

Research missile technology by 2020, assures Parrikar

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Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar on Sunday said the dream of former president Dr A P J Abdul Kalam of having a research missile technology will be fulfilled by 2020, making India self sufficient and technologically-advanced nation in the world.

He was speaking at the convocation ceremony-2016 at Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani, Goa campus at Sancoale. The function was attended by chancellor-BITS Pilani Dr Kumar Mangalam Birla, vice chancellor Prof Souvik Bhattacharyya, director Prof Sasikumar



Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar presenting award to a student, who bagged gold medal, in the presence of Chancellor Dr Kumar Mangalam Birla, Vice Chancellor Prof Souvik Bhattacharyya, Director Prof Sasikumar Punnekkat and others

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that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has provided a platform to boost technology in India by giving priority to information and technology centres.

He also stressed on the need for youngsters joining the politics. "We do need good people in politics, basically the youths," said Parrikar and further

maintained that there is a need for having effective leadership in politics. He advised the youths to overcome failures without fearing anything. He put forth an offer before BITS Pilani to join hands with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for various research activities.

Chancellor Dr Birla, in his speech, said "High quality education is an enabler, and not an end in itself, or a mere means for a job. If we, as a nation, are to invest in high quality education, a vastly different model, in terms of vision, programmes, enablers, execution and regulation is required for a developing economy."

