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Uttar Pradesh Guv Anandiben is all praise for Chandigarh University

At EDII's 21st annual convocation, UP Governor Anandiben Patel exhorts Gujarat-based universities to emulate research practices and infrastructure of Chandigarh University

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Former chief minister of Gujarat and current Governor of Uttar Pradesh Anandiben Patel on Friday presented Chandigarh University as an ideal university and asked varsities to emulate its infrastructure and research facilities for the benefit of students.

Delivering the convocation address at the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India 21st Annual Convocation at its Bhat campus, Patel said she visited Chandigarh University along with Punjab University and ISB as part of a learning tour with nine vice-chancellors to bring in reforms in higher education in UP. The former education minister of Gujarat turned to Chandigarh University to prove her point of excellence in higher education.

Singing paeans for the varsity, Patel said, "Chandigarh University is so good. It has laboratories with latest equipment and thanks to its superior infrastructure, the Army has given it 10 projects. NITI Aayog uses its study to guide the Government of India... We often say that we lag behind in



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research because we don't do research. We have a herd mentality..."

"Their library and laboratory are open 24*7, the hostel is also open all the time and students do research round-the-clock. A team does research for 8-10 hours, another team follows and so on... They do not stop until the research is complete. PM Narendra Modi often says that we lag behind in research to find solutions," she said, adding it is good to see universities pursuing research to help nations and foreign countries.

Patel said she was impressed by the way Chandigarh University operate. "There are multiple issues with industries - be it MSME or big industry. When I was CM and minister (in

Gujarat), we used to call industry to meet and when I came to know about (problem solving approach) of Chandigarh University, I realised we were doing it wrong. We asked them about their issues and they showed us their issues but could we find a solution. The (Chandigarh) university did the reverse. They found issues, found solutions, made an App and met industries to inform them about research and problem-solving work. This is the approach..." she said, setting an example to work.

Patel also said the varsity has analysed all Indian PMs' speeches on August 15 and found that it is PM Modi who not only talks, but also works for grass-root issues. She said



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the varsity, while analysing speech of other countries' heads of state, found that they talked about welfare of their country only while PM Modi spoke about well-being of all countries to justify the Indian spirit of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam".

EDII hosted 21st Convocation and conferred diploma and fellowship to a total of 147 students, including 139 post graduate and 8 fellows in management students. Rakesh Sharma, President -EDII and MD of IDBI Bank Ltd presided over the event.

Dr Sunil Shukla, Director General, highlighted some of the activities of EDII undertaken in Gujarat and UP towards strengthening entrepreneurship among various target groups.