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‘Quest for knowledge will make India a knowledge power’

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The quest for knowledge is all set to make the country a knowledge power, according to industrialist Karumuttu T.Kannan.

Speaking at the orientation programme, ‘Freshers Day’, organised at Velammal Medical College Hospital and Research Institute here on Monday, he said among the nations competing with one another to reach the top in the next decade or so, India alone had an advantage to achieve the objective, as only here (India) the youth power was abundant.

Though countries like China and Japan were on the top in several spheres now, India had the scope to reach to the pinnacle. Today, a majority of the students passing out from higher secondary schools were seeking admission to colleges, promising that society would have more educated and informed people in future. By 2025 India would be totally different, he noted.

Advising the medicos to read extensively, Mr.Kannan said apart from subjects, they should acquire general knowledge as well. “Tomorrow, when you (medicos) complete your course and face the public as professionals, the patients would not be the same as we see today. They would pose a number of questions on the prescriptions issued to them. As a doctor, you will be bound to explain them in detail,” he said.

Former Vice-Chancellor of Dr. MGR Medical University Dr.Mayilvahanan Natarajan said developing good practices and willingness to serve the people was essential for medical students. He listed a number of dos and don’ts to be followed by students for a successful career.

1,000 outpatients

In his presidential address, Velammal Educational Trust chairman M.V.Muthuramalingam said the sprawling campus situated on the Madurai Ring Road had 21 lakh square feet of built-up area with excellent infrastructure facilities.