

The Twenty Seventh Annual Convocation was held on March 28, 1992. Delivering the Convocation address, Mr. Rajmohan Gandhi, Member of the Rajya Sabha and eminent author called upon the graduates to inculcate Japanese values and strive to strengthen cultural infrastructure. He pointed out that like India, Japan too had religious differences but it held together because of the cultural infrastructure.

Drawing comparisons between the Indians and the Japanese, Mr. Gandhi said that while the Japanese listened more and talked less, Indians are a nation of orators. Recounting some of his own experiences at international seminars, Mr. Gandhi said, "The two most difficult tasks for a Chairman are to get the shy Japanese delegate to speak and the eloquent Indian delegate to conclude his speech." He also pointed out that while Indians revel in analyzing others, in sharp contrast the Japanese do not find faults with others.

Though Japan also had its share of corruption and scandal, once anyone was caught, there was a sense of shame in the country and politicians resigned. "In our country, politicians and businessmen proposer even after their corruption is exposed, and instead of quitting, they fight back." he said.

Giving instances of Japanese innovation and product quality, Mr. Gandhi said by nature, the Japanese were willing to improve upon their own creations.

He also observed that the Japanese nation had compelling unity despite their racial, linguistic and religious differences because they knew the cost of strife.

Mr. Gandhi concluded his address by once again urging the outgoing graduates to strengthen the cultural infrastructure to find solutions to the problems in the country.