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Address of the Hon'ble Governor and Chancellor
Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan
on the occasion of 10th Convocation of Sri Venkateswara
Veterinary University on August 28, 2021

Chief Guest of today's Convocation Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Member and Ex-Chairman, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, New Delhi, Dr. V. Padmanabha Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, Members of the Board Of Management and Academic Council, Faculty, Officials and Staff of the University, Awardees, Distinguished Guests, dear students, proud parents, representatives of the press and the Media, Ladies And Gentlemen.

It gives me immense pleasure to participate in the 10th convocation of Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati. At the outset, I congratulate all graduating students and also congratulate parents, teachers and mentors who joined the pursuit in the success of these students

Dear students, this day of convocation marks the completion of an important phase of your life. You all have worked hard to gain insights and inculcate values to acquire knowledge in your core subjects. On this significant day in your life, you would be experiencing certain joy and happiness to see your perseverance, hard work and commitment being translated into achievement of your goals and objectives.

This is a day of fulfillment for the parents; who invested their efforts in educating you to this level. This day is the result of sacrifices of your beloved parents at the cost of their personal happiness and pleasure to make sure that you got the best education that leads to a better future. This day, therefore, belongs to them in equal measure.

I also compliment the faculty members of the university who worked hard to impart quality education to build knowledge and gave a definite direction to your thinking and approach. More than a degree, I am sure that the knowledge and the values you imbibed here will guide you wherever destiny will take you.

During the recent days, the classrooms are undergoing a fundamental change all over the world. Digital classroom is found to be the alternative

logical step in the field of knowledge sharing and dissemination. We must see how digital classrooms help us to bring down the cost of education, produce and deliver quality lectures to the students and reach out to maximum students who wish to pursue higher education. I do feel that the academic curricula must be dynamic and must be at par with the institutions in the world and should have a focus on the industry.

The 'National Education Policy 2020" (NEP 2020) aims to transform India's education system by 2040. The Policy proposes the revision and revamping of all aspects of the current education structure including its regulation and governance to forge a new education system that is on par with the aspirations and objectives of 21st century education. The foundational principles of NEP 2020 are Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability, and Accountability. The Policy believes that the education system should develop good human beings with rational thinking, compassion, empathy, courage, resilience, scientific temper, creative imagination and ethical values.

Students or the youths of today are the citizens of tomorrow. They are supposed to be the pillars of the nation. Colleges are the place where young persons sow the seeds of character. They learn the value of time and develop sense of punctuality, mutual help and cooperation. Above all, they learn rules of discipline. Strong sense of discipline makes the people cultured and law abiding.

I would like to mention that, the students can play an important role in improving and strengthening the society. The simple fact is that united we stand and divided we fall. The society is the manifestation of that united existence and the students are part of the society. So, men and women of all ages and professions should do their best to serve the society. Studying is the main occupation of students. But, being youthful and energetic, they can engage themselves in various forms of social works in their spare time

and in moments of crisis. Further, I am happy to know that the final year B.V.Sc. students of this university during their internship training program are conducting Performance evaluation of Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBKS) of Andhra Pradesh.

Further, community service of university level students can cover several aspects of life like adoption of villages and Urban slums for intensive development work, carrying out the medico-social surveys, setting up of medical centres, programmes of mass immunization, sanitation drives, adult education programmes for the weaker sections of the community, blood donation, helping patients in hospitals, helping inmates of orphanages and the physically challenged etc. NSS volunteers can perform commendable relief work during natural calamities or emergencies such as cyclones, floods, earthquake etc., The NSS students may also involve organizing campaigns for eradication of social evils and popularization of the nationally accepted objectives like nationalism, democracy, social harmony and development of scientific temper in the country.

The Government of India has initiated the "start-Up India" campaign to promote financing for start-ups and offer incentives to boost entrepreneurship and job creation. I request the graduating students to explore opportunities and become entrepreneurs and create jobs.

At this juncture, I stress upon of the role of Veterinarians in doubling the farmers income in the rural areas of India. The livestock plays an important role in Indian economy. In India, the farmers maintain different enterprises for their complimentary and supplementary incomes and for ensuring sustainable livelihood. After the advent of green revolution in late-1960s and economic liberalization in early-1990s, the farmers gradually started focusing on a few livestock enterprises due to several imposing factors including shrinking farm sizes, fluctuating commodity and shortage of labour during peak agriculture season.

Further, Animal husbandry is an integral component of Indian agriculture supporting livelihood of more than two-thirds of the rural population. The veterinary fraternity has huge role to play in doubling the farmers income and they can guide our livestock farmers to enhance their animals productivity thereby making the livestock enterprises more profitable by providing them technical, financial and moral support. The veterinarians are committed professionally and morally to disseminate their knowledge to the community as a whole to improve the quality of life of the small and marginal farmers in rural areas.

I am happy to inform that the Andhra Pradesh state is blessed with potential of diversified water resources with 974 km coast line and there is a potential of 1.74 lakh hectares of brackish water. Andhra Pradesh stood at 1st place in the fisheries sector in India and contributing 7.4% to the State GDP. This sector is providing employment to 14.5 lakh people directly and indirectly. Considering the importance of Fisheries sector the Government of Andhra Pradesh has announced a separate Fishery Sciences University in West Godavari District.

I am very happy to note that the Andhra Pradesh Government has signed an MOU with AMUL to encourage milk cooperative societies especially those run by the rural women to develop the dairy sector in the state. An additional collection of 22 lakh liters of milk through the mini dairies, which AMUL will procure and pay to the dairy farmers. It is good that the scientists of Dairy technology of this University are assisting this project in quality assessment.

Time has come to rejuvenate and recapture the past glory of this country through your character, Innovation and services to society. I call upon each one of you to take a pledge to make the use of your knowledge for the benefit of the society and humanity at large.

With this, I conclude my speech with a quotation from Mahatma Gandhi who said: *"The Greatness of a Nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated"*

All the Best and good wishes to you all.

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