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Kamal Haasan's invitation to educated youth

Join entertainment industry after completing studies: actor

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TAMBARAM: Actor Kamal Haasan has appealed to the educated youth to join the entertainment industry as it needed more of them now than before.

Speaking at the inaugural function of Milan 09, an annual national level inter-college cultural extravaganza, at SRM University on Friday, the actor added that they should look at joining the film world only after completing their studies.

"There are a lot of engineers and doctors and the entertainment industry now needs educated young people," he said.

It did not mean that all of them should end up becoming only actors.

He pointed out that use of technology offers enormous potential for students keen on taking up a satisfying career in the film industry. "It

offers many positions for students to pursue their career," Mr. Kamal Haasan said.

Addressing several thousand students from across the country who had converged at the auditorium, he recalled that he himself had not completed school. "Some people call me a scientist. But I am a high school dropout," he said as the audience burst into peels of laughter and applause.

His father repeatedly exhorted him to take up studies and to pursue a Ph.D even while being an actor. "I told him that I will do Ph.D someday, but it has never come," he said, adding that an actor could be an IAS officer or a doctorate too.

Mr. Kamal Haasan made it clear that students should complete their studies and only then think of stepping in to the film world.

From the moment the ac-

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tor appeared on the stage and till he left the varsity's premises, the student community seemed to be in a frenzy, trying to take photos of each and every move of the actor.

He began his speech in English, switched over to Tamil and resumed in English, as a good portion of the audience were from outside Tamil Nadu.

T.R.Pachamuthu, P.Ravi and P.Sathyanarayana, Chancellor, Pro Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor respectively of the University, were present. University authorities said students from more than 60 colleges would be taking part in the event and there were plans to make it a world-level event in the years to come.



STAR ATTRACTION: Actor Kamal Haasan lighting the traditional lamp to inaugurate a national-level inter-college cultural programme at SRM University on Friday. — PHOTO: A.MURALITHARAN