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Ex DRDO Chief: Youth must pursue science

Bengaluru: Former DRDO chief Dr V.K. Saraswat has urged the younger generation to play a crucial role in realising India's aspiration for 'global leadership' and was optimistic that they will rise to the occasion. While addressing the 4th Annual Convocation at Jain University on Saturday, he said, "Science and technology in the last century made an unprecedented impact on the life of human race. It is heartening to see the rapid developments that are taking place in our country during the last three decades. We believe in knowledge and benefits it can bring to our living. I am also aware of the aspirations and hardships of our people and the great expectations they have for improving their quality of life." The noted scientist observed that the domain of Science & Technology was truly exciting, challenging and rewarding as it opens up multi-disciplinary approach to the problems. "Of course, it demands people with great intellect and even greater determination and commitment. I see a sea of enlightened faces in front of me who definitely have those to be a part of this exciting world in some way or other," he said. The degrees were conferred to 2,422 meritorious students from undergraduate, postgraduate and research programmes in the fields of Engineering & Technology, Commerce, Management, Economics, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Physics, Psychology, Music, Dance, Mass Communication, English, Kannada and Sanskrit. The university also felicitated 101 rank holders and 53 gold medalists, and 19 Ph.Ds and 30 M.Phils. The convocation was presided by Jain University Chancellor Dr C. G. Krishnadas Nair. Vice-Chancellor Dr N. Sundararajan, Registrar Prof. N.V.H. Krishnan and Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr Sandeep Shastri were present