

Students urged to opt for research

Visvesvaraya Technological University holds its eighth annual convocation

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BELGAUM: V.S. Arunachalam, chairman, Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy, in Bangalore and former Scientific Adviser to Defence Minister, exhorted outgoing graduates to pursue higher studies and a career in research.

Delivering the convocation address at the 8th annual convocation of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) here on Tuesday, Dr. Arunachalam talked of the country's "urgent need for highly qualified researchers".

"Research may or may not guarantee recognition, but the intellectual excitement and happiness you find in the world of science has very few equals. That is why some of you may pursue a career in research," he said.

He advised graduates to

• 'Engineers need to create more Malgudis'

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searching for an ideal job. He said that though the world is experiencing a slowdown, the situation would not be so for very long, and the country would get back into the trajectory of growth and human development.

On infrastructure

Dr. Arunachalam stressed on the need to build new infrastructure and called for exploring options of aggregating villages and building small towns and enriching them with infrastructural facilities. Besides



APPEAL: V.S. Arunachalam, Chairman, Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy, addressing the gathering at the VTU convocation in Belgaum on Tuesday.

structure would become commercially viable and would attract industrial development and more employment opportunities.

The engineers and technol-

ed novelist R.K. Narayan), he said. "Unfortunately, we have not built a model city since Le Corbusier built Chandigarh," he added.

Doctorate

vind Limbavali conferred the honorary doctorate degrees on Ratan Tata, chairman, Tata Sons; Anil Kakodkar, Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy and Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission-