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**Shri Amit Shah addresses the 7<sup>th</sup> Convocation ceremony of  
PDPU**

**Shri Narendra Modi takes decisions not to please people, but to  
improve their lives: Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah**

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Shah to fresh graduates of PDPU**

**Study the lives and deeds of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay and  
Mahatma Gandhi to understand India: Shri Amit Shah**

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Union Minister of Home Affairs graced the 7<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU) today at Gandhinagar as Chief Guest. He told the students that life is full of possibilities, and only those with courage could make most of those opportunities. He urged the graduating students to never aim for less and always be ambitious in their goals, and do the best they could in the new chapter of their lives.

He called PDPU as the then Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi's dream project, and said that through sheer hard work and will, within 12 years the institute has established its name as one of the best higher education institutes of the country. He said that it was Shri Narendra Modi's dream to see Gujarat as the nation's petrol capital.

Speaking on Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, Shri Shah explained the concept of integral humanism and said that Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay was a great thinker who saw the problems of today's world more than six decades ago and found solutions for the same. He said that the coming age was that of global warming and climate change, and those issues would become increasingly important. He noted that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had provided leadership at global level to tackle the issue of climate change.

Shri Shah urged PDPU to undertake research and development in recycling of single use plastic and asked the institute to innovate in the field of eco-friendly plastic. He remarked that more than 5,000 graduates passed out of the institute in the last twelve years were a great asset to the nation.

Shri Shah said that in 2014, people put their faith in the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi and brought a decisive government with full majority in power. The result of this faith has been seen in the last five years as the nation has been transformed in many ways.

Today India has strong macroeconomic fundamentals, is the fastest growing economy and has reduced fiscal deficit from 5% of GDP to 3.3% of GDP. He said that from 142 in 2014, India had achieved a World Bank Ease of Doing Business Rank of 77 in 2019. He spoke of India's improved World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index of 71 to 58. He noted Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's goal of making India one of the world's three largest economies by 2022, and that of making India a 5 trillion dollar economy. He urged the graduates to take this era of transformations forward. He said that decisions like GST have proven that Shri Narendra Modi takes decisions not to please people but to improve their lives and develop the nation.

He noted that while there were only 3000 startups from independence to 2014, today there are more than 20,000 startups, providing our youth opportunities to be globally competitive. He spoke of the surgical strikes and the Balakot airstrikes and said that the strong, bold leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has ensured that no adversary would think of harming India. He said the challenges of Articles 370 and 35A were solved by the iron will and resolute leadership of Shri Narendra Modi. Shri Shah expressed confidence that under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, Kashmir and Kashmiris would prosper and be able to avail hitherto inaccessible opportunities.

Calling for the development of oil and gas and energy sectors, Shri Shah said that the government had taken several initiatives to develop the sectors, such as the new Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP), but still more needs to be done. Shri Shah remarked that while India comprised of 18% of the world's population, its energy consumption is only 5.4% of the global energy consumption, which proved that the per capita energy consumption in India is quite low. He said that petroleum and energy sectors would play a vital role in making India a 5 trillion dollar economy.

Shri Shah urged the students to rise above the narrow confines of self and family, and work for the nation, and said that this would present them with

endless possibilities for growth. He said that the coming year is the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Year Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, and it would bring new energy, new inspiration and new resolutions for the nation. He asked the graduating students to study the lives and deeds of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay and Mahatma Gandhi to understand India.

Also present were Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Vijaybhai Rupani, other leaders and dignitaries.

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