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Varalakshmi Vrata Puja Mahotsav

at Vignan's University

The Varalakshmi Vrata Puja Mahotsav was grandly organized at VFSTR, on the auspicious occasion of Shravan Friday, i.e. on 22nd August, 2025. On this occasion, the staff and students of the University came together to perform the mass Vrata Puja with devotion and enthusiasm.

The programme commenced with the Vighneswara Puja, followed by the traditional Varalakshmi Vrata Puja. Students actively participated in the rituals, making the event vibrant and spiritually uplifting.

Speaking at the event, the Vice Chancellor, Colonel Professor P. Nagabhushan, highlighted the deeper significance of Vrata. He stated that Vrata is not merely a ritual but a disciplined practice and a way of life, conveying the importance of dedication in both personal and professional spheres. He explained that the word Varama means excellence, and therefore, whatever we seek or perform should always aim for the highest standards. He emphasized that responsibilities in life must be carried out with sincerity, interest, and full dedication, as only then do they yield fruitful results. He further elaborated on the symbolism of Goddess Lakshmi, describing her as an embodiment of joy, enthusiasm, happiness, and compassion. He noted that while the motherly form of Lakshmi appears as Soumya Lakshmi—gentle and compassionate—she also manifests as Veera Lakshmi when angered. He added that one can worship Jayalakshmi by achieving success with optimism and Vidya Lakshmi by acquiring knowledge, discipline, and decision-making abilities. He remarked that Varalakshmi Puja is regarded as

more significant than other Lakshmi Pujas and is believed to bestow special blessings. He also pointed out that Indian traditions are now practiced globally, with foreigners taking inspiration from the way we celebrate festivals. He stressed that such grand celebrations at the University are intended to instill cultural pride in students and ensure that the younger generation never forgets their roots.

The event concluded with enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff, creating an atmosphere filled with



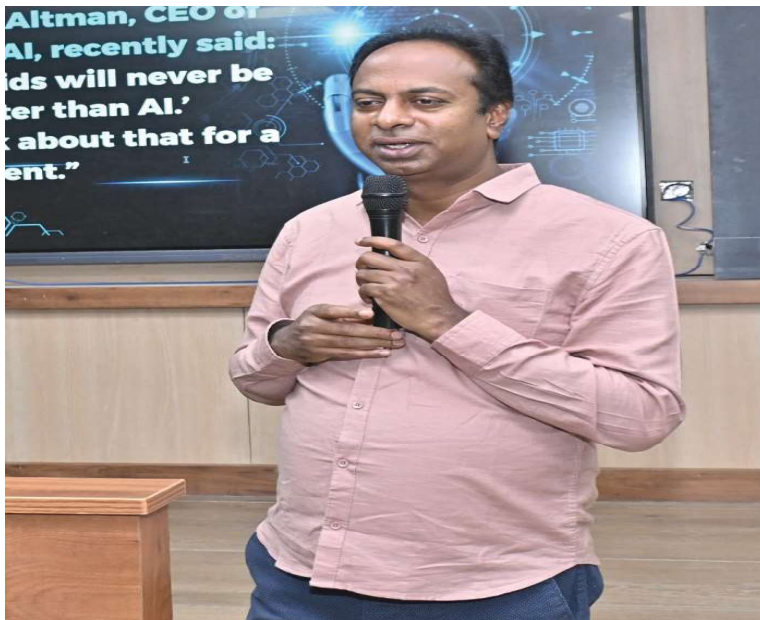
devotion and cultural spirit. Along with the Vice Chancellor, Registrar Dr. P. M. V. Rao, Deans, Heads of Departments,

and faculty members also took part in the puja, making it a memorable and spiritually enriching occasion.

FDP on “Accelerating Learning for the AI Age” by ACSE

The Department of Advanced Computer Science & Engineering, VFSTR, organized a Two-Day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Accelerating Learning for the AI Age” on 22nd and 23rd August 2025. The programme was facilitated by eminent industry leaders, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Raman and Ms. Punitha T from Amphi Ventures, Bengaluru, who brought in their vast expertise to guide the participants. The sessions, spread over two days, included keynote provocations, interactive workshops, and curriculum redesign activities that encouraged faculty to rethink and realign their teaching methodologies in the context of the AI revolution.

