

## **Vignan conducts 9th Convocation ceremony.**

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Vignan's University conducted its 9th convocation ceremony for 1821 graduates on 28th August. Shri G.R. Chintala, Chairman, NABARD, Mumbai, as Chief Guest, Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe, President, Indian Council for Cultural Relations(INCR) and Member of Parliament(Rajya Sabha), New Delhi, Dr.Achyutha Samata, Founder Chairman of KIIT & KISS & Member of Parliament(Lok Sabha), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, Dr.Satyanarayana Chava, Founder and CEO Laurus Labs Ltd., Hyderabad participated in this convocation ceremony as Guests of honor.

"21 Academic Gold Medals, 21 Best out Going Student Awards, 1 Chairman Gold Medal, 3 Endowment Awards, 1 Best NCC, NSS, and Social Engagement, 1 best leader award, 1 exemplary award, 2 Honorary Doctorates, 1 PET with 100% result awards were also included in 1821 Convocation Degree Awards", Varsity Vice-Chancellor, Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad stated.

On the occasion of the 9th Convocation of Vignan's University, G.R. Chintala, Chairman, NABARD, Mumbai, said that agriculture has once again proved to be a savior and has cushioned the shock of Covid 19 pandemic on the Indian economy, in the last month, July 2021, our country witnessed an additional 16 million jobs mainly, of which about 11.2 million were employed in the agriculture sector. He also stated that with the comfortable food stock built through the toil of the entire agricultural community with farmers in the forefront over the last several decades, the country could face the lockdown post-pandemic very smoothly.

"Fragmentation of land, poor mechanization, inadequate storage facilities, and low farmer education and awareness are some of the issues holding back Indian agriculture from achieving its potential. Given these challenges, agri-preneurship and technology are the way forward to accelerate agricultural growth and increase productivity. Digital technology enables farmers and other people to connect with institutions and information that eventually help in decreasing risk and uncertainty." Chintala mentioned. On this note, he urged young scientific minds to embrace technology in agriculture and the allied sector and think out of the box in order to take advantage of the changing dynamics in consumption behavior.

He stated that the agripreneurship combines agriculture and entrepreneurship to tackle a number of challenges faced across the agricultural value chain by disrupting the agriculture system with innovative ideas and affordable solutions. "These agri start-ups have become the missing link between the farmers, input dealers, wholesalers, retailers, and consumers, connecting each of them to each other and providing strong marketing linkages and quality products on time. However, agri-preneurs often face a disadvantage, because of the lack of resources and land they have access to. To promote and nurture agri-preneurs and start-ups, NABARD has set up and supported upscaling of Agri Business Incubation Centres (ABICs) at various Agriculture Universities across the country, with the nearest of them in Hyderabad at the National Academy of Agriculture Management (NAARM). These ABICs will facilitate the start-ups with necessary resources and business support services, marketing arrangements as well as finance to transform them into viable commercial entities". He vocalized.

He said that this pandemic has made us once again sit up and take notice of the Gods amongst us, the farmers, happy farmer is the root of a healthy civilization, healthy citizens are the pillars of a prosperous nation, and with prosperity, India can earn the status of a developed nation. "This is my dream. This is NABARD's dream, as well. On this memorable day, I urge each of you to make it your dream too. If all of us work in tandem to achieve it, India will be a superpower built upon the foundation of agriculture and rural prosperity", Chintala quoted.

Varsity chairman, Dr.Lavu Rathaiah recommended 7 leadership qualities that every student must have and they are., Knowledge updation on what path you choose, being Passionate about whatever you undertake, being compassionate with your fellow human beings, Self-Respect - when Abraham Lincoln was addressed as son of cobbler his epic reply was "I don't mind cleaning the shoes of all my American brothers", always strive to be on Ethical side, Social Responsibility, try to balance the personal and professional life and give importance to the Family System.

Varsity Vice Chairman, Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayulu stated that the class of 2021 is graduating at a historical moment in time when the nation is celebrating its 75th year of Independence. He stated that students should be equipped with the best fundamental knowledge, skills, and curiosity to learn new things and when a student is equipped with these, undoubtedly every student will be propelled towards strong careers.

"As I look across this hall, I see future leaders of tech, engineering, commerce, and industry. I am also confident that these leaders are also well suited to solve the challenges that India is facing today", Devarayulu vocalized.

"'Determination', 'Devotion' and 'Dedication' will surely lead you to your Destination. The greater the challenge, the greater the opportunities", Chancellor, Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu quoted. On this occasion, Ramamurthy said that students with much confidence and strong will can achieve something great and reminded everyone to keep in mind role models like Satya Nadella, Indra Nooyi, and Sundar Pichai who were young men and women like you, from this very same country and if they have traveled miles and attained great heights, so can you.

The Chief Guest G R CHINTALA, Chairman, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Mumbai, Guests of Honour, Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe, President, Indian Council for Cultural Relations(INCR) and Member of Parliament(Rajya Sabha), New Delhi, Dr.AchyuthaSamata, Founder Chairman of KIIT & KISS & Member of Parliament(Lok Sabha), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, Dr.Satyanarayana Chava, Founder and CEO Laurus Labs Ltd., were facilitated by the family of VFSTR and the Guests of Honour, Dr.Achyutha Samata, and Dr.Satyanarayana Chava were conferred with Doctorate Degrees(Honoris Causa). Varsity Chancellor, Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad, Registrar, Cmde. Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Chairman, Dr.LavuRathaiah, Vice Chairman, Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayulu, all deans, HoDs, research scholars, students attended this 8th Convocation ceremony.