

WeSchool drives home the message of Social Consciousness & Innovation to the graduating class of Management Students at the Convocation Ceremony

Dr Vikas Amte, a noted Social worker, Secretary and Chief Functionary of the Maharogi Sewa Samiti, addresses the graduating batch of management students at the Welingkar Institute of Management

March 7, 2016: The Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research (WeSchool) was abuzz on the Sunday morning with the graduating class of 2013-15 at the Convocation ceremony organized by the Institute. What made the convocation special and refreshingly unique was the presence of persons of high repute, Chief Guest Dr Vikas Amte and Guest of Honour Consul General Mr. David Akov at the Consulate General of Israel in Mumbai. Both dignitaries along with Group Director Prof Dr Uday Salunkhe presented the Convocation Certificate to the graduating batch.

Prof Dr Uday Salunkhe, Group Director WeSchool welcoming the dignitaries, parents and students at the occasion shared “WeSchool education is about bringing in consciousness towards Society apart from Organization and Self. Be it the Global Citizen Leader program, initiatives to work with North-East, partnering with international Universities such as the recent one with Israeli Universities, the goal is to bring about excellence and inclusiveness together. And hence today we have with us an epitome of dedication to humanity Dr Vikas Amte and the representative of a nation hailed for its entrepreneurial innovations Mr David Akov”.

Dr Vikas Amte is the elder son of social worker and Magsaysay Award winner, Baba Amte (1914 – 2008), Amte heads the organization 'Maharogi Sewa Samiti', and is the administrator of Anandwan, the community set up by Baba Amte in 1948 for leprosy patients on the outskirts of Warora in Chandrapur district in Maharashtra. In his address to the graduating batch of students, *he shared “I too represent a University, but unlike you my University comprises of people who are rejected, dejected and ejected by society. And what we aim to do is bring in dignity in the lives of these people. We work to reach out to the loneliest, lowliest and last person and hope to change the way their live their lives. Chance and not Charity is our philosophy. So we focus on building skills and get them to participate in building their lives. Today as I address young students who will play a pivotal role in how society shapes in the future I recall what Dr Baba Amte always said, “If you want to see change, Do it Today and Do it Yourself”. So as you go out in the world as corporate citizens, remember your role and need to contribute as citizens and humans towards other humans.”*

Mr David Akov, in his address emphasized the need for collaboration between students of both countries especially for innovation in areas of agribusiness, healthcare and entrepreneurship. He inspired the students to have a collaborative and creative outlook in their new journey.

The convocation ceremony ended with a spirit of hope, happiness and thought as the young batch now participate fully in the world of work.
