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# Great Lakes Institute convocation held

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“The U.S. is known as the land of opportunity but I see entrepreneurial spirit in abundance in the people in India,” said Robert G. Burgess, U.S. Consul General, Chennai.

Mr. Burgess was delivering the presidential address at the 14<sup>th</sup> convoca-

tion ceremony of the Great Lakes Institute of Management in the city on Friday. He said the tie-ups in professional education, research and development and manufacturing supply chains had brought close business relationships between the U.S. and India.

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awards and degrees to 605 students. Mohan Lakhamraju, vice-chairman and CEO, Great Lakes Institute of Management, urged students to follow their passion and be persistent. Bala V. Balachandran, founder, dean and chairman, Great Lakes Institute of Management, participated.



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స్నాతకోత్సవంలో విద్యార్థినికీ పట్టాను. బంగారు పతకాన్ని ప్రదానం చేస్తున్న రాబర్ట్ జి.బర్గ్స్, డాక్టర్ బాల వి.బాలచంద్రన్, డాక్టర్ మోహన్ లీలంబాజు

**ఘనంగా గ్రేట్ లేక్స్ ఇన్స్టిట్యూట్ 14వ స్నాతకోత్సవం**

చెన్నై, జూన్ 8, ప్రజాతంత్ర్య : గ్రేట్ లేక్స్ ఇన్స్టిట్యూట్ ఆఫ్ మేనేజ్మెంట్ 14 వార్షిక స్నాతకోత్సవం శుభవారం చెన్నై నందంబాళ్లలోని గ్రేట్ లేక్స్ ఇన్స్టిట్యూట్ సెంటర్లో ఘనంగా జరిగింది. ఈ కార్యక్రమానికి చెన్నై యూఎస్ కాన్సులే జనరల్ రాబర్ట్ జి. బర్గ్స్ పాల్గొని కీరీపతిం, కీరీపతిం, కీరీపతిం (ఫ్లెక్స్)లో పాటు పురస్కారాలు, పట్టా ప్రదానం చేశారు. విజయవంతంగా పూర్తి చేసిన 605 మంది గ్రాడ్యుయేట్ విద్యార్థులకు డిగ్రీ పట్టాలను ప్రదానం చేశారు. ఇందులో ఆరుగురు బిస్కె ఇచ్చే గోడౌన్ పట్టాను పొందారు, ముగ్గురు అవార్డులు అందుకుంటూ బంగారు పతకాలతో ఘనంగా సత్కరించారు. మొదటిగా గ్రేట్ లేక్స్ ఇన్స్టిట్యూట్ ఆఫ్ మేనేజ్మెంట్ వ్యవస్థాపక డీన్ అండ్ చైర్మన్ డాక్టర్ వి. బాల వి. బాలచంద్రన్ స్వాగతం చెప్పి డిగ్రీ పట్టాలను అందుకున్న విద్యార్థులకు శుభాకాంక్షలు తెలిపారు. విద్యలోనే సమాజాభివృద్ధి చేస్తుంది అన్నారు. తరువాతి ముఖ్య అతిథి రాబర్ట్ జి. బర్గ్స్ తన ఉపన్యాసంలో విద్యార్థులకు ఎన్నడూ మారుచేయకపోయే విద్యను అభ్యసించాలని అన్నారు. అందులో సమాజానికి ఏమి తిరిగి ఇవ్వాలని, విజయాలతో సమైక్యంగా ఉండాలని, విద్య అనేది కఠినమైనది ఏదో ఒక విషయాన్ని తెలుసుకుంటూ ఉండాలి... ఈ మాటలతోనే మంచిని తెలుసుకుంటూ విద్యార్థులు గుర్తు పట్టుకోవాలని తెలిపారు. తారక, అమెరికాలు పట్టిస్తేనే స్వేచ్ఛించాలని తిరిగి అన్నారు. విజ్ఞానాభివృద్ధి, వేదాధ్యయనం కఠినం సంపూర్ణంగా తిరిగి చేశాం అంటే సాధ్యమే. విద్యార్థులు విద్యాభ్యాసంలో చూపుతున్న అభివృద్ధిని విజ్ఞానాభివృద్ధిగా విభజించి సూచించారు. స్నాతకోత్సవంలో గ్రేట్ లేక్స్ ఇన్స్టిట్యూట్ ఆఫ్ మేనేజ్మెంట్ కీరీపతి అండ్ ఫ్లెక్స్ చైర్మన్ మోహన్ లీలంబాజు స్నాతకోత్సవం దురంజయ అన్నారు. కార్యక్రమంలో విద్య మంత్రి విద్యార్థులు, శిష్యులందరూ, అధ్యాపకులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

