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### **AU**, a Power of Education: Governor **Combined Convocation held on a Grand Scale**

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AU News, September: The Andhra University stands as a testament to the transformative power of education in the country proving academic excellence and inclusivity converge a potential for the positive change, said the Governor and Chancellor of Andhra University Sri S. Abdul Nazeer. Addressing the 87th, 88th, 89th and 90th Combined Convocation of Andhra University, the Governor said that the Andhra University with its rich academic legacy of the stalwarts of higher learning, embrace the future with renewed determination to shape generations of learners into enlightened and socially conscious global citizens. Praising Andhra University as





speaks volumes about the ground-breaking research being conducted within its walls. He said education has become a transformative force, particularly for marginalized and excluded communities. Through initiatives like inclusive education, the Andhra University addresses the needs of underprivileged segments of the society. He said Andhra University stands as a multi-disciplinary institution by offering diverse courses that mirror the ever-evolving landscape of global education. He complimented the University administration for its efforts to foster a unique start up ecosystem around the university across multiple



verticals such as NASSCOM, Centre for Machine Intelligence and IOT, technology hub by name "A-Hub" which incubates 124 companies on campus, a Pharma Incubation and Biological Monitoring Centre under the name "Element" and Avanthi Centre of Excellence catering to marine skill development, AU- Rosys Drone Technology Centre, AU-Lukes Sound and Video Technology Centre and Food Testing and Incubation Centre. The Governor said that the Andhra University is promoting world class innovation and start up entrepreneurial initiatives to exemplify its commitment to combat the longstanding issue of brain drain, a challenge that has hindered our nation's progress for far too long. He felt that this initiative of Andhra University, if replicated at other institutions could catalyze a transformation in retaining talent within our country. The Chancellor expressed his immense pleasure to



the perfect platform for higher education in the country,

the Governor said that the glory of the University forever

illuminates in the form of its alumni around the world.





acknowledge the

commendable achievements of the Sports Wing, the deligent efforts of students that led to clinching medals at the national level in the areas of hockey, cricket, volleyball and basketball. He pointed out that the presidential medals bestowed upon the university for its outstanding contribution to NSS, along with its initiatives promoting Swatch Bharat to maintain a clean and green



campus deserve special mention. The Governor expressed his happiness over the dedicated placement officers across the constituent colleges for exploring every avenue to provide promising employment opportunities to the graduates. In his speech, the Governor specially mentioned about the massive infrastructure development, technology, Internet of Things, start ups, heritage courses such as Yoga, Music, Dance, Fine Arts and Theatre, which play a significant role in preserving the rich cultural heritage and nurturing the mental and spiritual facets of students. The Governor cited the quotes of Albert Einstein, Saint Kabir, Gautama Buddha, Mahatma Gandhi and Swami Vivekananda in his speech and advised the students and research scholars to become a successful person in the society with good education as it is a foundation for a better future. Mr.Botsa Satyanarayana, Minister for Education, said that the Andhra University was pioneer in the country by introducing MBA in 1957 and academic giants like T.R.Seshadri, Suri Bhagavantham, Hiren Mukherjee, Humayun Kabir and others shaped this University as one of the top most Universities in the country. He said the Chief Minister Sri Y.S.Jaganmohan Reddy was giving utmost importance to promote quality education to meet the international standards. Dr. Grandhi Mallikarjuna



Rao, Group Chairman of GMR Groups, who was Chief Guest and Orator of the Convocation, said that the education without values and ethos can lead to lack of empathy and integrity. He said that the students should gain knowledge and skills alongwith their subjects to make them complete and respectful citizen. He explained about his experiences as student, successful entrepreneur and philanthropist. He said the students should emulate



the principles of spirituality, yoga and compassion to become future leaders of the country. He said the Andhra University is poised to celebrate its centenary on a grand note. Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy, Vice-Chancellor said that the Andhra University has made significant strides in multiple areas, ensuring holistic development, academic excellence and a vibrant campus community. In tune with National Education Policy, the Andhra University has refreshed its purpose for the past three years, to reflect the dedication and passion we put in, while generating human resources, aligning them to be socially relevant, industry-ready and globally connected, he added. The Vice-Chancellor further said that emphasis was given to establish policies for innovation, in line with the vision of Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Sri Y.S.Jagan Mohan Reddy, in the spirit of emerging state of Andhra Pradesh. He the University has created the process of allencompassing innovation ecosystem that include, engineering, science and Pharmacy by investing into physical infrastructure, along with support systems required for ideation to prototype to commercialization. He said this year the international student strength has reached a new mark of 1000 and the campus has become a hub for students from 49 countries. US Embassy has set up an "American Corner" to offer various training



programmes to women in particular in STEM areas. Western Australian Government has approached to establish their corner in Andhra University. Andhra University is the first University to establish a Trans Disciplinary Research Hub similar lines to Purdue University, USA. A digital repository of ancient knowledge has been created at Dr.V.S.Krishna Librarary, scanning over 2,50,000 palm leaves consisting of text inscribed in Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Bengali, Pali,



Kannada languages through digitalization and the database is hosted onto a Cloud Server to enable all the South Indian Universities to work on its content, he added. The Vice-Chancellor said that the establishment of the "AU Looks" cell to publish a weekly newsletter in both English and Telugu has enhanced the communication within the university

community as well as its alumni. The Governor presented honorary doctorates in Science to Dr.Grandhi Mallikarjuna Rao, Group Chairman of GMR Groups and Dr.Alluri Indrakumar, Chairman of Avanthi Sea Foods. He also presented honorary doctorate in Literature to renowned Scholar and former Vice-Chancellor of Sri Venkateswara University Prof. Kolakaluri Enoch.

