## Post Graduate Govt. College for Girls, Sector 42, Chandigarh XXXV ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING FUNCTION 07 April 2017

## Good morning everyone!

First of all, I would like to congratulate PGGCG-42 for securing 32<sup>nd</sup> rank in all India National Institution Ranking Framework, an initiative of MHRD, Govt. of India. This definitely is a mark of the potential and excellence on part of the Principal, the faculty members and the students of this college. It certainly proves the college motto 'Higher Still' true, as the college aspires for and persistently works towards accomplishing the soaring goals. I am amazed at the number of PhDs and MPhils among the faculty of this college.

It is my privilege to preside over the Annual Prize Distribution of this 4000 plus strong college that has been pioneering the cause of women empowerment and liberation through education and strengthening them to face life's challenges with enthusiasm and confidence.

It is heartening to learn the number of courses and the options that the college provides to its students. As I skim through the college curriculum, it elates me to find a harmonized blend of academics, sports, co-curricular and community-friendly activities that help in equipping the students with the requisite expertise to excel in today's fast-moving world. The endeavours like Placement Cell, Women Cell, Alumni Association facilitate the young learners with opportunities to hone their knowledge, imbibe morals and ethics and refine their leadership skills. The over-all development of the students is a must. They should be able to take this fast-paced, extremely competitive world outside in their stride. It is important that one does not

feel like an outsider when one leaves the secure walls of their institutions. Even the seasoned thinkers work hard to keep up with the pace of present day's globalised world.

For any economy to excel, it is important that their youth is empowered. And I'm happy to see the initiatives that this college is taking for the same. I'm sure if all the colleges in this region adopt similar policies, the day is not far when India would be amongst the world's super-powers.

Keeping abreast with technology and PM Modi's approach towards a Digital India, the initiatives of this college are impressive and commendable. The facility of Online Submission of Admission forms definitely makes the admission process more accessible and convenient. The presence of NCC and NSS wings is a proof that college provides a slice of community life to its students promoting awareness of humanitarianism and bringing a surge of nationalism ensuring their emotional integration with the nation.

In the end, I once again congratulate the prize-winners of this function, the principal and the faculty members who guided them on to their achievements.

Thank you!