

President lauds JMC on its Golden Jubilee 1968 - 2018



NEW DELHI: Inaugurating the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Jesus and Mary College on Monday 18.09.2017, President Ram Nath Kovind praised the College's effort to facilitate development of NDMC school nearby.

President Kovind pointed out how society copes with the changes around would depend mostly on the education institutions and said, "India is in the midst of multiple transformations. In the first half of the 21st century, we will have the largest young population in any country of the world. It is crucial to harness the energy of our young people and use it to make our country a developed society."

Jesus and Mary College was founded in July 1968. It opened with one Department offering English (H) and BA (Pass) courses with an enrolment of 116 students.

Speaking on the importance of educating women, The First Citizen said, "An educated woman contributes to the economy and at work. She also ensures that other children in her family are educated. The next generation is made responsible and educated through the education of the women."

Kovind assured the gathering that as the visitor of Delhi University in particular and hundred other universities he would take forward meaningful dialogues towards upgrading of higher education in the country.

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Christian bodies played key role in Education: Prez

Commending the role played by the Christian community , especially missionary institutions, in the sector of education, **President Ram Nath Kovind** said on Wednesday 20.09.2017 that educational infrastructure, curricula and modes of teaching *have to become 21st century compatible*. Extolling the need to “constantly embrace change“, the President said that India needed to make its educational system “future proof”.

Addressing an event in **Jesus and Mary College** in Delhi University , Kovind said, “I must note that the Christian community *whose history in India goes back 2,000 years* and which has contributed so much to our shared culture has **carved a special role** for itself in education. Missionary institutions such as this one have become symbols of scholarship, dedicated teaching and academic excellence.“ Kovind added that this was in fact, “appropriate“ as “all religions in their essence urge us to constantly learn and evolve and grow, to acquire knowledge and gain wisdom. And so become better human beings.“

He also called on the educated to work for the welfare of the less-privileged and become nation builders. “The goal of education is not just to acquire knowledge. The truly educated are not those who collect degrees, but **those who use those degrees** and the underlying scholarship to **become nation-builders in our society**,” Kovind said.

Pitching for education of girls, he said, “An educated girl contributes to the economy and at work. In this way , the larger social impact of girls' education is significant ”.

He also talked about the “dramatic changes“ caused by ‘**the fourth industrial revolution**’ and advances in **digitisation and robotics**.