

'Education sector should capitalise on technical changes'

ICFAI Foundation organises 9th Foundation Day lecture

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There is a direct co-relation between GDP and education and the growth achieved through education is beyond the creation of financial wealth and economic growth, said Lakshmikumaran, lawyer and managing partner of M/s. Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys, New Delhi.

He said that the education sector needs to be prepared to face the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities provided by the changes in technology, while delivering the 9th Foundation Day lecture at ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE) campus here.

Dwelling on the importance of education as an engine of growth he said edu-



Lakshmikumaran and C. Rangarajan

cation was a tool that can be used to develop something phenomenal.

Mr. Lakshmikumaran shared a short story about the importance of the teacher-student relationship. Sharing a Mahabharata episode, he explained how Dronacharya told Duryodhana that the day he would fight with Arjuna would be his last day. "When Duryodhana questioned him, he said as a

teacher who had trained him I know that he is better than me," he explained. "That is what every teacher will have to try. They should strive to make students who are better than their gurus."

Dr. C Rangarajan, Chancellor of the University, who presided said that better education brings in quality, which results in better development of the country. He emphasised the three dimensions of education - access, equality and quality. He said, "A teacher will convey; A good teacher will communicate; but, a great teacher will inspire the students".

IFHE Vice-Chancellor J. Mahender Reddy, Sobha Rani Yasaswy and V R Shankara of ICFAI Society and others were present.