

Women's role is essential, says kalam



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PRESIDENT Dr. Abdul Kalam said on Wednesday that women's active and major participation is mandatory when we are working towards making the country self-sufficient and developed. Dr. Kalam was speaking at an inaugural function of MIT Engineer College for Women, Pune. Governor Mohammed Fazal, Chief Minister Sushilkumar Shinde, Deputy CM Chhagan Bhujbal, MIT founder and managing trustee Dr. Vishwanath Karad, the president Dr. Bhaskarrao Avhad were present on the occasion.

"While making the country powerful in the fields of defense and commerce we have to make concentrated efforts to bring up families living below poverty line," he said adding that "the next two decades are most important for the developing countries to give themselves the status of developing countries to give themselves the status of

developed countries. India is successfully marching in this direction and we will achieve the objectives."

"Women have a major and vital role in the development and progress in a family and in society Dr. Kalam said and added that "Women can contribute better in building the country."

In order to make the country developed , along with defence and IT, the other fields such as agriculture, food processing industries, power, education and health are equally significant.

Chief Minister Shinde said that MIT has opened a modern education window and it will heop in the 21st century. This college for women will help make them self-reliant by taking them into the 21st century proudly and confidently, he observed.

The English version of the book 'The bell of Hiroshima' by B D Kher was released by the Chief Minister.

Prof. Karad announced that Vishwa Shanti Gurukul School will be started soon by MIT Minister of State for Tourism Chandrakant Chhaged and Ulhas Pawar were also present on the occasion.

Prof. Shrikant Bhide proposed the vote of thanks.