

Narayana Murthy confident about India's youth, urges them to be 'good people'

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Synopsis

Murthy stressed on the need for a civilised society where every citizen has equal opportunity.



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BHUBANESWAR: Infosys co-founder **Narayana Murthy** said on Tuesday that being a good citizen is about treating the society as one's own. Speaking at the 10th annual convocation of the **IIT Bhubaneswar** in a virtual mode, **Murthy** underlined that the only way to solve poverty in the country was to create more and more jobs with better income.

"I have tremendous confidence in the power of **youth**, values, aspirations, energy, confidence, determination, discipline and enthusiasm," Murthy said in his address.

"But then, that requires that you people do some hard thinking, some introspection and are determined to do what the previous generations have not done," the 75-year-old said.

He stressed on the need to create a civilised society where every citizen has equal opportunity to better one's life, every child has food, shelter, healthcare and education, and a society that focused on performance rather than empty slogans, among others.

Murthy, who was the chief guest at the convocation, told the IIT graduates to "be good citizens first and then be good people".

"In India, most of us are kind, courteous and generous to our family, and perhaps to our close friends. This is being good people," Murthy elucidated.

He said being a good citizen is about treating the society as your own, putting the interests of the society ahead of yours and your family's interest, treating strangers with courtesy and taking care of the commons.

"Somehow, we do not care about responsibility towards people outside the family and friends' orbit," Murthy rued.

That's why, one see corruption, people cleaning their homes and throwing the dirt on to public roads and that's why you see complete lack of civic sense, according to the Infosys founder.

"Remember, that this country belongs to you!" he said.

The image is a YouTube video thumbnail for the 10th Convocation of IIT Bhubaneswar. At the top left is the IIT Bhubaneswar logo. The main title is "10th Convocation of IIT Bhubaneswar" in English, with the Hindi text "भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान भुवनेश्वर" and "INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY BHUBANESWAR" below it. The central text reads "दसवां दीक्षांत समारोह" (Dasavaan Dixhant Samaroh) and "10th Convocation Ceremony". The chief guest is identified as "Hon'ble Chief Guest Shri. N. R. Narayana Murthy, Founder, Infosys". The date is "on 20th October, 2021". A portrait of Shri. N. R. Narayana Murthy is shown on the right. At the bottom right, two smaller portraits are shown under the heading "In the Presence of": "Dr. Rajendra Prasad Singh, Chairman, BoG, IIT Bhubaneswar" and "Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar". The bottom left corner has a "Watch on YouTube" button. The background features a large wheel and a building.

Murthy underscored that education was extremely important in creating a stabilised society.

Education is about assuming responsibility in society. Responsibility to show fairness to the less fortunate citizens, responsibility to create a future that the posterity can be proud of, he said.

Murthy added that the only way to solve poverty in the country was to create more and more jobs with better income.

This requires entrepreneurship, he added.

"We must create jobs in the manufacturing and the services sector. We need more engineers, scientists, bureaucrats and politicians that have a mindset to encourage entrepreneurship," Murthy said.

He highlighted that English is the 'only window' in the modern world for Indians to access knowledge and achieve progress in science, technology, arts, medicine and economy.

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