

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam visits the Piramal School of Leadership's (PSL) at Bagar, Jhunjhunu District, Rajasthan

PSL holds an exhibition to showcase work done by Principal Leadership Development Program, Piramal Fellowship, Piramal Swasthya, Piramal Sarvajal and Piramal Udgam

Bagar / Jaipur, October 9, 2014: Piramal Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Piramal Group, today welcomed the former President of India- **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**, to an event cum exhibition held in Bagar, Rajasthan, which showcased the philanthropy work done by the Foundation.

The two day event was attended by **Mr. Ajay Piramal**, Chairman - Piramal Group, **Dr. Swati Piramal** - Vice Chairperson, Piramal Enterprises. Journalist, author and politician - **Mr Arun Shourie**, **Lt. General Arun Kumar Sahni**, GOC-in-C, South Western Command and **Swami Swatmananda** of the Chinmaya Mission were also part of the event at Bagar.

The exhibition, which showcased glimpses of activities undertaken by the various departments of the Piramal Foundation, was appreciated and applauded by **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**. He was taken through a tour of the PSL premises where he visited an exhibition that showcased work done in Piramal Leadership Development Programme (PLDP), Piramal Fellowship, Piramal Swasthya, Piramal Sarvajal and Piramal Udgam. Commenting at the event he said, "The Piramal Group isn't just a globally renowned business conglomerate but is also known for the work done by the Piramal Foundation. I have seen their mobile van health service, telemedicine service, safe drinking water initiatives and of course Piramal Foundation's contribution in the space of rural education; and I think that is a remarkable achievement. I have met the Piramal Fellows and Headmasters and I am very happy to know that the Piramal Fellowship provides a challenging opportunity for rural development." He urged the headmasters and Piramal Fellows to propagate the idea of "What can I do for the teams / people I lead" as tomorrow it is this idea will transform a child into a leader. He concluded by saying that "Knowledge is equal to creativity plus righteousness in the heart and courage"

Mr. Ajay Piramal, Chairman, Piramal Group, said, "Firstly, I sincerely thank Dr. Kalam for spending his valuable time with us today and certainly his presence will inspire us. I have always believed in a quote from the Ishavasya Upanishad 1, which states that everyone is only a trustee or custodian for the wealth lying with oneself (from God); he cannot enjoy all of it. Piramal Foundation strongly believes that we can make a difference in society by addressing India's social problems mainly around the four broad areas - healthcare, education, livelihood creation and youth empowerment."

Journalist, Author and Politician - Mr Arun Shourie also addressed the audience comprising of Piramal Fellows, Head masters and known members from the corporate world, with a very motivating speech. He said, "If you follow your heart then fame and money will follow, but if you chase fame and money then nothing will ever be enough." He added, "Be fortresses around those who are doing well for the society and never be discouraged by the times, as setbacks in life are inevitable." He advised the audience, that they should not



become their jobs, as jobs are ephemeral. He told them to never compromise and that their life's goal should be an autonomous goal to their job.

During the course of the event, an interactive session was organized by Piramal Foundation with Swami Swatmananda of the Chinmaya Mission, where he addressed the attendees. Lt. General Arun Kumar Sahni, GOC-in-C, South Western Command, shared his insights on leadership the military way.

About Piramal Foundation:

Piramal Foundation strongly believes that there are several untapped innovative solutions that can address India's most pressing problems. Piramal Foundation plays an impactful role in implementing and facilitating such projects. Each social project that is chosen to be funded and nurtured by the Piramal Foundation fits into one of the four broad areas healthcare, education, livelihood creation and youth empowerment. The Foundation strives to develop transformative, scalable and replicable solutions to address issues that are critical roadblocks towards unlocking India's economic potential.

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