

Turn job givers from job seekers, Naidu tells management grads

Chief Minister addresses second convocation of IIM-Visakhapatnam

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"Now you are armed with a basic degree and an MBA from an institute like IIM-Visakhapatnam. It is time to imagine, as imagination only will give you the wings for your career growth," said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

He was delivering the second convocation address at the IIM-Visakhapatnam, here on Thursday, and the Chief Minister in a spirited address caught the imagination of the young management graduates.

He urged them to become 'job givers from job seekers' and invited the whole lot to Amravati to have a glimpse of his real-time management.

Talking about information technology, the tech-savvy CM said, "The fourth industrial revolution has begun and this time it hinges on IT and IOT (internet of things). Make technology as the platform for building your dreams. Set goals and proceed systematically towards them."

Giving a piece of advice to the management graduates, he said, "Earning money is only a by-product, the im-



Moment to cherish: Praveena Musunuru receiving the gold medal from Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at the second convocation of IIM-V in Visakhapatnam on Thursday. Chairman of Governing Board of IIM-V, Hari S. Bhartia (left) and HRD Minister Ganta Srinivasa Rao are seen. ■PHOTO: C.V.SUBRAHMANYAM

portant thing is building a strong career that revolves around ethical values."

Appreciating IIM-Visakhapatnam for giving admission to over 25% girls, he said, "Women empowerment is the key to the overall development of a country. The role reversal has already set in. Earlier, women were dependent on men, and now it is the other way round."

Quoting the success of women SHG (self help group),

he said, "what began as a small initiative years ago is today a strong force of 90 lakh women, managing 9 lakh organisations. If a woman can manage a home successfully, she can manage anything."

He urged the management of IIM-V to take the percentage of women admission to 50% in the coming years.

Talking about the education system, he said it needs a gross change. "Education

should be more oriented towards field and practical approach rather than classroom system. Knowledge should be utilised for outcome," said Mr. Chandrababu Naidu.

Chairman of Governing Board of IIM-V, Hari S. Bhartia, said though this was the second batch that was passing out from the institute, it was the first batch to be awarded an MBA degree, after the Indian Institutes of

Management Act, 2017, had come into force.

Mr. Bhartia also informed the gathering that in about three years time, IIM-V will have its own state-of-the-art campus at Gambheeram in the city.

Earlier, 43 students of a total of 45 were awarded degrees. Dressed in convocation gowns the excitement was writ large on their faces, as they received the degree from the Chief Minister.