

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Graduation Day 2014: Hyderabad Campus

April 6, 2014

Chief Guest Azim Premji...

Dean Ajit Rangnekar...

Fellow members of the ISB Executive Board...

Faculty and Staff of the ISB...

Graduating Classes of the PGP and PGPMAX...

Parents and friends....

A very good evening to all of you.

WELCOMING THE CHIEF GUEST

We are indeed privileged to have with us today a dear friend and eminent business leader, **Azim Premji**, Chairman, Wipro Ltd. – and a humanitarian who through the Azim Premji Foundation and other institutions is working at building a better, equitable and just society. His contributions to both business as well as society have been acknowledged across the globe. The Time magazine listed him amongst the world's 100 most influential people in April 2004 and again in April 2011, citing his contribution to improving the public education system in India. Among various other accolades bestowed on him, he is a Padma Vibhushan

awardee and was recently honoured with the Economic Times Life Time Achievement Award in December 2013.

Azim - I thank you for joining us today and gracing this occasion. The Graduating Classes are indeed privileged to hear from a distinguished leader like you today as they step into a promising tomorrow.

ISB'S PROGRESS

This is the thirteenth Graduation Day ceremony at the Hyderabad campus. Yesterday, we hosted our second Graduation ceremony at our Mohali campus. With the successful completion of this academic year, it is with great pride that I say we have validated and further extended our vision of -- 'One School Two campuses'. On behalf of the ISB Executive Board, I would like to take this opportunity to place on record the concerted efforts of the faculty, staff and students, here as well as in Mohali, for their commitment towards a collective and consistent culture of excellence across the two campuses. I am positive that the ISB's seamless multi-campus model will become an inspiration to many other schools in the coming years.

With the new campus the school has also been able to enhance its capacity to educate and groom top-quality managers who can competently meet the changing requirements of the organisations they serve, and correspondingly the economy too. India is a unique country with a young population and a growing economy, which makes it all the more important to ensure that motivated,

enterprising and principled leaders navigate the demanding times ahead and help unlock India's true potential.

The changing circumstances that India is witnessing in the globalised economy are opening up new opportunities. Resurgence in certain sectors needs to be further strengthened through sound and ethical business practice and better governance. The school remains committed to strengthen research and knowledge in key areas for India's development through advancing research and education in key areas of societal impact including skilling, food security, entrepreneurship, corporate affairs and CSR among others.

WORDS OF ADVICE TO THE GRADUATING CLASS

My dear students of the PGPMAX Class of 2013 -- I congratulate you on the successful completion of your programme. It indeed takes a singular amount of determination and spirit to return to the formal academic environment of school. It is all the more demanding to balance the rigours of school, work, and family. However, the time spent here at the ISB will now help you face critical challenges and lead your organisations and your country with courage and confidence.

My dear students of the Graduating Class of 2014 -- as you enter the next phase of your career and life, I am sure your levels of excitement and enthusiasm are limitless. I encourage all of you to focus your efforts and capabilities towards building a more just and prosperous society. I exhort you to dream big – be passionate to build enduring enterprises. Create and innovate to address the obstacles that impede India's growth. Earn respect through hard and diligent work. The future wealth and welfare of your country depends on the quality and sustainability of its enterprises, and you now have the necessary capabilities, expertise, networks and prowess to make a world of difference.

As you step out today, you will be an exemplary member of the 6000+ alumni of the Indian School of Business. Remember, you are not alumni of the Hyderabad campus; you are alumni of the ISB. I urge each one of you to continue to stay connected with the School – actively engage in the school's lifelong learning initiatives, gain from the rich and diverse resource of the school's faculty and your peers, involve yourself in the admissions process and help select your successors, advise and guide those who enter ISB after you, recruit top talent for your organisations, and support your alma mater at all times. It is your participation

and progress that will eventually epitomise the school's progress and accomplishments.

From this point forward, you will be distinguished representatives of brand ISB. Take pride in carrying this unique institutional badge but also be conscientious about your responsibilities. I wish you good luck and a successful life ahead!

Thank you.