

**“Future generations should dream big, follow their heart and build an ethical work culture based on value systems and fairness in dealings which will help in building our nation”**

***Shri. G. Padmanabhan, Chairman, Bank of India advices graduating batch of autonomous programs at WeSchool at their convocation ceremony***

**Mumbai, 17 May 2017:** S.P. Mandali's Prin L. N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research (WeSchool), conferred diplomas at the annual convocation of the graduating batch of its Autonomus programs at its Mumbai campus. The ceremony marked the culmination of 2016-17 batches of the students of WeSchool's autonomous programs (Post-graduate and Diploma) for a number of diverse areas like the traditional verticals of Management such as Marketing, HR, Finance, Materials, Industrial and the new offerings that are in demand Advertising &PR ,Taxation ,Import-Export, Entrepreneurship etc . These diverse programs are designed in keeping the changing needs and aspirations of working professionals as well as freshers wanting to gain a strong foothold in different industrial sectors. Chief Guest **Shri. G. Padmanabhan, Chairman, Bank of India, Advocate Shri S. K. Jain, Chairman, Managing Council, S. P. Mandali and Local Managing Committee, WeSchool along with Prof. Dr. Uday Salunkhe, Group Director, WeSchool** presented the convocation certificates to the graduating batches. The ceremony was graced by luminaries from corporate world, members of S P Mandali trust, faculty and parents of the graduating diploma holders.

**Advocate Shri S. K. Jain, Chairman, Managing Council, S.P.Mandali and Local Managing Committee, WeSchool** had the following words to offer to the outgoing batch of graduates, “The annual convocation marks a new beginning. I hope you accomplish unconquered territories and set new benchmarks. Don't hesitate to walk the untrodden path, be adventurous and start your own enterprise. At the onset of a new journey, I wish you all the best for your future endeavors.”

While appreciating the efforts made by WeSchool in training the much needed middle level managerial talent for a number of industries, The Honorable Chief Guest **Shri G Padmanabhan, Chairman, Bank of India** had the following words of advice to share, “Your passion for learning started here but it will not end here. Be strong willed and listen to your inner voice. Each one of you is unique, so don't be disappointed by someone else's success, as nothing fails like success. Find some time at the end of the day to review and introspect .Big leaders are great listeners so listen carefully and don't hesitate to ask for help.”

While crystal gazing into how the landscape in the banking industry is changing due to disruptions brought in by financial technology he said, “Once the Technology giants that are waiting to enter the sector are allowed, the scale will go up in the blink of an eye. Banks will have to be more productive, function more as investment advisors and hubs.People that were earlier looked down upon because they used the thumb; will now be facilitated to handle all financial transactions with ease with the help of biometrics. Big data and Cyber security will assume paramount importance.”

While congratulating his dear students about embark upon the new journey and adventure of their lives, **Prof Dr Uday Salunkhe, Group Director, WeSchool** had the following GuruMantra to share, “Passion should drive everything that you do. Proactively pursue every endeavor and be meticulous planners. Assess your capabilities and become agile learners. Coexist and Co-creation is the name of the game for innovation to happen and be willing to be grinded through the crucible moments in life .Keep upskilling yourselves to remain relevant in this ever changing world due to technological disruptions in Industry 4.0.”

WeSchool visualized the need for Managers and Executives to upgrade their skills and competencies from time to time in their careers. With increasing liberalization and economic activity picking up, the corporate sector in India would need a strong and steady pipeline of Managers to draw from, to staff their expanding businesses. WeSchool has therefore attempted to base its offerings on ‘T’ shaped learning, where domain expertise has to be combined with an equally strong ability to understand and respond as a leader to the broader business issues. This type of learning helps a student master new skills, explore diverse perspectives, and develop a leadership style that helps him/her to transform their organizations and take them into higher orbits.

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