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APJ Abdul Kalam calls for empowerment of economically weak

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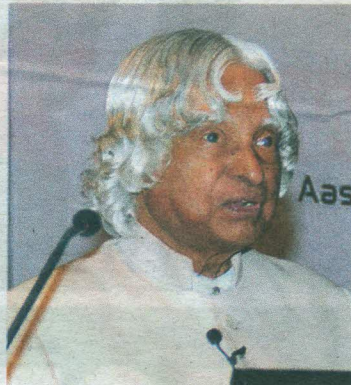
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Former president APJ Abdul Kalam emphasized on empowerment of the financially weaker sections of the society for India's sustainable economic growth. Kalam was at the Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) on Saturday to inaugurate 'Aashray', a foundation set up to promote social enterprises.

Aashray is a techno-social business incubator for promotion of innovations, setting up of social enterprises, and scaling up innovative ventures and grassroots technologies. Interacting with the audience, he stressed on need for higher education, equitable distribution of resources, quality healthcare and a disease-free society by the year 2030.

Kalam stated that there were many international dimensions to the problems and several solutions. Hence, he added, working for the right solution is a collective responsibility the global community. Kalam explained that the challenges manifested in different ways based on local dynamics.

"Future will require a world where



Former prez APJ Abdul Kalam at EDI

core competencies of each nation are identified. Missions synergizing the core competencies of different nations lead to economic advantage and faster development for all societies," emphasized Dr Kalam.

Kalam also mentioned that by 2030, the world would need to be a place where affordable quality health care is available to all, governance is responsive, transparent and corruption-free, crime against women and children are absent and none in the society feels alienated.