



Message by Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan  
Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh & Chancellor  
On the occasion of 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Convocations of  
Vikrama Simhapuri University  
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Chief Guest of today's Convocation Dr. D.N.Reddy, Chancellor, Mallareddy University, Hyderabad, Sri Ravindra Sannareddy, Managing Director, Sri City, Prof. G.M. Sundaravalli, Vice-Chancellor, Vikrama Simhapuri University, Members of the Executive Council, Registrar, Deans of Faculties, Research Scholars, Non-teaching Staff, Young Graduates and Media representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen, my warm greetings to you all.

At the outset, I congratulate all the students receiving their degrees today on this most momentous occasion.

It is a memorable event and a moment of pride for you as much as it is for your teachers, parents and all your well-wishers, who have contributed to your success.

I am confident that all the students who are graduating today will find a good career and will make a mark in their life. I advise you to maintain good character all through your life.

I am sure you are overwhelmed with a feeling of joy, more so as you share your feelings with your family members and friends, with a sense of pride at this truly remarkable accomplishment.

There is no obstacle you cannot overcome, no personal, professional, or academic challenge you cannot conquer and there is no goal that cannot be reached. So, I encourage you to dream big and work hard to realise your dream.

I congratulate all the Graduates, Postgraduates, Research Scholars and Gold Medal Awardees for their accomplishments. The University degree or a gold medal should be deemed as grace and an honour that makes you worthy to serve the society and especially the downtrodden and the poor who need your support.

The degree you receive today gives you the confidence to aim high and achieve something more worthwhile. You are the torch-bearers and role model for the younger generation.

My advice to you is to follow the established traditions and values, which taught us to be humane, civilized and upright. It is your duty to give back something worthwhile to the society and to your institution when you become capable of doing so.

I wish you a glorious journey ahead and congratulate the parents of the graduates and medal recipients for their unstinted support for the success of their children.

I congratulate all the dedicated faculty who have shared their valuable knowledge and shaped careers of the students.

In recent years, higher education recorded significant growth in the country. The National Education Policy-2020 envisages achieving a Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of 50% by 2035. There are about 810 Universities and Deemed to be Universities and 40,000 Colleges imparting higher education in the country.

Our country is one of the world's fastest growing knowledge-based economies, driven mostly by a huge human capital. The skill development is posing a challenge to our country's growth and global competitiveness. At present, about 1.2 crore youth need to be skilled by 2025, another 250 million youth are estimated to enter the Indian workforce. There is a tremendous potential for the youth to become employable and enter the workforce, if they are provided the right kind of skill development.

Swami Vivekananda said: *"Education is the manifestation of perfection present already in man. Divinity is the manifestation of the religion already in man."*

After globalisation, you are exposed to innumerable opportunities. Therefore, the graduates and post-graduates passing out of the University have to enhance their knowledge-base with the required communications and soft skills to become successful in their careers. The Government of India launched a flagship programme,

namely 'Pradhana Mantri Koushal Vikas Yojana' with the objective of skill development of students and making them job-ready. Andhra Pradesh has also launched such Skill Development Programmes with the assistance of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship with a vision of a "Skilled India".

In the near future, India's youth will play a crucial role in realising the vision of Digital India mission. As Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji said, the National Education Policy-2020 will play a key role in India's golden future and will give wings to the dreams of millions of our youth.

In tune with the NEP-2020, the University is strengthening its curriculum of academic and research programmes by ensuring that the students choose their electives, value-added courses and skill development and skill enhancement courses, and resources for the enrichment of domain knowledge.

I am sure that the paradigm shift offered by the NEP-2020 will change the educational scenario with a greater impact in every walk of life. The social outreach programmes organized by the University, bear testimony to its commitment towards the society through the Community Development Programmes and College-to-Village Social Awareness Programmes, being organised every year.

I appreciate Vikrama Simhapuri University for its initiatives in forging industry-institution linkage by organising University-Industry workshops, and to develop collaborations by conducting national and international webinars, seminars and conferences.

I am happy to note that the University's NSS Cell had taken up several activities during the first and second waves of COVID-19, to assist the needy persons with basic needs and helped them in tough times.

The University's 'Go-green' initiatives are worth applauding. I advise all people, especially young graduates to safeguard the environment by actively participating in tree plantation, by planting at least five saplings in a year, be it on your birthday or on any festive occasion.

At present, University has 24 (16+8) Teaching Departments offering Post-graduate, Integrated, Research and Diploma programmes at both Nellore and Kavali campuses. The University campuses spread across 80 acres of land in Nellore and 100 acres of land in Kavali, having necessary facilities suitable for learning and research.

In the year 2019, the University was accorded the 12B recognition by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi. This University has been a boon for rural students to prosper and accomplish success by utilizing the facilities, resources and expertise of the teachers. They have also excelled in sports and co-curricular activities.

The Vice-Chancellor's report on progress indicates the continuous growth and the parameters pertaining to research publications, student welfare, extension activities and social outreach programmes reflect the University's development in all aspects. The gross enrolment ratio has been a concern of all the higher educational institutions in the country. I am happy to know that this University is in a better position in Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in comparison to other newly established Universities.

The list of achievements during these three years surpasses and reflects the vibrant academic and research activities in the University. The University spent considerable funds exclusively for construction of buildings. It is an attempt to provide the students the right environment to unearth their latent potentialities and excel in their studies. The online classes and webinars organized during pandemic

helped to protect the interests of the teachers, students and research fraternity without impacting the continuity of learning process.

I hope that the University will continue its journey towards excellence by adhering to healthy standards and improving its position in standing and hopefully succeed in getting a better ranking in the ensuing accreditation process of NAAC. I thank all the stakeholders of the University for their contribution to its development and hope to receive their support in the future.

My advice to the young graduates is to do hard work and try to achieve the goal you aim for. At least some of you can become entrepreneurs, so that you can provide employment to others instead of seeking employment to yourself.

My dear students, be humble in life and prove yourself worthy of the wisdom and knowledge you acquired from this University.

Before concluding, I would like to draw your attention to the quotation of Dr. Nelson Mandela, who said "*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world*".

The University is fortunate to have Dr. D.N. Reddy as the Chief Guest-cum-Orator and Sri Ravindra Sannareddy as the Guest of Honor in today's Convocation. I am sure that their valuable message would inspire you to be more diligent and be successful in your life.

I appreciate Vice-Chancellor Prof. G.M. Sundaravalli and the entire family of Vikrama Simhapuri University for their hard work in pursuit of the University's development, quality and excellence.

I once again congratulate you all and wish you success in your future endeavours.

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