

## Team BLoC

# Investing in women will lead to the growth of the Nation: MJ Akbar



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*Sanjiv Goenka says that "India is on a trajectory to discover its full potential"*

International Management Institute (IMI) Kolkata hosted its fifth Annual Convocation at the Dr. RP Goenka Auditorium in the Alipore campus on May 18. MJ. Akbar, Minister of State, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India was the Chief Guest, and the convocation was presided by Sanjiv Goenka, Chairman, Board of Governors, IMI Kolkata.

The ceremony saw the graduation of 78 students who were conferred Post Graduate Diplomas in Management by the Chairman. The Dr. R. P. Goenka Gold Medal was awarded to Shreya Rajgarhia and Ankita Parekh received the Silver Medal. Roshni Lamba, who ranked third for outstanding scholastic performance in the PGDM programme 2015-17, received an award for being the best participant.

Professor Arindam Banik, while presenting the highlights of the achievements of the Institute in 2016-17, announced the commencement of the doctoral level Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) from June 2017. Dr. RP Goenka Research Scholarship of ₹25000 per month for three worthy scholars for the FPM was also announced. The Dr. RP Goenka Scholarship was also introduced for meritorious PGDM students from economically disadvantaged sections.

Presiding the ceremonial proceedings Sanjiv Goenka said "it is the day of achievement and recognition for the graduating students." He introduced MJ Akbar as "a man of exceptional performance who has redefined and rewritten rules and standards" and proclaimed that India is on its trajectory to discover its full potential "as today the world looks at our nation differently." He expressed his optimism for the students who would have a unique advantage of leading a country where growth and expectation knew no bounds. He urged the students to believe in themselves and challenge themselves to emerge successful in this new India.



Sanjiv Goenka (second from right), Chairman, Board of Governors, IMI Kolkata lighting the ceremonial lamp as MoS, MEA, MJ Akbar looks on

In his convocation address, MJ Akbar motivated the youth with his inspiring words and stated that a glorious opportunity awaited them. Referring to Dr. RP Goenka as an extraordinary legend who carved a great success story. He added that “India has traversed a lot since independence. Initially the challenge was in learning how to deal with the achieved freedom.” In his address, he also the historical stages of India’s transformation and specifically deliberated on the post-1990 reforms.

Akbar affirmed that with Modi’s vision to eliminate poverty, “today’s youth should aim at freeing people from poverty and help increase the wealth of the nation.” He concluded with the message that “for the first time the world has an ‘India Policy’ where our country is noted for its inclusive growth policies.” He also established his conviction that investing in women will lead to tripling of the growth for the nation where a mother never neglects her children.

The momentous ceremony concluded with Goenka felicitating Akbar with an *uttoriyo* designed by ace Agnimitra Paul.



MoS, Ministry of External Affairs, MJ Akbar (second from right) being felicitated by Sanjiv Goenka (second from left)