

Ggn management students attend Obama's lecture but govt colleges don't get an invite

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GURGAON: 18 students from Management Development Institute (MDI), Gurgaon were among those present at the United States President Barack Obama's address at Siri Fort Auditorium on Tuesday.

Obama, who touched upon several issues during the speech including education, electricity, nuclear deal and climate change left students awestruck.

"The way he described his humble origins was inspiring. He emphasised that one can transcend every obstacle to achieve the desired goal," said Harish Balan, a first year management student.

The students felt that an interactive session with Obama could have made the evening spe-



■ 18 students from the Management Development Institute, Gurgaon attended the US President's address at Siri Fort Auditorium. HT PHOTO

cial since he could have directly addressed their questions on India-US trade relations, economies of developing countries and improvement of facilities in

educational institutions.

"Obama mentioned in his speech that in the future he expects more students from the US to visit India for further

studies. It is a sign that instead of chasing a job in a foreign country, we should work towards building up opportunities in our country. India's youth has potential," added Suvira Yadav, final year management student with a specialisation in human resources.

But no invite was sent to the other three government colleges in the city, according to college authorities.

"We are hurt that no invite was sent to the city government colleges. Even if one student could have represented each college, it would have been an honour for us. This apathetic neglect towards Gurgaon colleges will continue unless a separate university is created here," said Ashok Diwaker, former principal, Government Girls College, Sector 14.