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### National Education Day Celebration

The National Education Day was celebrated by Sambhram School of Management, Bangalore on November 11, 2014 to commemorate the 126th birthday of Bharathratna Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Union Minister of Education of the independent India. The programme was inaugurated by Padma Bhushan Prof. U.R. Rao, Former Chairman, ISRO. In his keynote address, Prof. Rao said 25% of GDP was contributed by Indians for the global power till 1750. He analysed where the world had gone wrong in the second stage of industrialisation and remarked that the Green Revolution was followed by the IT revolution. He also rued over the fact that Science and Technology has been neglected, electronic gadgets and other things are being imported which is not a good sign, as far as foreign exchange is concerned. He gave the example of China which is good at such things including aerodynamics.

While narrating about the first communication satellite which was carried on a bullock cart, he recalled those hardships faced for building the first satellite in an ordinary shed at Peenya, Bangalore under the guidance of legendary space scientist Dr. Vikram Sarabhai which was nothing but the growth story of ISRO from bullock cart to Satellite launching. The most important fact is ISRO is the best example of Indian Entrepreneurship. He linked the use of space science for the development of various sectors including education and maintained that nothing is impossible on this earth. He spoke on the importance of perseverance in the life of a scientist and achievements in the field of science and technology. He further observed that basic sciences including Mathematics are being neglected in the present education system and finally reiterated that we have still not got out of the cradle (the earth). He strongly urged the youngsters to goal something and pursue it relentlessly to achieve the same. While speaking about Mangalayan and Chandrayaan he said that the future space colonies for the human being would be Moon and the Mars. He coaxed them to dare to dream.

The programme was presided by Mr. R. Venkatesh, Chairman, Sambhram Group of Institutions. The Key Note Address was followed by a panel discussion on the topic 'Educated Indians to Lead the

World Tomorrow' and panellists were Prof. R.L.M. Patil, Former Dean, Faculty of Arts and Former Chairperson, Department of Political Science, Bangalore University, Prof. Shakuntala Katre, Former Registrar, Bangalore University and Prof. Vithal. D. Potdar, Academic Coordinator, Nagarjuna College of Commerce and Management Studies, Bangalore. All the panellists focussed on the given theme and suggested how the present students can lead future India taking cue from the Ancient, Medieval, Modern India and also the Indians who are excelling in other fields at global level. The panel discussion was followed by question answer session. About 400 students and 50 faculties from different Colleges across Bangalore including Sambhram Institutions attended the program. The Program was coordinated by Dr K C Mishra, Director, Sambhram School of Management.

### Innovation Scholars In-Residence Programme at Rashtrapati Bhawan

As part of the 'In-Residence' Programme envisaged to encourage the creative and innovative potential of people and open up Rashtrapati Bhavan for greater participation and involvement of common man in its activities, an Innovation Scholars In-Residence Programme was launched by Hon'ble President of India on December 11, 2013. In this scheme, creative persons -- writers, artists and innovation scholars are invited to stay in Rashtrapati Bhavan for a period of time. The objectives behind the launching of the scheme are:

- (i) to provide an environment to grassroots innovators in Rashtrapati Bhavan to work on a project in hand and take their innovative ideas forward;
- (ii) to provide linkages with technical institutions to the selected innovators to strengthen their capacity to innovate; and
- (iii) to provide mentoring and support so that the innovations can be used for the progress and welfare of the society.

In the first batch of the Programme five Innovation Scholars were invited to join the Programme. Accordingly, they stayed at Rashtrapati Bhavan for a period of 20 days from 01 July-20 July, 2014.