

CONVOCATION - 2010



“Please remember, ‘In youth we learn, in age we understand.’ It is important to realise that whatever success you achieve at the end would be a function of your hard work and a silent contribution from the society at large. Thus, you would always be indebted to the society, and remember to pay back. You can contribute through money or sweat by working full time or part time in mind or person for the society. Always stand up for transparency and fairness, honesty and integrity.”

These were the wise words of Chief Guest Shri S Sridhar, Chairman & Managing Director-Central Bank of India, and Chief Guest at the Convocation Ceremony (year 2010) of SVKM's NMIMS Mukesh Patel School of Technology Management & Engineering (MPSTME), Mumbai, to the 423 graduating students of MPSTME, on 31st July, 2010, at Shri Bhaidas Maganlal Sabhagriha (Bhaidas Hall).

Shri Sridhar also advised the graduates to have a clear long term vision in life, a trait whose importance can never be overstated. He reminded them of the words of Michaelangelo: The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it; but that it is too low and we reach it.”

The Guest of Honour at the Convocation was Shri K H Gopal, President (Corporate Affairs) and Secretary, Alok Industries.

The Convocation that began earlier in the evening with the academic procession of students and dignitaries resplendent in their convocation gowns, was declared open by Shri B P Sheth, nominee of Shri Amrish Patel, Chancellor, SVKM's NMIMS and Chairman, Board of Management. The welcome address was given by Dr Rajan Saxena, Vice Chancellor, SVKM's NMIMS.

The Vice Chancellor told the graduating students that India today was at the cusp of the human resource revolution and that regulatory and institution frameworks were under very close scrutiny. He added, “It has been realised that both regulations and institutional framework have outlived their utility and cannot meet the challenges of young India and an economy growing at more than 8%. Hence a need to create a framework that will encourage research, innovation and multidisciplinary learning.’

'There is a need to create new models of learning. MBA (Tech) and Diploma in Textile Functions in our Engineering programs provide the direction to move forward. To be at the top end of the knowledge revolution sweeping the world today, we would have to open our doors to knowledge institutions from all over the world. Realising need in the globalised environment, we at NMIMS, launched our internationalization program way back in the 1990s and accelerated it through a strategic plan 2008 onwards.'

Dr Saxena's address was followed by a review of the programs for the period 2009-2010 by Dr D J Shah, Dean of MPSTME. Shri B P Sheth, nominee of Chancellor of NMIMS then conferred the degrees to the successful students.

Not only were the results of the MPSTME students for the year 2009-2010 very encouraging, with a total of 423 passes, but all the students of this year's batch had already been successfully placed in reputed organisations. The number of passes for various disciplines were: MCA (8), M.Tech.- Elec. & Telecom Engg. (6), M.Tech.-Comp. Engg. (9), B.Tech.-IT (51), B.Tech.-Comp. Engg. (56), B.Tech.-Elec. Engg. (54), B.Tech.-Elec. & Telecom Engg. (53), Advance Diploma in Textile Wet Processing (9), Doctor of Philosophy-Engg. (3), Dual Degree Programs: B.Tech.-IT (25), B.Tech.-Chem.Engg. (19), B.Tech.-Mfg.Engg. (20), B.Tech.-Elec. & Telecom Engg. (23), MBA-Tech. (87).

Thereafter, the Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr M N Welling offered the Vote of Thanks to all dignitaries and guests present and Shri B P Sheth, nominee of the Hon'ble Chancellor, declared the Convocation 2010 as closed. The convocation closure was followed by the National Anthem, and the academic procession then receded after a long but eventful evening. This was the second successful convocation from the Mukesh Patel School of Technology Management & Engineering (MPSTME). The first batch had also achieved a 100% placement record.

MPSTME offers premium undergraduate and postgraduate programs in the areas of greatest demand and scope in technology with a student-centric approach. The most innovative program from this school has been the MBA (Tech.), which is a 5-year, full time integrated dual degree program combining the B.Tech. + MBA degrees, thus saving students one full year if they were to pursue a normal degree course and an MBA thereafter.