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### **Emerge as global citizens, students told**

Staff Reporter

*Amrita School of Engineering celebrates Institution Day*



**Good WORK: Managing Director of IBM India Shanker Annasamy (second right) handing over a trophy to winners on the occasion of the Institution Day of Amrita School of Engineering at Ettimadai.**

COIMBATORE: "Twenty first century is going to be a globally integrated economy where talent will be moved across the globe 24x7 to address market opportunities. We have to break out of barriers and emerge as global citizens," Shanker Annasamy, Managing Director, IBM India, has said.

Addressing students of the Amrita School of Engineering, Ettimadai, on the occasion of the 13th institution day, Mr. Annasamy said interconnectivity was inescapable. "We have 4.2 billion intranet addresses and 35 trillion sub-networks. By 2010, codified network is expected to double every 11 hours. This kind

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of connectivity and innovation will change the world.”

He said that India too would change along with changes in other parts of the world. It had the potential to become the third largest economy by 2030.

He asserted that innovations spurred economic activity, productivity, met social needs, solved educational healthcare problems and created national and international models for the people of a country.

Vice-Chancellor P. Venkat Rangan spoke on the joint dual-degree post-graduate programme being offered by the university along with the State University of New York, Buffalo, for Information Technology professionals in Bangalore.

“The MS in Management of IT and IT-Enabled Services is designed to provide aspiring professionals with focussed knowledge and skills so that they can grow into executive positions and become effective leaders in the industry.”

Mr. Venkat Ragan underlined the importance of digital libraries. “There are huge costs involved in running conventional libraries. Today, Amrita’s campuses and schools across the country have access to billions of books and resource materials that are part of the university’s digital library.”

Chief Operating Officer Brahmachari Abhayamrita Chaitanya and Dean-Engineering M.P. Chandrasekharan spoke.

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