

'Ensuring Jobs for Youth Biggest Challenge'

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Mysuru: The biggest challenge being faced by all countries, including developed ones, is how they will ensure jobs for young people in the future, said Planning Commission of India former member Arun Maira.

He was delivering the 21st annual convocation address at the Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute of Management Development.

He said: "New technologies are changing the shape of work in all walks of life very rapidly. But, it is not possible for any government to predict what specific skills and knowledge people need to remain employable in the future."

He asked young people to become good learners throughout their lives, and to continue to learn new

skills and acquire new knowledge. He said we must work together to make India a better country for everyone—not just for the rich, nor just for a few communities, but for all Indians.

He said there is a big debate raging in our country about the responsibility of universities towards building our nation.

He said, universities and colleges must play a leadership role in the country's quest for sustainable prosperity for all Indians.

"There is a big movement around the world to teach with digital technology. We must take advantage of technology and also know its limitations," he added.

SDM-IMD chairman D Veerendra Heggade gave a call to students not to forsake ethics and values in search for wealth and glory. A total 170 postgraduate diploma in

management students were awarded with certificates on the occasion. Gold medals were awarded to students Kriti Shukla, Neethu Prabhakaran, Dronamraju Sirisha and Anuraag S Shahapur, on the occasion.

'Social Media Making Us Twitter Warriors'

"Social media seems to make us into warriors. Words of hate and fear can be spread widely and instantly through social media. They drown the quiet voices of reason. We tweet, and follow those we like. We become locked within online communities of people who think like us," said Arun Maira.

"The social media is aflame with wars of words. From within the walls of our intellectually gated communities, we send out bombs of insulting tweets to the other side, who retaliate with insults to us," he said.