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Hard work pays: Director of Chandrayaan -1 M. Annadurai (second right) presenting the degree certificate to Megha Agarwal, who secured first rank in MBA, at the fifth convocation of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Ettimadai, on Monday. President of the university Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri (third right) and Vice-Chancellor P. Venkat Rangan (right) are in the picture. —

COIMBATORE: Success of Chandrayaan -1 is symbolic of what India could be in the future. It has demonstrated how India could lead a team of technical and scientific experts from internationally reputed organisations to realise an ambitious dream. Team spirit is the mantra for any achievement, M. Annadurai, Project Director, Chandrayaan – 1, said on Monday.

Delivering the convocation address at the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham at Ettimadai, he said the Chandrayaan – 1 team was being branded as the "dream team".

Efforts

"Harmonising the efforts of the team members towards a common goal and realising the objective within the allotted budget and schedule demonstrates how well the team has converted a very difficult situation into a historic opportunity," Mr. Annadurai said.

If a government organisation could achieve such a feat, why would it not be possible for other teams to make such achievements in the fields of education, medicine, industry, trade, commerce, media, sports, arts, services, and politics, he queried.

"The International Lunar Exploration Working Group's International Co-operation Award has been given to the Chandrayaan -1 team for the challenging accommodation and tests of the most international lunar payload ever from 20 countries. It should be noted that the team comprises people from varied work cultures who are placed in geographically dislocated places like the U.S., the U.K., Sweden, Germany, Bulgaria, and Japan, besides the many units and centres within India and the Indian Space Research Organisation," he said.

When the Moon Impact Probe was separated and impacted on the moon on November 14, ISRO proudly announced that it was a gift to the children of India, the Director said.

He gave away degree certificates to nearly 2,500 candidates.

Gold and silver medals were also awarded to meritorious candidates.

Amritaswarupananda Puri, President, Abhayamrita Chaitanya, Pro-Chancellor, and P. Venkat Rangan, Vice-Chancellor, of the university, spoke.

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