

## Convocation

It was truly a memorable final farewell to the batch of 2004-2006 at Ahmedabad. After all, receiving diplomas from the hands of respected corporate and social leaders is no small thing. Yes, there were exemplary leaders to grace the occasion of the first convocation of IIPM Ahmedabad. The Chief Guest was Mr. B. M. Vyas, MD of GCMF (Amul), who is credited with making Amul one of the strongest brands in India. There was Ms. Mallika Sarabhai, internationally acclaimed danseuse and social activist. Her voice to upheld human rights in the State of Gujarat and in India in general is known to all. Incidentally, Mallika is an alumna of IIM Ahmedabad. There was also Mr. Umang Hutheesing who belongs to the famous Hutheesing family in India. Mr. Hutheesing is quite well known in this part of the country and is respected for his roles in promoting art and culture. Apart from these three luminaries, there were a number of leaders from the corporate world like Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Director of Mundra SEZ of Adani Group and Mr. V. Shunmugam, Chief Economist of MCX.

On the occasion, Mr. B. M. Vyas spoke about the role of creativity and innovation in success. He advised students to dream big and innovate. Ms. Mallika Sarabhai said that the big dream should not be about money but how one could change the world to make it a better place to live. She said that making others happy is very important. Mr. Umang Hutheesing advised students to be self-motivated first. He said, "You should know what motivates you first before you try to motivate others." Mr. Sanjay Gupta's speech was short but very insightful. He reminded students that their primary roles are to create wealth for the shareholders.

And to top the evening, there was a soulful rendition of classical vocal music followed by a sumptuous dinner at the Taj Residency Ummed.



Lighting the lamp to inaugurate – Umang Hutheesing, B. M. Vyas, and Mallika Sarabhai (from left to right)