

Students enthralled by Kalam's words

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Bangalore: "I can do it. We can do it. India will do it," echoed the voices of hundreds of students after former President A P J Abdul Kalam. In an interactive session with students of Oxford Educational Institutions and Presidency Group of Institutions, Kalam emphasized on building a knowledge society using science and technology as a powerful tool.

"When I saw students from various disciplines — science, engineering, dental, management, arts and law graduates — I thought of sharing my thoughts with you on the topic — defeat the problem and succeed," said Kalam.

Sharing success stories of Mario Capecchi, C V Raman and



A RARE OPPORTUNITY: Students interact with former President A P J Abdul Kalam in Bangalore on Sunday

Ramanujan, he discussed creativity in different situations.

Kalam inspired students to learn from these great achievers who

had set an example for society.

Answering a question on what inspired him to write the book 'India 2020', Kalam said, "I

was born in British India. Since 1947, India has been called a developing nation. The urge to see it as a developed nation inspired me to write this book."

Stressing on responsibilities of educational institutions, Kalam said no Indian youth should be without either a world-class higher education or without world-class skill sets. Requesting education systems to maintain required output quality, he emphasized that this is an important mission for all universities, academic specialists, colleges, and vocational training institutions.

"To succeed in your mission, you need to have a dream and have courage to realize it. If you have great vision, your mind will keep you awake to achieve your goal," he concluded.

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