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I consider it my sacred duty to propose formal vote of thanks to all those who have contributed to this year's convocation. First of all I wish to extend my heartfelt sense of thanks to the Chief Guest Dr M. Mangapati Pallam Raju who very kindly consented to preside over. Then I am extremely beholden to our Guest of Honour today Smt. Preneet Kaur Ji, for having spared her valuable time to encourage us with her presence. I am also thankful to Shri Ashok Thakur, Secretary Higher Education, for considering our request to grace the occasion. I am grateful to Shri K.K. Sharma, the Advisor to the Administrator, Union Territory of Chandigarh for his continued support to the University. I thank the distinguished academicians honoured today, Professor Romila Thapar, Professor M.S. Raghunathan and Professor Ashoke Sen, for being here to inspire our faculty as well as students. I also express my sincere thanks to the Members of the Senate, the faculty as well as the students for the smooth conduct of the Convocation. I would be failing in my duty if I fail to mention the hard

**This year's convocation coincided with Mahashivaratri, which may have caused inconvenience to some. We shall be careful not to cause such an inconvenience in future.**

**Thank you very much, thank you all.**