Students should fight against discrimination: Lok Sabha speaker Ms Meera Kumar

Chennai, 09 February, (Asiantribune.com): Lok Sabha Speaker, Ms Meera Kumar called upon the students community to fight against discrimination and other anti social activities.

She said "We should be able to motivate others by inculcating in them the need to overcome centuries-old prejudices which had no relevance in today's world", she added that there was a social chasm on the basis of caste, creed, class, gender, geography and language.

Meera Kumar Delivered the Fifth Convocation address of SRM University at the suburban Kattankulathur presided over by SRM university Chancellor T R Pachamuthu.

In her speech, She said that as educated youngsters, the students had a "great obligation" to strive for social change, be it directly or indirectly.

She called for integrated approach by combining science with humanity to understand the society.She added that such an approach would help the education system to produce men and women of disciplined minds and restrained manners.

"We need a concerted effort to bring about a social change which can weaken these divisive forces, strengthen unity and accelerate our march for national progress" she added.

She gave her opinion on the role of teachers that "They should devise ways and means and transforming our children into socially useful and productive members of the society. The learning process must be a harmonious blend of academic excellence and human development."

In the event, 4,519 students from 86 disciplines were awarded Under-Graduate, Post Graduate and Diploma certificates, including nine Doctorates at the convocation ceremony. Of them 3,172 were men and 1,347 women. There were a total of 124 Rank holders.

Mr Prashantha Battacharya of B.Tech Computer science was awarded the Corporation Bank's gold Medal for the best outgoing student.

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