The Governor presented Best Researcher Awards to Prof. V. Krishna Mohan, Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao, Prof. Mohan Venkatram and Prof. Vazir Mohammed. He also presented Gold Medals, and Prizes and Ph.D Degrees 27 candidates. Later, Prof. P.V.G.D Prasad Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, presented Gold Medals and Prizes and Ph.Ds to remaining candidates. The Governor inaugurated the three Hostel buildings --Sir Mokshagundam Viswesvarayya Hostel, Bharat G-20 Presidency Hostel and Sathabdhi Classic Hostel-constructed with the support of old students College of Engineering.









Engineering College Alumni. This modern hostel building spans over five floors and was built at a total

AU News, September: The newly constructed Sri Mokshagundam. Visweswaraiah Hostel Complex at Andhra University

Hostel Complex at
Andhra University
was inaugurated
by the Governor in
collaboration
which was
constructed with
the support of AU

cost of Rs. 7.5 crores. The construction was carried out in phases, with the first three floors being completed at a cost of Rs. 3.75 crores. These three floors provide accommodation for 150 students across 48 rooms. The Engineering College Alumni Association took the initiative to construct and donate this building to Andhra University. Additionally, plans are in place to construct another two floors in the coming year. The complex is also set to benefit from the installation of the underground drainage system, beautification of the surroundings of the premises, and the construction of access roads. This facility will significantly enhance student accommodation and contribute to the overall infrastructure development of the university.

India - The G20 Presidency Hostel.

This hostel building has been constructed for international students. It is designed to be useful for international students. 44 rooms have been built in it. This new hostel has been constructed to accommodate the growing number of international students in the university.

#### "Shatabdi Classic Hostel"

This hostel was built on two floors with the funds provided by the Government of India. A foundation was built to support the construction of five floors. It was constructed with the funds provided by the central government at a cost of Rs.2 Crores. In this building, 60 rooms have been constructed for students. With the availability of these hostels, the university students will get more and better facilities.



AU News, September: The 87th, 88th, 89th, and 90th combined Convocation was celebrated at on a grand scale. The ceremony took place at Dr. CR Reddy Convocation Hall of AU and was presided over by AU Chancellor and Governor Sri Abdul Nazir. During the ceremony, doctorates were awarded to research students, and honorary doctorates were also conferred on eminent personalities of excellence. The event was held under the supervision of AU Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.V. G.D. Prasad Reddy.













Dr. Dharmasoth Rama Devi received PhD for her

they have evolved intellectually,

Dr. N.Shiva Rama Krishna received LLM

#### Ph.D in Hospitality Management

Dr. S.Prashant received Ph.D in hospitality management. He was awarded in the year 2019. He was from the department of Commerce and Management. He is currently the GM of Daspalla hotels. He stated that he is primarily interested in education which is the reason he completed his diploma, degree and post- graduation in Hospitality management. He takes great pride in receiving the doctorate in the hospitality sector. Quoted "Graduation is all about creating memorable experiences" is echoed around the auditorium, where there is a palpable sense of success and pride.

#### Ph.D in Pharmacology

Dr.Daniel Raju received PhD in pharmacology. He was awarded in the year 2020. He was from the department of pharmacy. currently a professor Vignan Institute Technology. He mentioned that "everyone may reminisce about the friends they made, experiences they had, and the personal growth they achieved during their time at university. extremely proud to be part of this convocation, as I got

#### Ph.D in Pharmaceutical Sciences

thesis in pharmaceutical sciences. She was awarded in the year 2020. She was the department from Pharmaceutical Sciences. Currently an associate professor at the Samuel George Institute of Pharmaceutical Markapur-Prakasam District. She says " I'm immensely happy and proud to get the best thesis award" and thanked the university for recognising her hardwork and also to her professors and mentors who had supported her throughout the journey. A special thanks to Vicechancellor Sir, who has arranged the Convocation for graduates to take view

#### **LLM in Corporate Security Law**

emotionally, and socially during their time at university.

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Degree in Corporate security law and constitution and administrative law. He was awarded in the year 2020.Currently a lecturer at GOVT. Degree College, Karvetinagaram, Chittoor District. He mentioned that the professors are excellent, talented and highly knowledgeable. Their guidelines have helped to enhance my skills. "Law is about justice and fairness," he reflected. "I'm honored to join the legal profession and uphold these principles, even in the face of challenges." I'm

extremely honoured to be a part of this convocation with my fellow graduates and experience this after years.

#### **Gold Medal in Law**

graduates.