The FDP placed significant emphasis on the role of artificial intelligence in transforming higher education, on preparing institutions for the fast-changing AI era, and on cultivating ethical, future-ready teaching practices. The discussions and activities continuously highlighted the importance of integrating AI-driven tools into teaching and learning, ensuring that faculty are not



only technologically competent but also socially responsible in their practices.

Faculty members from various disciplines across VFSTR actively participated in the programme. They appreciated the sessions for being practical, engaging, and outcome-oriented. The repeated stress on innovation, ethical responsibility, and institutional preparedness resonated strongly with the participants. The FDP was widely acknowledged as a meaningful and impactful initiative, equipping the faculty with valuable insights and strategies to accelerate learning and teaching in the AI age.

Eco-Friendly Ganesh Idol Making Competition at VFSTR



To spread awareness about the harmful effects of Plaster of Paris (PoP) and chemical paints on water bodies and ecosystems, the Centre for Environmental Pollution and Control, in collaboration with the Department of Chemistry, organized an Eco-Friendly Ganesh Idol Making Competition on 22nd August 2025 at VFSTR.

The main objective of the programme was to sensitize students and the community about the importance of adopting eco-friendly practices during festivals. The organizers repeatedly emphasized that while Plaster of Paris idols and chemical paints may appear attractive, they cause irreversible damage to aquatic life, pollute rivers and lakes, and disrupt the delicate balance of ecosystems. By contrast, eco-friendly idols made from natural clay and organic colours

dissolve easily in water, leaving no harmful residues and safeguarding the environment.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and community representatives, all of whom showcased their creativity and concern for the environment. Participants designed idols using clay, natural dyes, and biodegradable materials, reflecting both artistic talent and ecological responsibility. Each idol carried a message of sustainability, cultural pride, and environmental stewardship.

Speaking at the occasion, faculty members reiterated that festivals should be a celebration of both tradition and nature. They reminded everyone that real devotion lies not only in worship but also in protecting the Earth, our shared home. The repeated call was clear:



“Celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi with devotion, but without pollution.”

The competition concluded on an inspiring note, with the participants taking a collective pledge to

promote eco-friendly celebrations in their families and communities. The event was widely appreciated as a meaningful initiative that combined tradition with sustainability, creativity with responsibility, and devotion with environmental awareness.

National Space Day Celebrations and Establishment of AP Space Tech Academy at Vignan's University



The National Space Day Celebrations were held in a grand manner at VFSTR, under the joint coordination of Team COE, Space Science & Technology and the Dean, Promotions & Collaborations. The event brought together eminent scientists, academicians, and students to celebrate India's achievements in space science and to inspire future generations.

The Chief Guest of the event was Dr. Subba Rao Pavuluri, Chairman & Managing Director of Ananth Technologies, Hyderabad, reflected on the significance of National Space Day. He recalled the historic moment on 23rd August 2023, when the Vikram lander of Chandrayaan-3 successfully touched the lunar surface, a milestone that placed India among the leading space-faring nations. He emphasized that this was not only a scientific triumph but also the beginning of a new era in India's space journey. He traced the evolution of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), founded

in 1969 under the vision of Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, from modest rocket experiments to becoming a global leader in space technology. He highlighted how space research today extends far beyond planetary exploration, directly benefiting society through applications in agriculture, disaster management, communication, and navigation.

On this occasion, the Andhra Pradesh SpaceTech Academy (APSA) was formally established at Vignan's University, with Dr. Pavuluri Subba Rao elected as its first President. He also announced that the first AP SpaceTech Summit will be held in Amaravati in the first week of December 2025. The summit will bring together educators, industry leaders, innovators, and policymakers on a common platform. According





to Dr. Subba Rao, the summit will not only showcase the latest advancements in space technology but will also nurture future scientists, entrepreneurs, and leaders, thereby placing Amaravati on the global map as a hub for space research and innovation.