**राजस्थान पत्रिका**

605 विद्यार्थियों को मिली डिग्री

**ग्रेट लेक्स का दीक्षांत समारोह आयोजित**

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चेन्नई. ग्रेट लेक्स प्रबंधन संस्थान का 14वां दीक्षांत समारोह चेन्नई ट्रेड सेंटर में आयोजित किया गया। कार्यक्रम के विशिष्ट अतिथि यूएस कोन्सुल जनरल रोबर्ट जी.बर्गोज थे। इस मौके पर संस्थान के सीईओ मोहन लखमराजू उपस्थित थे। कुल 605 विद्यार्थियों को डिग्री प्रदान की गई। इसमें एक्सक्यूटिव प्रोग्राम भी शामिल थे। विद्यार्थियों को स्वर्ण पदक भी दिया गया। संस्थान के संस्थापक डा.बाला वी.बालचंद्रन ने सभी का स्वागत किया।



दीक्षांत समारोह एक विद्यार्थी को प्रमाण पत्र देते अतिथि व संस्थान के अधिकारी।

## Make use of every opportunity: Dr Bala, at Great Lakes convocation

*The founder and Dean of Great Lakes Institute of Management urged students to leave behind a legacy*



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Welcoming the gathering and congratulating the graduands, Dr. Bala V Balachandran, founder, dean and chairman, Great Lakes Institute of Management (GLIM), said, “As you are receiving your degrees today and stepping out into the corporate world, as a graduate and ambassador for this great institution, I and the GL community (*sic*) wish you all the very best for your future. You all have got a chance to obtain a degree of excellence. Education is the only solution to economic prosperity and tranquillity in the world. So, whatever you earn, make sure to give it back to society and leave behind a legacy. We only hope that in years to come, everyone will be talking about all of your achievements, and you will forever remember the time spent here, and make your *alma mater* proud.”

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Encouraging the graduands, Dr Bala added, “Given that ongoing technology and industrial revolution occurring at ridiculously higher rates, I urge all of you to take up more challenging tasks that will empower you with skills. Make use of every opportunity, even if there exists a small window, seize it. If not someone else will run with it.”

Delivering the Presidential address, Robert G Burgess, US Consul General, Chennai, said to the the students: “The gift of education brings responsibility. As you are graduating from this great institution, always remember three things in life — give back to the society, remember the importance of ethics. Education is a life long pursuit, so keep expanding your horizon and keep learning.” Robert also spoke about how India and the US have strengthened their relationship and applauded India’s spirit of entrepreneurship. “Being an entrepreneur means taking risks, applying practical ideas and accepting risk of failures” he said.

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#### **Other medals**

Apart from academic toppers, nearly 96 graduands were awarded medals in the categories such as ‘overall outstanding contribution’, ‘Dean’s merit list’, ‘domain toppers’, ‘best empirical study’, and ‘committee contributors’, to name a few.

Twenty five graduands from the PGPM and PGDM programmes also received an additional Advanced Management Programme (AMP) from University of Bordeaux. The AMP is a part of Great Lakes MOU with IAE Bordeaux University School of Management. In addition to PGPM or PGDM degree from Great Lakes, these students received an MBA (Level- M2) degree in European Business Administration and International Business from University of Bordeaux during Bordeaux University’s graduation ceremony, which was held earlier this year in May. Great Lakes is among the few top B-Schools in the country that offers a dual MBA option from an international university.



## 605 students graduate at Great Lakes Chennai’s 14th Annual Convocation Ceremony

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