



Prof Sukhdeo Thorat, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) inaugurated the new building of NIILM Center for Management Studies (NIILM-CMS) at Knowledge Park V, Greater Noida on 23 June 2010. Recently, declared the best business school in north by the Times Research Foundation, the institute is poised for greater growth with the new state-of-the-art infrastructural facilities. Already in existence for more than a decade, functioning from the campus in South Delhi, NIILM-CMS runs under the guidance of Prof S Neelamegham, President NIILM-CMS and former Dean, Faculty of Management Studies (FMS).



Welcoming Prof Thorat, Prof Neelamegham expressed his heart-felt gratitude for the fact that Prof Thorat had managed to visit the campus despite his extremely busy schedule. He highlighted the role played by Professor Thorat not only as a leading economist but also as a social activist and champion of weaker sections of society. He highlighted growth of higher education and the need for maintaining higher standards especially with the increasing number of universities and business schools in the country.



Padma Shri Dr Sankara Reddy congratulated the President and his colleagues for setting up their new campus at Greater Noida and offered his best wishes for its success. He also dwelt at length problems and issues facing higher education

Addressing the faculty, Prof. Thorat expressed deep optimism on the role that private institutes can play in improving the state of education in the country. He said he is a firm believer in private partnerships as far as higher education is concerned. However he said that UGC is keen to ensure the quality of education offered in institutions of higher education in the country are of high standards. The mandatory requirement for

all the institutions to be accredited and also the role of academic staff colleges in the universities will ensure the quality of higher education. While there has been progress in absolute number of students that have access to higher education since the time of independence the enrollment ratio in higher education is only 11% which is much less with the world average of 23% that is the reason why the Government is setting up more new institutions and in this context there is considerable scope for private sector to play its own role. He congratulated NIILM CMS for its achievements and wished all success for its future growth and development.

Prof. Subhash Datta, Director, NIILM CMS offered the vote of thanks.