The Guest of Honour, Dr. V. Sheshagiri Rao, former senior scientist at Sriharikota, addressed the gathering and underlined the vital role of space technology in modern life. He explained how satellites have transformed communication, television broadcasting, mobile services, internet access in remote areas, transportation, defense, and disaster management. He recalled India's pathbreaking missions, from the discovery of water on the moon with Chandrayaan-1 to the success of Mangalyaan on its very first attempt, and the historic landing of Chandrayaan-3 near the lunar south pole. He also spoke about the upcoming Gaganyaan mission, which will proudly carry Indian astronauts into space. He stressed that National Space Day is both a commemoration of past achievements and a guiding light for future innovation, inspiring young minds to contribute to India's vision of becoming a global space power.

The celebrations concluded with the felicitation of the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour. Among the distinguished personalities who graced the occasion were Prof. I.V. Maralikirishna, former Director of JNTU Hyderabad; C.L. Narasimha Rao, Secretary of ASTC; Prof. E. Srinivasa Reddy from VIT; Col. Prof. P. Nagabhushan, Vice-Chancellor of Vignan's University; and Dr. Meghana Kurapati, CEO. The event was also attended by deans, heads of departments, faculty members, and students.

Lunch Availed by Staff

Date	('A', 'H', 'U' & 'N' Block) Strength
22.08.2025	490
23.08.2025	665

Power Consumption on the campus 22.08.2025

(A, H, U & N -Block, Boys hostel, Guest house, etc.) Units
2188.73

NTR Vignan Library

DATE	NO.OF VISITORS (STUDENTS)	NO.OF VISITORS (STAFF)	NO. OF BOOK ISSUES	NO.OF BOOK RETURNS
23.08.2025	2178	119	44	64

Vignan Boys Hostel 22.08.2025

Time	Present	Absent	Total	Wastage in kgs
Breakfast	2103	154	2257	7
Lunch	2184	73	2257	13
Snacks	1999	258	2257	9
Dinner	2020	237	2257	14

Finance 21.08.2025

Particulars	Amount in Lakhs
Dr. Koya Prabhakara Rao, Asst.Prof. S&H Dept	50000
Guest Lecture Expenses	3000
DRC Meeting Exps	7418
Purple Technologies, Vijayawada	28050
The Mahyala Manorama Co Private Ltd	232000
Wento Industries Pvt Ltd., Ganapavaram, GNT	33132
Sree Raamasai Office Solutions Pvt Ltd	9169
D.Ch.Srinivasa Rao, Sr Accountant	50000
Prof.P.M.V Rao, Registrar	7359
Dean IQAC -Imprest	15141
Sri Sunrise Decors, Guntur	345015
916 - Social Responsibilites Exps	15000
Tata AIG General Insurance Co.Ltd.,	1840844
Venkatesh Interior & Wall Papers, Guntur	71000
Sai Manikanta Nursery, Vadlamudi	15000
Biologix -Hyderabad	8501
K. Balaraju, Plumber	14850
Undisbursed Salaries	22295
Undisbursed Salaries	10434
Undisbursed Salaries	23917
Undisbursed Salaries	140000
Dr.Shubhalakshmi Sengupta Pl	9000
310 - Convocation Expenses	18900
HOD Bio- Informatics Dept	5068
PA to Chairman Sir-P.Chaya(Imprest)	5013
Vijaya Sri Coir Products	19230
T.Chiranjeevi, Missionary Worker	45000
801 - Placement Expenditure	33800
601 - Remuneration to Paper Setters, Examiners Etc	72000
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TOTAL	44,49,236.00

Vignan Girls Hostel 22.08.2025

Time	Present	Absent	Total	Wastage in kgs
Breakfast	2454	81	2535	3
Lunch	2470	65	2535	16
Snacks	2446	89	2535	5
Dinner	2472	63	2535	14

Life is 10% of what happens to you and 90% of how you react to it.