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Press Note:

Governor appeals students to protect interests of downtrodden

- Students asked to think of the nation
- Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan participates in the ANU Convocation

Vijayawada, Feb 27: Governor of Andhra Pradesh Biswa Bhusan Harichandan appealed to the students to protect the interests of downtrodden people of the society. He said it is the responsibility of students in whatever sphere they settle in their lives, to instill confidence among downtrodden sections that they are all equal before law. He said that students must bring awareness among downtrodden about their fundamental rights provided by the constitution.

Addressing 35th and 36th Convocation of Acharya Nagarjuna University on Thursday, the Governor explained how Mahatma Gandhi freed the country from the British rule through his non-violent struggle and lauded the role of several leaders in the freedom struggle. He said India emerged as atomic power centre during the regime of Atal Bihari Vajpayee and no other country is dare enough to see towards India after the country successfully conducting two atomic explosions during Vajpayee regime. He appealed to students to think of the nation and think of the biggest democracy in the country.

He said that the Acharya Nagarjuna University gained prominence with exclusive centres of excellence and research such as Mahayana Buddhism, Dr BR Ambedkar chair, Dr Jagjeevan Ram's chair, Mahatma Jyotibha Phule's chair, centre for women studies, centre for Gandhian studies, centre for scientific socialism and centre for Afro Asian Philosophies. He congratulated the authorities for achieving second rank for the university in the emerging economics university rankings-2020.

The Governor called upon the students to serve the nation. He said now as the nation is on the cusp of change and emerging as a fastest growing economy in the world, it truly requires the dedicated services of the students. He reminded the students the last words of Gautam Buddha to his disciples 'Be your own light'.

The Governor said with the change of perception at every juncture, India has emerged as the most youthful nation. He said it is estimated that by 2020 the average age of Indian will be 29 years, younger than the average age of Chinese and Americans. As a young nation, India is going to lead the whole world in economic development. So the young India is expected to lead the nation by taking advantage of the productive human resources, education, skills and ethical values.

The Governor said only through innovation and research and development India can initiate positive transformation in the world and address the global problems of poverty, unemployment, racial discrimination, caste discrimination and gender discrimination.

Earlier, Registrar Prof K. Rosaiah welcomed the Chancellor, Minister of Education and guests. Vice-chancellor Prof. P Rajasekhar presented a report on the activities of the university since the last convocation held in 2013. Minister for Education Audimulapu Suresh addressed the students. The

Governor conferred honorary degree of doctor of letters to eminent journalist and editor Dr ABK Prasad. Later the chancellor presented Ph.D degrees and gold medals to the students in various disciplines.

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