

# Leader in Obama inspires city students

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**Gurgaon:** Several students from the city were a part of the youth-brigade that US President Barack Obama addressed at Delhi's Siri Fort auditorium on Tuesday, before flying to Saudi Arabia.

Ganpathy Subramaniam, a 23-year-old MBA student of Management Development Institute, who hails from a Tamil Nadu town, said, "Obama spoke on everything; from similarities between India and the US, to the climate change. He emphasized on equal opportunities that ought to be provided to everyone across the world."

"He said it is only because of the opportunities he received that he became president of America," Subramaniam said.

Drawing parallels between him and the politicians of India, Subramaniam said, "Our poli-

ticians do not give inspirational speeches. Obama came across as a leader and not a politician per se."

Sasi Kant Pingali, a 25-year-old student who belongs to Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh, said it was an unforgettable day as the head of the most powerful nation in the world, had described Indians as "hard-working".

"He stressed on the need for renewable energy for securing the future of next generation. He called India a rising power against China, which underlined the US's commitment to forge strong ties with India," said Pingali.

However, there were others who felt they lost an opportunity to interact with Obama. "It would have been better if he had spoken to some people in the audience. Though he also spoke about both India and US, but considering that there was a select audience sitting, the should should have opened the house for questions," said Shweta Sharma, a student.

**A student praised Obama, saying he comes across as a leader and not a politician. Others felt an interactive session should have been organized**