



Dr. V. K. Saraswat, an eminent scientist and former Director DRDO, Member NITI Aayog, Government of India was a Chief Guest on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 on the occasion of 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of SLIET, Longowal

He emphasized that Knowledge is the foundation on which India needs to build and grow. Who else could help India if not you young engineers with right qualification? He quoted Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, former President of India said *“A life of joy and happiness is possible only on the basis of Science and Technology. The product of education should be a free and creative man”*.

He highlighted that technology development is a road to transformation. In order to meet all the aspirations of one people he quoted our honorable Prime Minister said *“It is our scientific capabilities that will determine our ability to overcome challenges which lie ahead in areas such as climate change, clean energy, environment friendly technologies, water management, affordable healthcare, food security and biotechnology solutions must be found in timely manner and then must move out of laboratory quickly and find wider acceptance”*.

He said success remains elusive unless we learn how to climb the ladder of these building blocks. I am confident that the knowledge which you have gained in this prestigious institution will help you to emerge like an iceberg – a winner all the way.

Belief is one of the most powerful tools behind the success of any person, may it be personal or professional. I cannot resist myself to quote **Swami Vivekananda: “All Power is within you. You can do anything and everything. Believe in that. Do not believe that you are weak; do not believe that you are half crazy lunatics, as most of us do nowadays. Stand up and express the divinity within you.”**

He also said: **“This life is short, the variety in the world is transient. They alone live who live for others. The rest are more dead than alive”**. So, friends, let us all live for **the growth of our nation and welfare of our countrymen**. Once again, let me congratulate all the graduating students of SLIET, Longowal. My greetings and best wishes to all of you for success in all your missions.