

K Sivan Narrates 'Was Always Denied My First Choice' To IIT Students

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"My presence in the convocation is nothing less than a miracle. I am the luckiest person to give a convocation speech. I belonged to a humble family from Kanyakumari district in Tamil Nadu, studied in government schools and colleges and was always shy when I was young. I was always denied my first choice.

"After high school, I wanted to study engineering but had to study BSc Mathematics. Later, I got into engineering and wanted to join the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) in Bengaluru but ended joining PSLV project. But I learnt a valuable lesson. Life and career are not about having the best choices but about making the best out of available to you. I also learnt that something is denied to you something bigger is waiting for you. As Dalai Lama said sometimes not getting what you want is a wonderful stroke of luck. Conquering personal fear, taking calculated risks, innovation are the three important lessons," he said.

ISRO chief K Sivan on Vikram Lander

On Saturday, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman, K Sivan said that the Chandrayaan-2 mission achieved 98 per cent of its objectives and even after this achievement the scientists are still working hard to establish contact with 'Vikram' lander. The ISRO Chairman also shared that the Chandrayaan-2 orbiter was doing well and performing the scheduled experiments. "Why we are saying Chandrayaan-2 achieved 98 per cent success is because of two objectives, one is science and the other is technology demonstration. In case of technology demonstration, the success percentage was almost full," K Sivan said at the airport before he headed to IIT-Bhubaneswar to attend the 8th convocation ceremony.