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Bengaluru: The central/state governments and local organisations need to devote more time to primary and secondary education, which is the need of the hour, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu said on Sunday.

Inaugurating a hostel block on the CMR University campus near Hennur, the Vice-President said, "India is on the move and unstoppable. But we need a strong educational foundation to excel further. The world is looking at us. Though the global economy is slowing down (around 3%) and our powerful neighbour China's economic growth is at 6.8%, India, with all its problems, is going ahead at 7.3%."

"Once upon a time, the country was recognised and respected a seat of wisdom. Today, India holds an important place in the global education arena and it has one of the largest number of higher educational institutions," he pointed out.

The hostel block is part of CMR University's 60-acre lakefront campus. On the occasion, service awards were presented to 344 faculty of the CMR Group of Institutions for their contribution over the years. TNN