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## Arun Jaitley Encourages Students To Aim For Excellence And Nation's Growth

### Service Sector Needs Skilled Manpower

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**USPA NEWS** - Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs and Information & Broadcasting, Mr. Arun Jaitley releasing a publication, at the 108th Annual Convocation of Khalsa College, in Amritsar, Punjab on July 14, 2015. The Chief Minister of Punjab, Mr. Prakash Singh Badal and other dignitaries are also seen.

Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs and Information & Broadcasting, Mr. Arun Jaitley encouraged students to achieve academic excellence and contribute in the nation's growth to make India a developed nation.

Delivering his convocation address at the 108th convocation of Khalsa College on July 14, Amritsar in the presence of Punjab Chief Minister Mr. Parkash Singh Badal, Mr. Jaitley motivated the students to proceed with the motto of "excellence" in their academic career to become a partner in the growth of the nation.

Emphasizing the need to impart quality education, the Minister said India now has a 35 crore strong middle class and also witnessed an unprecedented increase in service sector in recent years. He said that the service sector is in dire need of professional and skilled manpower, which could be provided through quality education.

Focusing on the possibilities of religio-cultural tourism in Punjab, Mr. Jaitley said that the holy city of Amritsar has great potential in this field. He mentioned that Punjab had achieved a lot in agriculture, tourism, infrastructure and education and could explore more new avenues of growth.

Lauding Punjab Chief Minister Mr. Parkash Singh Badal for maintaining social harmony in the state, the Union Finance Minister said that Mr. Badal had emerged as pillar of social concord in the country.

Punjab Chief Minister Mr. Parkash Singh Badal in his address said that in this global competitive era, educational institutions should lay stress on quality and purposeful education. He said that during the last seven years Punjab had created exemplary infrastructure in the education sector and secured No. 1 position in the country. He said the state had also taken the lead by achieving 8 percent growth in the education sector and 20 percent in teaching faculty.

Apprising Finance Minister about the present edu-scenario in the state, the Chief Minister said Punjab had setup 11 universities and prestigious institutes in the state including Indian School of Business at Mohali and IIT Ropar. He also requested Finance Minister to visit the state once in a month to look into the development issues.

Mr. Jaitley and Mr. Badal accompanied by Union Food Processing Industries Minister Mrs. Harsimrat Kaur Badal and Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Mr. Vijay Sampla, conferred degrees to the 226 meritorious and pass outs students of Khalsa College.

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