



Commonwealth Bank of Australia MD Pankajam Sridevi, SDMIMD chairman D Veerendra Heggade with gold medallist during the 27th annual convocation of SDMIMD in Mysuru on Thursday | UDAYSHANKAR S

## ‘Care, courage, commitment critical for individual’s growth’

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CARE, courage and commitment are critical for an individual’s growth, said Pankajam Sridevi, Managing Director of Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Delivering the convocation address of the SDMIMD College in Mysuru on Thursday, Sridevi called upon students to listen to their teachers as they are the one who selflessly work for them.

“Teachers are the biggest source of strength. As students you have to really understand what the value they bring to you. You must dream big, there are a lot of people who dreamt big,” she said urging young graduates to be more passionately curious and show commitment to succeed in life.

Dharmadhikari of Sri Kshethra Dharmasthala and Chairman of SDMIMD Dr Veerendra Heggade said,

“Modern practices and use of technology should be welcomed as great facilitators of learning, but these should not come about at the expense of core values which the Indian spirit stands for -- integrity, reverence, gratitude, and social responsibility. It is imperative that learning should concentrate on the wider dimensions of decisions.”

He said while observing happenings in the world which are not ethical or correct, youngsters should insulate themselves from such things and focus on their duties and development.

“While embracing western styles of management and efficiency, one should not lose sight of the underlying Indian ethos and principles that have brought pride to our nation. I urge our students to have the spirit of uncompromising patriotism and a fierce inner desire to do good to disadvantaged sections of our society,” he said.