

VFSTR conducts its grandeur 8th Convocation.

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- “Every students will experience a very different and dramatic world; a world where you will have to balance between two extremities.” - Dr. Lavu Rathiah, Chairman, Vignan’s University.
- “You represent the future of this great nation. You have the power to bring about a positive change and lead the country forward.” - Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Chancellor, Vignan University.
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Vignan’s University conducted its 8th convocation ceremony for 1866 graduates on 27th August. Prof. D.P. Singh Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi attended as chief guest and Mr. Kwon Young-seup, Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Chennai attended this convocation ceremony as guest of honor. Guests of Honour, Mr. Sonam Wangchuk, Founder Director, Student’s Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh(SECMOL), and Mr. Veeramachaneni Rama Krishna, Ketogenic Dietician were conferred with Honorary Doctorate Degrees(Honoris Causa).

#### **Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad, Vice Chancellor, Vignan’s University.**

Varsity Vice-Chancellor, Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad said that this Convocation is delayed by one year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic which affected all of us during 2020 and this convocation is a memorable event for the students who are receiving degrees, to their parents who supported them through their studies, the faculty who shaped these students into professionals, and to the University. He also stated that it is an honor to have an eminent educationalist, and an

established academic leader in the Country, Chairman of University Grants Commission Prof. D.P. Singh as the Chief Guest for today's Convocation. He also conveyed his heartfelt thanks to all the three eminent personalities, Mr. Sonum Wangchuk, Mr. Young-Seup Kwon and Mr. Veeramachaneni Ramakrishna for their presence as Guests of Honour for the 8th convocation ceremony.

He congratulated all the students who obtained degrees and also congratulated the parents on fulfilment of their desire in graduating their wards. "This convocation will turn all of you into engineers, managers and scientists, and I am sure that every student of our university will become professionals of high quality and ethics", Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad mentioned.

"To strengthen the industrial manufacturing sector, and to carry out innovations in agriculture and food industries, India needs a large number of engineers. The need of the hour in the country also is to increase the scientific temper, practise secularism, and respect plurality and diversities in the Country. We need to uplift significant sections of the society from poverty. and these challenges can be tackled only by the highly educated sections of the society like graduating students of today. I am sure the graduating students will strive to meet the above challenges in their professional careers." Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad vocalized.

### **Prof. D.P. Singh, Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi**

Prof. D.P. Singh said that he was immensely pleased to preside over the Vignan's 8th Convocation and he expressed his sincere thanks to the varsity Vice Chancellor for inviting him to deliver the 8th convocation address. He also congratulated all the young graduands, who are receiving their degrees and awards today and also convey his warm greetings to their family members and the entire faculty of the Vignan for guiding and shaping the young minds for attaining degrees in their respective fields. He suggested students not follow the crowd and make their own path through creative and innovative ideas.

He stated that our educational institutions are endowed to shape the lives and careers of students, by offering programs with high employability with stimulating ambiance, lab facilities, career counseling, and training programs. "It is a matter of great appreciation that even during the pandemic, our institutions have continued with uninterrupted teaching-learning activities and performed their educational responsibilities", Mr. D.P. quoted.

He said that the Indian Education System is witnessing manifold changes today, and one such multi-dimensional change is the National Education Policy 2020 and the vision of the transformational National Education Policy -2020 is to "instill among the learners a deep-rooted pride in being Indian, not only in thought, but also in spirit, intellect, and deeds, as well as to develop knowledge, skills, values, and dispositions that support responsible commitment to human rights, sustainable development and living, and global well-being, thereby reflecting a truly global citizen." "NEP-2020, also encourages the use of technology in teaching and learning, removing language barriers, increasing access for Divyang students, and educational planning and management. We have to develop and support technology tools for better participation and to encourage equity and Inclusion in Higher Education for creating a digitally empowered nation", Prof. D.P. Singh added.

**Dr. Lavu Rathaiah, Chairman, Vignan's University.**

Dr. Rathaiah addressed the students and reminded students that in the coming years, every student will experience a very different and dramatic world; a world where you will have to balance between two extremities., one of fast-developing technology and other of ethical values. As the experts today say that the development of the last 20-30 years has been more than the sum of all the advancements of the last 200 years.

