

Women leaders exhort 'em to excel

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Bangalore: It was a joyous moment for IFIM Business School students as they began a new innings on Friday. As many as 180 students of 2008-2010 batch were awarded PGDM certificates at the 14th convocation.

IFIM-B CONVOCATION

The business school held an 'all-woman convocation', with the guest panel comprising eminent women leaders. While Vinita Bali, chairman and managing director of Britannia Industries, led the panel, other guests were Aruna C Newton, head, design and research IIL, Infosys, and secretary, Electronics City Industries Association; Ashwini Nachappa, trustee and executive director of Karumbiah's Academy for Learning and Sports; and Rupande Padaki, director, The P and P Group. The panelists



FLYING COLOURS: The all-woman guest panel discussed the role of women in corporate sector at the convocation in IFIM Business School in Bangalore on Friday

discussed the role of women in the corporate sector and gender inclusiveness.

Addressing the graduating batch, Vinita Bali said: "You belong to a group of peo-

ple who are privileged. As you step out, it is your character and values that will determine your life."

Ashwini Nachappa said before aiming for success, stu-

dents should strive for excellence. "To achieve excellence, one must have proper planning, practice and a hunger to achieve it. One needs to think big and start early towards achieving your goals. Enjoy the line of work you choose or rather choose the line of work you enjoy doing," she added.

The batch topper was Nitin Mallya, who received a gold medal for the highest CGPA (8.64 on 10). Roshan Karim Ali was the recipient of the chairman's gold medal for academic excellence. RAK Ceramic Award for academic excellence was given to Garima Doshi. Best industry internship programme (IIP) reports awards were given to Yashpal K M and Saket Verma. Four students in the batch were considered eligible for the merit-cum-means scholarship awarded by the Padode Foundation.

A special scholarship exclusively for girls was announced for the batch 2010-2012.