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‘Students should network to attain success’

BANGALORE: The 21st century being the age of ‘networks’, students should collaborate with each other, pool in resources and expertise so as to increase their chances of attaining success in any endeavour, according to Nandan Nilekani, the chairman of Unique Identification Authority of India.

Sharing lessons from his own success story at the 3rd annual convocation of Jain University here on Thursday, the co-founder of Infosys said: “A high-stakes game becomes easier to win when you have a team of people with you... when

we started Infosys, for example, there were seven of us; individually, it would have been impossible for novices to start a company... each focused on what they were best at. (N R Narayana) Murthy, for example, was (a) great engineer and mentor. I was good at marketing and talking to clients.”

A network, he went on, would bring different people from various fields together and enable one to see “new opportunities in the horizon, before anyone does.”

At the convocation, 2,281 students were awarded under-

graduate, postgraduate and research degrees. As many as 40 received gold medals and 91 were rank holders.

Srinidhi C M, who completed MTech in avionics, received two gold medals. “I was deeply interested in making micro aerial vehicles and decided to pursue aviation seriously soon after studying BTech.”

Manasa J was adjudged the ‘Best MPhil student in 2011-12’ and also secured top honours in her subject — mathematics. “I wish to pursue PhD,” she said.

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