

# Foray of start-ups into edu sector can be game-changer: Kovind

## President inaugurates campus at IIM Nagpur

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President Ram Nath Kovind on Sunday said the foray of unicorns and start-ups into sectors like education and health can be a game changer for the country.

He was addressing a gathering after inaugurating the permanent campus of the Indian Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Nagpur. The premier institute was established in 2015.

He said an educational institute is not just a place of learning. "It is place which polishes the inner and sometimes even hidden talents in each one of us. The curriculum gives us the occasion to introspect within ourselves the purpose, the ambition and hence, fulfil our dreams," he said.

"We are living in an era where innovation and entrepreneurship are appreciated and encouraged. The stories of various unicorns or start-ups which

have been slated to be worth more than one billion have scripted new history. It has opened new avenues as new sectors are coming under the loop of business enterprises," he said.

From food delivery to picking up odd things, all such services are provided by start-ups and app-based platforms, he noted.

"The unexplored territories like education, health have also become part of these new enterprises. Such forays can be the game changer for our country. It can be a combination of job provider and revenue earner for our people," he said.

Kovind also said that both the innovation and entrepreneurship have the ability to not just ease people's lives through technology but can also provide employment opportunities to many people.

Addressing the students, the president told them that they live in an interconnected world and will soon be globe-

trotters as professionals.

"However, in this pursuit, never forget the spirit and ethics of our country. You would be the emissaries of Indian culture and wisdom around the world and your performance would be the standard set for the entire country," he said.

He appreciated the IIM Nagpur's Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development, which has successfully enabled women entrepreneurs to graduate, and six of them have even launched their enterprises.

"Such programmes provide an effective platform for women empowerment. I strongly believe that our daughters, whenever provided an adequate platform, always shine to the optimum. It is a true tribute to the land of Savitribai Phule and Dr Anandibai Joshi, who were the first few stalwarts in the field of education and medicine," he said.

