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Dear friends and colleagues, it is indeed a very proud privilege for me to speak before this august gathering here in the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda today. At the outset let me extend my most sincere thanks and gratitude to all of you who have chosen me to speak from the dais as President of this very prestigious organisation of Indian geomorphologists.

This institute has always been an important platform for the geomorphologists coming from all parts of the country. In the past, at different occasions, this forum was graced with a number of nationally and internationally famous and stalwart geomorphologists like Prof. A.B. Mukerji, Prof. R. Vaidyanadhan, Prof. S.R. Basu and others. We always remember their enormous contribution in the field of Indian geomorphology with reverence. They contributed immensely to this organisation.

Let their inspiration guide us for the future. Very senior geomorphologists like Prof. K.R. Dikshit, Prof. Savindra Singh, Prof. H.S. Sharma and many others are still with us. They deserve warm tribute from this house. We, the Indian geomorphologists always remain very proud of them.

Incidentally and unfortunately, the number of geomorphologists is gradually decreasing in India. It is a matter of concern for us. However, let us be optimistic about the future prospect of geomorphological studies here in our country. Let us hope for many more new faces in this discipline, who will make more meaningful contribution to geomorphological studies with their endeavour and field investigations in the days to come.

With this, let me hope for a very prosperous future of the Indian Institute of Geomorphologists.