

Gadkari inaugurates students' Parlt at MIT

Union Minister says students should join politics to bring about positive change

Mukund Bhute

ST CORRESPONDENT
reporters@sakaaltimes.com

Kothrud: "Students should join politics to bring about a positive change but must understand that politics is equal to social work and it is not about show of strength," said Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari on Saturday.

Gadkari was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the fifth Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (BCS) organised at Maharashtra Institute of Technology (MIT).

Present on the occasion were Magsaysay Award winner Rajendra Singh, Pune Mayor Dattatray Dhankawade, Congress MP Renuka Chowdhury, former State Higher and

Technical Education Minister Rajesh Tope, Actress Kirron Kher, Rahul Karad, Founder Convenor, BCS, and Vishwanath Karad, Founder Executive President, World Peace Centre, MAEER's MIT Pune, among others.

Speaking to students, Gadkari said, "Politics is not a money making business and those who aspire to enter politics should be clear about their vision towards society. Students should join politics to bring about a positive change but must understand that politics is equal to social work and it is not about show of strength."

Gadkari stressed that there is a need for qualitative change required in all political



HONOUR: Actress Kirron Kher being presented the Maitrayi award by Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari at the inaugural ceremony of Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad organised at MIT on Saturday. Also seen are (L) Founder Executive President, World Peace Centre, MAEER's MIT Pune, Vishwanath Karad, and industrialist Abhay Firodia.

parties for strengthening it. Politics of the 21st century is about development and to achieve the same, we need political leaders with a vision, he said.

"Differences in opinions

in various political parties is not an issue but complete lack of opinion is an issue. These days, backwardness is becoming a political interest, which is wrong," he added.

Chowdhury was presented with the Gargi award while Kher was presented with the Maitrayi award for their contribution in women empowerment and parliamentary affairs.