

Women-led development key to achieving sustainable growth, says Union Minister

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Women-led development is a comprehensive vision that transforms women's empowerment into a concrete reality, playing a crucial role in achieving sustainable development goals, said Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Annapurna Devi, during the convocation held at Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women in Coimbatore on Sunday.

The Minister emphasised that empowering women is not only essential



Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi handing over a degree certificate to a student during the convocation ceremony at Avinashilingam Institute in Coimbatore on Sunday. M. PERIASAMY

for their personal growth but also for society at large. "Women have an innate

sense of patience and compassion, qualities that make them powerful lead-

ers in tackling pressing global issues," she said.

She called on the students to play an active role in addressing these issues, stating, "Women are uniquely equipped with sensitivity, adaptability, and a deep sense of compassion—traits that can foster positive change."

The Minister encouraged the students to embrace leadership with empathy and courage.

A total of 2,472 candidates received their degrees, including 91 medal winners, 33 Ph.D. scholars, one M.Phil. scholar, 624 postgraduates, and 1,814 undergraduates.