

Ex-President Pranab Mukherjee exhorts students to lead country

Former President of India Dr Pranab Mukherjee has exhorted the youth, especially next generation of managers, to provide effective leadership in the country. He was addressing the graduation ceremony of students of Apar India Group of Institutions and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (School of Vocational Education) as the chief guest at a function organised in the Constitution Club of India. Awarding meritorious students, Mukherjee congratulated them for their academic success and hoped that they would translate it in corporate world in their respective fields.

Addressing young and aspiring minds, he said, "I am sure that with the value system and training that you have acquired at this institute, you will be able to face the world with confidence. From the country's



point of view, we welcome you as our next generation of managers and leaders. May you grow up to provide effective leadership in this century." Asserting that the intellectual, social and technical skills acquired from teachers and members of the faculty would stand students in good stead, he urged them to sail forth into the world with confidence and lead in building

a better world.

Lauding the institution for imparting best quality education over the years, Mukherjee said, "Great educational institutions require good faculty and administrators. TISS was able to attract and recruit outstanding teachers, students, workforce and Apar India Institute, as a premier Training Hub Partner. I acknowledge the tireless efforts of all those involved in

this project."

Dean School of Vocational Education, TISS, Professor Neela Dabir, Founder and Chairman of Apar India Group of Institutions Dr RK Jain, Director of Apar India Group of Institutions Apar Jain and many other dignitaries attended the convocation of students completing post-graduate diplomas.

Beat plastic pollution: Udit Raj

BJP MP Dr Udit Raj and actress and UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador for India Dia Mirza have urged people to bring change in the pattern of consumption and refuse use of plastic bags to prevent environmental pollution. Participating in a discussion on creating awareness about environment protection at a function organised at the Constitution Club of India, Dr Udit Raj said, "We are so conservative that we need everything from our environment without considering how much we are exploiting the earth and damaging the environment. Let us begin with ourselves to fight against the issue of single-use plastic which is the polluting environment. We also need to bring the changes in our own pattern of consumption."

Addressing the discussion organised by the New Delhi Social Workers Association (NDSWA) along with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to mark the World Environment Day 2018, Mirza said that people must recognise the harmful impact of consuming single use plastic and find ways to replace it. This would also help finding a better way to manage the plastic



waste. The theme of this year World Environment Day was 'Beat Plastic Pollution' and India was the global host and committed to lead the campaign to beat plastic pollution. The government is planning to organise pan-Indian plastic clean-up drives in public areas, national reserves and forests to simultaneous beach clean-up activities. Delhi is the sixth-most populated metropolis in the world and one of the most heavily polluted cities in India.

NDSWA President Gaurav Grover said,

"This initiative will give an encouragement to citizens, that they should come forward and fight against the issue of single-use plastic which is polluting the environment. But this can only happen if individuals take a step forward. World Environment Day is just a wake-up call for us to work for our environment."

Naysan Sabha, Director, Communication Division of UN Environment said that one must avoid the consumption of single-use disposable plastics.