

# Great job opportunities in health sector

**Says Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty**

Mysore, July 21 (KMC)- "The Health Sector offers second largest number of job opportunities after the Agro Sector and hence, the students of Business Management must consider health sector as their career option and use their management principles to provide health facilities to the masses," opined Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty, Founder and Chairman of Narayana Hrudayalaya Group of Hospitals, Bangalore.



Dr. Shetty

Delivering the Foundation Day lecture at Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute of Management Development (SDM-IMD) in city this morning, Dr. Shetty, citing the examples of the recent Egyptian revolution and the Arab spring, said that the public uprising was due to lack of jobs.

"The health sector has ample potential to create job opportunities even for the people from poor and lower middle class sections, unlike the IT sector where jobs are clinched mostly by those hailing from affluent families," said Dr. Shetty.

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Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty (second from left) seen with SDM-IMD Chairman Dr. Veerendra Heggade, SDM-IMD Director Dr. N.R. Parasuraman and SDM-IMD Dean Dr. H. Gayathri at the Foundation Day programme in the Institute here this morning.

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Dr. Shetty added that the IT industry got free land, income tax exemption and other sops from the governments while on the contrary, the health sector was equated with the entertainment industry—the theatres and malls where even a necessary amenity like electricity is charged on a commercial scale for the hospitals.

Dr. Shetty blamed the policy makers for this kind of disparity and rued that unless there were major policy changes, the health sector will not be able to cater to the masses.

"At present, only 10% of the world population can afford heart surgery even after 100 years of the first heart surgery," said Dr. Shetty and called upon the younger generation to make a difference by employing their management skills in the field of health and medicine.

Speaking about India being the

producer of largest number of doctors and nurses; India poised to be the first country in the world to dissociate health care from the affluent and India being capable of producing medicines for the entire world, Dr. Shetty quipped: "Everything in India happens by default and my country is the only one that is being directly managed by God himself!"

He once again called upon the Management students to opt for a career in health sector and said the country needed a mechanism to deliver what we already have so that the doctors can concentrate on their profession.

SDM-IMD Chairman and Dharmadhikari of Sri Kshethra Dharmasthala Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade, speaking on the occasion, had the audience in splits of laughter by comparing himself (a 'conferred doctorate') with cardiologist Dr. Shetty.

"We both are healers. I do the spiritual healing for people who approach me with personal, family-related and other problems. But, thanks to Dr. Shetty, people having heart problems have stopped coming to me as he

takes care of them," said Dr. Heggade and extolled Dr. Shetty for initiating Yashaswini scheme, by which lakhs of farmers from the rural regions are availing free medical care in the State.

SDM-IMD Dean-Administration Dr. H. Gayathri introduced Dr. Shetty to the audience while the Institute's Director Dr. N.R. Parasuraman welcomed. Mythri invoked while Vismaya completed. Faculty Dr. M.R. Suresh proposed a vote of thanks.

After the Foundation Day lecture, a question and answer session was held in which the students interacted with Dr. Shetty.