

Time for 'Nari Shakti' to excel on all fronts, says governor

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Trichy: Today's India offers many opportunities for women to break all barriers and excel on all fronts, governor R N Ravi said on Saturday at the 13th convocation function of IIM Trichy. "This is the time of Nari Shakti. As the Chancellor of my universities, I am delighted to see that 80-90% of the medallists are girl students. It is your time to rise," he told the gathering.

Crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi with creating a favourable environment for women, Ravi said they are no longer limited by "constraints of circumstances" and can take up opportunities in fields ranging from defence to space. "As far as PM Modi is concerned, he is removing all obstacles. Today, our daughters are flying fighter jets and bombers. Similarly, in our space projects like Chandrayaan, most of the scientists are women. Women are excelling in every field," he said.

The governor said it was only after Modi rose to become PM in 2014 that India gained clout on multiple fronts. "Bharat was never taken seriously until about 10 years ago on the world stage. But now, we are at a point where no serious decision in world affairs can be



AGAINST ALL ODDS: Governor R N Ravi gives away the degree certificate to Abhinav Kumar Verma at the 13th convocation of Indian Institute of Management- Trichy on Saturday

made without we (India) being at the table," he said. IIM sources said Tamil Thai Vazhthu was sung for the first time at the convocation by a special group of singers from Kalai

457 GET DEGREES AT IIM-T CONVOCATION

Kaviri college. This was on the insistence of the governor. On previous occasions, it was a recorded version that was played out, they said.

Earlier, Ravi awarded degrees to 457 students. The audience gave a rousing applause to Abhinav Kumar Verma from Jharkhand, who came in

a wheelchair. He had sustained injuries to his leg and spine in a train accident in 2014 in Kolkata.

"After that, I lacked the confidence to move away from my home city. However, I mustered the courage to get back into academics. Fortunately, everything fell into place. I am also grateful to my friends here," he told TOI. He had worked for five years with Canara Bank until 2022. "I always wanted to pursue a postgraduate degree," Abhinav, who is also an undergraduate in BTech (Communication) said. In 2017, he won a bronze medal at the National Para-Badminton Championship.



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