

### Durga Das speaks to students on cricket and start-ups.



Durga Das and her inspiring story of passion and determination that moulded her into a well-known figure in the world of cricket was what the students of Stella Maris got to experience on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2016.

Durga Das is the founder and Managing Partner of Das Star – a vehicle to aid start-ups. She was on a brief visit to Chennai and had been generous enough to attend the Indo American Association meet, organized at Stella Maris College, of which she is a proud alumna.

In her early teens, Durga Das played first-class women's cricket in India. The ambitious lady that she was, she stepped into the shoes of business at an early age of 14. Forty-two now, she is back in the thick of things- Durga is Vice-Captain of the United States Women's cricket team. She has supported many such ventures under her wing and is on an upward swing.

Durga Das of the many hurdles she had to overcome including the sad demise of her father and an unfortunate 'brain tumour that jeopardized her vision.' Her message to the youth of today was simple: A clean mind and an open heart should be the foundation of a true entrepreneur. Her journey was indeed an eye opener for the audience present, especially for the students. They were motivated to reflect on one of India's rising powers and need of the hour; The role of youth in Entrepreneurship.

