



June 30, 2024

To
Dr Rajender Parsad
Director (ICAR-IASRI)
New Delhi, 110012

Dear Dr Rajender Parsad,

Namaste. I would like to congratulate you, IASRI faculty, scientists and students on the 94th anniversary of IASRI's foundation day. As I mentioned numerous times, I am very fortunate that I got my graduate education at IASRI. I always cherish the memories of my days at IASRI as a student of Prof VK Gupta, classmate and Sukhatme hostel mate of such illustrious and highly accomplished IASRI alumni, like you. Having served on the faculty of top universities in USA, I can say without hesitation that IASRI is one of the best scientific and educational institutions in the world. I am sure the institute will rise to higher standards under your leadership.

Now, I want to say few words to current students – we are in the era of AI - Artificial Intelligence. The world has moved from Agrarian to Industrial to Knowledge economy. Now, AI is a huge disruptor in the knowledge economy. This famous quote about current and near future job market “Humans with training in AI will replace humans without AI training” is true for statisticians as well, especially in the top-tier job market. As statisticians and data scientists, it is a tremendous opportunity for us. I wish you all the best and I am sure you will grab this opportunity with both the hands, and all of you play prominent roles leading and serving the best scientific institutes in the world.

Enjoy today's celebrations, I wish I could be there with you.

Congratulations again on all the great things you have done in the past year.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ramana Davuluri'.

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