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Dr. D. Subbarao shares leadership insights at Kristu Jayanti College's 52nd Vichaarmanthan

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Dr. D. Subbarao, former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India and former Finance Secretary to the Government of India, addressed students at the 52nd edition of Vichaarmanthan, an interactive session featuring global and Indian visionaries, held at Kristu Jayanti College, Autonomous. Delivering a talk titled *Leadership Lessons I Learnt the Hard Way*, Dr. Subbarao emphasized perseverance, passion, humility, and ethics as essential qualities of leader-



ship. "Early setbacks are common, but life is a marathon," he stated, urging students to face challenges head-on. "It's better to try and fail than not to try at all." Sharing personal anecdotes, he recounted his tenure as an IAS officer under then-Chief Minister N. T.

Rama Rao, where he learned resilience.

He also cited former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's advice to "keep your ear close to the ground" to stay connected with reality. Additionally, he highlighted a lesson from former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi,

who balanced a demanding schedule while prioritizing personal commitments.

Dr. Subbarao's engaging storytelling captivated the audience, making leadership principles accessible and memorable. Concluding his speech, he urged students to "follow their dharma," emphasizing the distinction between character and personality in ethical leadership. The session began with a welcome address by Dr. Aloysius Edward J, Dean & Professor, Faculty of Commerce and Management.