Address by the Hon’ble President of India at the University of Jordan
[11 October; 1600 hrs]

Your Excellency, Mr. Labib Al Khadra, Minister of Higher Education & Scientific Research,

Your Excellency, Professor Dr. Ekhleif Tarawneh, President of the University of Jordan,

Hon’ble Members of the Council of Deans,

Members of the Faculty and distinguished members of the academic community of this prestigious University,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. I am very honoured by the conferment upon me of this Honorary Doctorate in Political Science by the esteemed University of Jordan. I consider this gesture to be, above all, a manifestation of the warmth and friendship that the people of Jordan have for my country and its people. It is, therefore, a great privilege for me to accept this doctorate in my capacity as President of India and on behalf of the people of India.

2. I thank the distinguished Council of Deans with deep humility for this recognition. I am, indeed, happy to be associated, through this doctorate, with the University of Jordan, one of the oldest and most acclaimed centres of learning in the Arab world.

3. I do hope that my visit today will result in the strengthening of the existing partnerships and forging of new collaborations between the University of Jordan and Indian centres of higher education. India looks forward to welcoming more and more students and researchers from this great nation.

4. I take this opportunity to convey to you and to the friendly people of Jordan the warm greetings and sincere wishes of the people of the Republic of India.

5. I wish you all great success in your academic careers and a bright future.

6. I thank you once again.