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### **Gautam Bambawale appointed envoy to China**

Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan Gautam Bambawale was named the next Ambassador to China. An IFS officer of the 1984 batch, Bambawale replaces Vijay Gokhale, who has already taken charge as Secretary (Economic Relations) in the External Affairs Ministry. Bambawale, who speaks fluent Mandarin, had earlier also dealt with China in his capacity as Joint Secretary in the ministry.

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### **Essential to link youth with nation building process: President**

President Ram Nath Kovind said the future of the country depends on the capacities, moral values and compassion of the younger generation and that it is essential to link youth with the process of nation building. Addressing the “48th Conference of Governors” at Rashtrapati Bhavan , Kovind said special attention needed to be paid to higher education and skill development at the state level. The President pointed out that 69 per cent of the universities in the country fall under the purview of state governments and 94 per cent of all college and university students study in these institutions, a statement said. In his opening address, Kovind said that Governors play the role of a bridge between the central government and states.

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