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Press Note:

'Atal Incubation Centre' adds glory to Sri Krishnadevaraya University –  
Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan

Vijayawada, April 24: Andhra Pradesh Governor and Chancellor of Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapur, Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan participated in the 19th Convocation of the University, virtually from Raj Bhavan on Saturday. Delivering the Convocation address, Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan said that Sri Krishnadevaraya University has been endowed with excellent track record in terms of teaching, research and extension activities and has been recognized by the NITI Aayog by establishment of the prestigious 'Atal Incubation Centre' in the University to cater to the entrepreneurial eco-system in the state of Andhra Pradesh. Governor Sri Harichandan said Sri Krishnadevaraya University is among the top few Universities in the country to get the recognition.

Governor Sri Harichandan said that the University has been striving relentlessly to achieve the objective to promote equity, accessibility, quality and accountability to redeem the backwardness of the Rayalaseema region through contribution to education to bring about key social and economic change and emancipation of the region for over four decades.

Governor Sri Harichandan congratulated Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy, Secretary, Department of Defence, Research & Development and Chairman, Defence Research and Development Organisation, the Chief Guest at the Convocation, for receiving the Doctor of Science (honoris causa) from Sri Krishnadevaraya University and the students who received their medals and the degrees during the Convocation.

The Governor said the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic has worked as a catalyst for the educational institutions to grow and opt for online platforms with digital technologies, which have not been used before. Governor Sri Harichandan said the present generation of students are fortunate as the 34-year-old Education system undergoes a major reform with the introduction of National Education Policy 2020 and the sweeping reforms are expected to bring about a fundamental change in the country's education landscape. Governor Sri Harichandan said students should create awareness among their family members and the society to protect themselves from the corona virus by strictly following the Covid protocols and help the authorities to succeed in the fight against the pandemic.

Dr. A. Suresh, Minister for Education, participating as special guest at the Convocation said that the State Government has been implemented several reforms and welfare schemes in the education sector which enabled students coming from BPL families to pursue higher education. He said poverty should not be a barrier in the pursuit of higher education and the State government has implemented online admissions to ensure equity for all. The Minister said the State government has provided Rs.13,000 crore, 18 percent of the budget for education sector every year, which is 3 percent of the State's GSDP.

Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy, Secretary, Department of Defence, Research & Development and Chairman, DRDO, said Sri Krishnadevaraya University was close to his heart as he studied in the JNTU Anantapur and used to closely interact with the faculty and students in those days. He said India has matured in technology development in a big way and became a leader in technology from the olden days of being a technology follower. He said India is aiming to become the leading exporter of defence equipment by encouraging establishment of defence equipment manufacturing units in private sector. He said India has demonstrated its capabilities in space research by sending number of satellites through its own space vehicles such as PSLV and GSLV as well as Mars Mission, Chandrayan and the

proposed Gaganyaan to send manned mission to the moon. Dr. Sateesh Reddy said DRDO came up with 75 products to fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

Prof. M. Rama Krishna Reddy, Vice Chancellor, Members of the Executive Council, Academic Senate, Deans of Faculties, Teaching and Non-Teaching staff, Sri Krishnadevaraya University, have attended the Convocation.