, stronger, and kinder. We learnt how to present, how to pitch, how to lead-but also how to pause, laugh, and live.

So as we get ready to leave, one last thought-this place made us who we are. And while our ID cards may expire, the memories never will.

As we walk out of these gates, it's not goodbye. It's a see you later. Because a part of us will always live here-in the benches, the fields, the canteen, the songs, and in each other.

Thank you, Jio Institute. You've been the best chapter of our lives.





















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As per the recommendation of the Faculty Council, the following student has been awarded the First Certificate Programme in Quality Management and HR Training, 10th day of March to the year 2024-25.

Mahak Jain

For her exceptional performance in the programme of the First Certificate Programme in Quality Management and HR Training, 10th day of March to the year 2024-25.

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