

India today is a land brimming with opportunities. The startup culture endorsed by all the stakeholders inclusive of the government has provided a fertile land wherein we believe that many of you will take the path of donning the role of job creators. In sync with MDI's philosophy of creating Thought Leaders and Change Masters, we believe that you will be the face of this nation. Onus is now on you to channelize your potential for not merely charting a better path in your life but to create a path for others to follow.

As I stand over, presiding over the Annual Convocation ceremony, I reflect on the fact that merely two years back, you were inducted into this prestigious institution. Time, even as I speak right now is passing away. It has not and would not stop for anyone. If there was any anointed hour, it is right now to seize the initiative and create your own legacy. There will be many more milestones and every time you celebrate, just be sure that we will be equally joyous because for MDI, you will always be family.

With conviction and full faith in all my dear students, I wish you luck and a great future ahead.

I take this opportunity to thank my colleagues on the Board for their whole-hearted support and cooperation and trust in all the endeavours.

A very warm welcome to all of you once again.

I now invite the Acting Director of MDI Gurugram to share with all of us the progress and achievements over the last year.

Sanjay Dhande

Chairman

MDI Board of Governors



Chairman's Welcome Address

Dr. Sanjay Dhande



Welcome Address by Dr. Sanjay Dhande, Chairman, MDI

Guest of Honour for Convocation 2017 of MDI Gurugram, Hon'ble Dr. Ved Prakash Ji, Members of Board of Governors of MDI, Acting Director, Prof C. P. Shrimali, Dean Graduate Programmes, Prof D. P. Goyal, Dean Executive Graduate Programmes, Prof Sangeeta S. Bharadwaj, Dean Continuing Education, Prof S. Chatterjee, Dean Research, Prof. Radha Sharma, Dean Consulting, Prof Atmanand, eminent guests, faculty members and staff, parents and family members of our students, friends from the media and dear graduating students!

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I extend a very warm and hearty welcome to all of you on the occasion of the Annual Convocation 2017 of Management Development Institute, Gurugram.

We are indeed privileged to have amongst us Dr. Ved Prakash Ji, Hon'ble Chairman, University Grants Commission whose very presence lends to this occasion a unique honour and prestige. The tireless energy he has shown in bringing about significant improvements and initiatives in higher education serves as an inspiration for our graduating students. Sir, on behalf of MDI fraternity, I extend a hearty welcome to you and express our gratitude for accepting our invitation to grace this occasion.

I also welcome our esteemed guests from the Government and Corporate who have been our pillars of support, in helping MDI aim and achieve its potential. The MDI fraternity feels honoured and joins me in sharing the pleasure of having you all with us today.

On this very appropriate occasion, I would like to express a very sincere appreciation on behalf of the entire MDI community to our outgoing Chairman, Shri Malay Mukherjee and other members of the Board. Their guidance and vision for the Institute have brought us many laurels and have made MDI a Management Institute to reckon with.

Dear students, on this momentous occasion we have gathered here to acknowledge your achievements and to wish you the very best for the future.

MDI through the years has been living the vision to create Thought leaders and Change masters. It was set up in 1973 by the IFCI for imparting executive education and training. Since then, it has grown and evolved into a prestigious business school which has been giving to the industry successful business leaders. With MDI's focus on delivering quality education and creating a culture of learning, it has been consistently ranked among the top business schools in the country and is steadfast in its journey towards being among the top global B-schools. The Institute has now earned an outstanding reputation for itself and created an indelible mark at the national and international levels in the fields of academics and research.

The forces of technology and dynamics of globalization require an institute to be very adaptive in its outlook and responsive to changes in the external environment. The multi-faceted bouquet of Programs offered at MDI caters to all aspects of management

development and growth in the context of today's environment. Students graduating from the Institute are groomed for being entrepreneurs, agents of change in the dynamic business environment, having a customer centric orientation and a global economic, political and cultural mindset. Programmes at MDI are focused around the national goals of innovation, socio-economic development and environmental sustainability.

MDI is a pioneer and market leader in continuing education in India. Various MDPs are aimed at helping executives broaden their understanding and improve their ability to deal with challenges at higher leadership levels. MDI has also been instrumental in contributing towards innovative organizational practices through consulting assignments for the government, public and private organizations. MDI's focus on International collaborations makes sure that it is well integrated with the rest of the world through learning, teaching and research to provide a multi-cultural edge to the business education curriculum. Global networking includes a gamut of interests such as joint research, executive education and exchange programmes for faculty & students. Through stakeholder relations which include industry linkages, active alumni participation and keen interest in the functioning of many academic and professional associations, MDI provides its students and faculty the much needed opportunities for sharing experiences and adopting best practices.

We strongly believe that Management Education is all about holistic growth and includes the aspects of quality, technology driven growth and governance. MDI's strong focus on Social Entrepreneurship is a step in this direction which targets many objectives of social development, inclusion, and empowerment at all levels, collaboration and community development. This approach inherently helps MDI working on the much-needed and often deliberated 'Bottom of the Pyramid' vision.

A highly committed and dedicated faculty has helped MDI stand out across the country and even worldwide. With their focus on quality research, MDI has been successful in building an open hub for ideation and innovation. Through the support of the illustrious alumni base, MDI has been gauging the various on-the-ground expectations of the corporate and has positioned itself as a competitive, high quality and a reputed institution of higher learning.

I sincerely thank the faculty and staff of MDI for sowing the seeds of dedication, commitment and sincere efforts to reap the benefits as we see today – at the Annual Convocation 2017 of MDI Gurugram. I congratulate the proud parents and family members of the graduating batch and thank them for imbibing the right values which has kept them motivated throughout in their journey at MDI.

My dear graduating students, as we have gathered here on this momentous occasion to applaud your achievements, I would urge you to carry forward MDI legacy by making your mark at everything you do in your respective organizations. The values instilled in you, during your stay at MDI will go a long way in contributing to your growth not only in terms of developing business acumen but more importantly nurturing you as a good human being.