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In his address at the first convocation of Indian Institute of Management-Visakhapatnam (IIM-V) here on Friday, he said innovation would be the new mantra with digital technologies such as data mining and analytics changing the scenario.

Citing the success story of Domino's, which is a part of the Jubilant Bhartia Group founded by him, he said: "When we started delivery of pizzas with the tagline 'get in 30 minutes or take it free,' it caught the imagination of the people. Now, due to change in technologies, 60% of the orders are being received online using smartphones."

The degrees were awarded in the presence of the institution's Board of Governors, M. Chandrasekhar, Director, IIM-V, G. Raghuram, Director, IIM-Bangalore, and Rajendra Bandi, Ganesh N. Prabh, and Anil Suraj from IIM-Bangalore.

Medal winners

Three gold medals were



Sage advice: Industrialist Hari S. Bhartia at the convocation of IIM-Visakhapatnam on Friday. Directors of IIM-V and IIM-B, M. Chandrasekhar and G. Raghuram, are seen. • C.V. SUBRAHMANYAM

awarded - for the first and second rank, and for best all-round performance.

Abhishek Goel received the gold medal for the first rank in academic performance. V. Ganapathi Subramanian secured gold medals for the second rank in academic performance and for best all-round performance.

"The ability to adapt to change is the hallmark of an effective leader, and being young and talented, I want you to create opportunities for yourselves and others," said Mr. Bhartia, who is also chairman of the IIM-V Board of Governors.

"Students representing as many as 19 States and Union

Territories have chosen IIM-V for their management education pursuit, lending the institute a truly national character. We are indeed proud of this distinction," he said.

Futuristic campus

Referring to the permanent campus to be built at Gambheeram of Anandapuram mandal, Mr. Bhartia said: "IIM-V will build a truly world-class and futuristic campus with ambience and aesthetics of global standards. Our goal is to make the campus a legendary landmark."

He said that IIM-V aimed at making a significant contribution to nation-building.

"For a young institute that is just about two years old, IIM-V has a well-equipped transit campus, replete with state-of-the-art teaching-learning aids, modern audio-visual facilities and amenities."

Prof. M. Chandrasekhar said:

"IIM-Bangalore's inspiring vision and passionate commitment brought IIM-V into the admirable shape that it finds itself in today."

He profusely thanked the authorities of Andhra University for providing a fully-equipped building for conducting classes and wholehearted support from Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.