“It is expected to get further accelerated with the application of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in every walk of life be it health, education, or delivery of justice”, Dr. Rathaiah quoted, and to cope with these developments he suggested students to keep themselves relevant to the future, keep learning and be updated.

“Children belonging to the affluent and privileged sections of the society were able to seamlessly switch over to the online mode of learning, while a large percentage of children going to government-funded public schools could not do the same, simply because they lacked a smartphone or a computer. This is the reality of our country. Owing to constraints of technology, language, poverty, or cultural conditioning, there are crores out there who cannot dream of the progress you all aspire for”, Dr. Rathaiah exclaimed. On this note he suggested students to come up with more and more low-cost solutions to overcome challenges and make the fruits of development available to all, particularly in the sectors of health, education, and economy so that the living standard of the common people can be uplifted. He also suggested students to enhance their technical prowess and always strive to uphold the value system by cherishing the Sanatha Dharma.

**Shri Lavu Srikrishnadevarayulu Vice Chairman, Vignan Group, Member of Parliament in Lok-Sabha**

Shri Lavu Srikrishnadevarayulu Vice Chairman of Vignan Group and Member of Parliament in Lok-Sabha expressed that the Class of 2020 has indeed made history because it is perhaps the only batch of Vignan University who went to their work and offices before attending their convocation or formally receiving their degrees. Also, the only batch, who started working without ever stepping into offices. Instead, started working from home. To reach the heights every student dreamt of, he strongly recommended every student to follow three principles that the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi followed; Core system of values and morals, openness to change, and making most of the opportunities presented to us.

“As I look across this hall today, I see not just the Class of 2020 but the future leaders of tech, engineering, and commerce. I see leaders who will make things happen for India, who will make tech products that are “Made in India for the World”. After all, if some tech products work for 1.3

billion Indians, then they would surely work for the entire world.” Srikrishnadevarayulu vocalized.

**Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Chancellor, Vignan University.**

Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Chancellor of Vignan’s University reminded students that they are the real stewards of this great nation and inheritors as well as custodians of rich Indian tradition, which has taught us how to balance traditional wisdom with modernization. He suggested students recollect the 5 C’s., “Character’, ‘Conviction’, Commitment’, ‘Creativity’, and ‘Capacity’, all of which inform the culture of any person. “You represent the future of this great nation, you have the power to bring about a positive change and lead the country forward and I hope you will all commit to the task of serving your nation with honesty, and sincerity,” he quoted.

**Mr. Sonam Wangchuk, Founder Director, Student’s Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh(SECMOL)**

Mr. Wangchuk stated that it is not the number of degrees you hold, it is the number of problems you solve for your nation. “I believe that VFSTR also produces great problem-solvers for all the industries and more than that there is a huge necessity of problem-solvers for common people”, Mr. Wangchuk quoted.

**Veeramachaneni Rama Krishna, Ketogenic Dietician**

Mr. Rama Krishna thanked his parents on the occasion of receiving an Honorary Doctorate Degree (Honoris Causa). He then said that it requires a lot of courage to face the truth, we live in a society of lies and the recent Pandemic is the best example. “It is very important to follow a healthy diet and I stand as a perfect example, years ago I used to be very fat and stout and then I realized the importance of a healthy diet and made a habit of following the diet and the miracle is I even defeated Type-2 Diabetes”, Mr. Rama Krishna confessed. On this note, he recommended the students, staff, and parents to have faith and follow a healthy diet and he conveyed his sincere thanks to VFSTR for conferring the Doctorate.

1517 BTech degrees, 23 degrees in BCA, 103 degrees in BBA, 30 degrees in B.SC, 25 degrees in MCA, 97 degrees in MBA, and 44 degrees in M. Tech and also 27 Ph.D degrees were awarded on this 8th Convocation Ceremony. The institute also awarded 44 BTech (Honours) degrees this year for the first time. All put together VFSTR today conferred 1866 Doctoral, Post Graduate, and Graduate degrees. Guests of Honour, Mr. Kwon Young-seup, Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Chennai, Mr. Sonam Wangchuk, Founder Director, Student’s Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh(SECMOL), and Mr. Veeramachaneni Rama Krishna, Ketogenic Dietician were also awarded Honorary Doctorate Degrees (Honoris Causa).

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