



SRI VENKATESWARA VEDIC UNIVERSITY
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Convocation Address of

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Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Chancellor of Sri
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on the occasion of 5th convocation

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Presidential Address of Shri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan, Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Chancellor of Sri Venkateswara Vedic University on the occasion of 5th convocation on 20th February 2020.

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Chief Guest of today's Convocation, Prof. Sannidanam Sudarshana Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Faculty members, parents, students, friends from media, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It gives me immense pleasure to be a part of the 5th Convocation of Sri Venkateswara Vedic University, situated at the foothills of the holy seven hills, the exalted abode of Lord Venkateswara, the sovereign deity of the infinite galaxies.

My best wishes to Prof. Sannidanam Sudarshana Sharma, the Vice-Chancellor and the staff of this Vedic University for organizing this convocation at an appropriate time.

I would like to extend my greetings to the Guest of Honor, the recipients of Honoris Causa, the scholars and students, who assembled here on this auspicious occasion.

The Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanams always gives cardinal importance for preservation and propagation of the Vedas and to safe guard our Sanathana Dharma. I appreciate the support and encouragement given by the TTD for imparting Vedic education through the Vedic University.

The word 'Veda' is derived from the word, "vid" meaning to know. Thus, Veda means knowledge. Vedas are believed to be the inhalation and exhalation of the omniscient almighty. The direct interaction of our great seers with the divine forces of nature consciously gifted them to the mankind for eternal welfare of the universe.

The Vedas have given rise to several hundreds of scriptures that evolved as Shadangas, namely Siksha, Vyakarana, Chandas, Nirukta, Jyotisha,

Kalpa, Shad Darsanas like Nyaya, Vaisheshika, Vedanta, Sankhya, Yoga, Mimamsa and subsequently the Epics and Kavyas.

The specialty of this magnum opus lies in its transmission through word of mouth, in its original form from the times immemorial through a process called "Guru-Shishya Parampara". The uniqueness of the Vedas lies in the fact that they are chanted now the same way as they were chanted thousands of years ago.

Recognizing the significance of the Vedas, UNESCO declared Vedic Chanting a "Heritage of Humanity" and an outstanding example of heritage and form of cultural expressions.

The word 'Veda' signifies knowledge. The Vedas are considered to be "divinely revealed," most highly revered scriptures and books of wisdom both material and spiritual. A scripture is meant primarily for the liberation of the soul from the bondage of rebirth and secondarily for teaching the art of success in material life.

The Vedas are the most ancient among the world's scriptures. They are a vast storehouse of wisdom. As Manu has declared, "Everything is derived from the Vedas." The Vedas are immeasurable, unrivalled and the Knowledge of the Supreme is considered as Veda.

Shri Rameshwar Thakur, former Governor of united Andhra Pradesh, played a key role in the establishment of Sri Venkateswara Vedic University at Tirupati. The Vedic University was set up with an objective to preserve, foster and promote oral traditions of Vedic and cognate literature and to unearth the scientific and spiritual wisdom hidden in Vedas and also to create awareness about authentic interpretation of the Vedas in India and abroad, for the benefit of the society and entire humanity.

The Vedas, Upanishads, Puranas and the Bhagavad Gita are still incomprehensible to the common man. I feel that the learned Vedic pundits have a great role to play in bringing out the noble ideals and ethical principles

enshrined in our ancient scriptures for the welfare of mankind as Vedas are considered invaluable for the material and spiritual wellbeing of the world.

I am happy to learn that the Vedic University, since its inception more than a decade ago, has made great strides in deciphering and spreading the knowledge contained in the Vedas for the benefit of the people and the society. Apart from strengthening the traditional system of oral transmission of Vedas and allied literature, the Vedic University has opened vistas to impart Vedic knowledge on the modern lines.

As the Chancellor of this prestigious institution of higher learning for the advanced study of the Vedas and allied fields, I feel proud about the progressive tasks undertaken by the University. The academic structure of this University is commendable. Explorative pursuits in the relevant field with modern trends is adapted with an utilitarian point of view.

Focus is given to various Scientific and Technological aspects found in Indian traditional disciplines of knowledge. I hope the efforts of the University will bear fruit in the areas of Ancient Indian Science and Technology.

I congratulate the recipients of Honoris Causa whose contribution stands apart in the field of Vedas and allied literature. I also congratulate the research scholars and students who just received their Degrees and certificates as a testimony of the knowledge acquired by them.

I hope and trust that TTD will continue to extend their undaunted support to the Vedic University. I am confident that the Vice-Chancellor of the Vedic University will continue his zeal in the pursuit of unearthing and bringing to light the hidden treasures of Vedic Knowledge for the benefit of the nation and the society.

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