Namballa Bhagyalakshmi received gold medal for her thesis, which was awarded in the year 2018. She

the opportunity to experience this with my fellow



help of Professor Sumitra Madam. I am immensely happy to have received a golden pathway for my study at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar College of Law, Andhra University.

#### Ph.D in Classical Music

Manjula Chintalapati received PhD in classical music. She was awarded in the year 2018. She was from the

was from the department of music and dance. She is a guest faculty at Andhra University.

Currently teaching students music for over 10 years and her contribution towards music is impeccable. She quoted "her unique fields of study have shaped her experiences aspirations, making

and aspirations, making convocation day a memorable occasion". Graduation ceremonies can be emotionally charged. Students may become emotional when they walk across the stage to receive their diplomas, especially if they have faced personal hardships during their academic journey.



#### Vanibala receives Ph.D in Zoology



AU News,September: K Vanibala has been awarded Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Zoology for her thesis Effect of Probiotics on Water Quality Parameters and Vibrin Lands in Penamis Vannamai Cultivation Funds from Vizianagaram District of Andhra Pradesh, ".Prof. K.Samatha, Rector, handed over the Ph.D. Proceedings to Vanibala.

## Senior Journalist receives M.Sc Degree



AU News, September: Vice Chancellor Prof. P.V.G.D Prasad Reddy presented the Master of Science degree to senior journalist Gantla Srinu Babu. He was graduated in MSc Psychology during the year 2020. Registrar Prof. V Krishna Mohan, Rector Prof. K. Samatha and others participated in this program. On this occasion, Mr. Srinubabu thanked the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Prasad Reddy for presenting him the M.Sc Degree in Psychology.

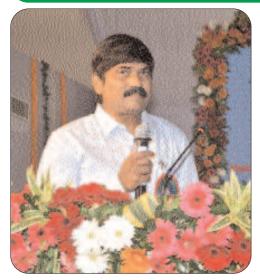
### Registrar inaugurates Skill Development Programme



AU News, September: The inauguration of the one month Skill Development Programme on Shrimp Farming and Better Management Practices under AU-Avanti Aquaculture Skill Development Centre in Visakhapatnam was significant event. program was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Prof. V. Krishna Mohan, Registrar of Andhra University, with Dr. A.K. Reddy, Director of AU-Avanti ASDC presiding over the function. During the event, Prof. P. Jankiram, Head of the Departments of MLR & Zoology at AU, welcomed the dignitaries, faculty of MLR Department, AU, and the trainees for the program. Dr. A.K. Reddy, in his presidential address, highlighted the founding of Avanti Group of Companies Late Sri Alluri Venkateswara Rao, who played a significant role in establishing the Feed Plant, Shrimp Hatchery, Processing Units, and the Aquaculture Skill Development Centre. Reddy also acknowledged the visionary leadership of Sri Alluri Indra Kumar, Managing Trustee of Avanti Foundation, who conceptualized and established the Aquaculture Skill Development Centre. He mentioned that the center was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sri Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy, along with Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy, Vice-Chancellor of AU, and Sri Alluri Indra Kumar on August 1, 2023. Prof. P. Jankiram, in his

address. welcome emphasized Avanti Foundation had entered into an MoU with Andhra University to establish the Aquaculture Skill Development Centre, aiming to produce a quality-trained workforce for the aquaculture sector. congratulated the trainees for participating in the Hands-on Training Program and wished them success in completing the course. Dr. Phani Prakash, Administrator of AU-Avanti ASDC, Visakhapatnam, provided an overview of the course during his introductory remarks. noted that this was the 16th Skill Development Program conducted at the center and the first program for 30 days in the year 2023-24. The program had 20 trainees with educational qualifications ranging from B.FSc, M.Sc, and B.Sc, hailing from Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh. The course was designed as a hands-on training program, with 13 days dedicated to theory and practical analysis at ASDC, Visakhapatnam, and 17 days for on-field hands-on training at shrimp farms. The hands-on training at shrimp aquaculture ponds was arranged by Sri S. Mohanty, General Manager of Avanti Feeds Limited. Prof. V. Krishna Mohan, Registrar, who was the Chief Guest, highlighted the rapid growth of the aquaculture sector and its potential for production, development, export, and foreign exchange earnings. He acknowledged the challenges faced by the sector, including the need for quality inputs and trained manpower. Prof. Krishna Mohan praised Avanti Group significant for its contributions to aquaculture sector in India, supplying quality inputs and contributing to processed seafood exports and feed demands. He stressed the importance of industryacademia collaboration to transfer technology achieve sustainability. The establishment of the Aquaculture Skill Development Centre at Andhra University commended for producing quality-trained manpower for the industry. Prof. Krishna Mohan emphasized the importance of following standard norms to protect the environment and maintaining balance between social and industry demands. He encouraged the trainees to interact with subject experts and acquire knowledge, highlighting this program as an excellent platform for learning the latest and innovative techniques in aquaculture. He congratulated the ASDC organizing programs and wished the trainees success in their future endeavors as experts aquaculture and entrepreneurship. Prof. K. Ramesh Babu and Dr. Ramachandra Ganesh of the MLR Department, and Sri Ch. Brahma Reddy participated programme.

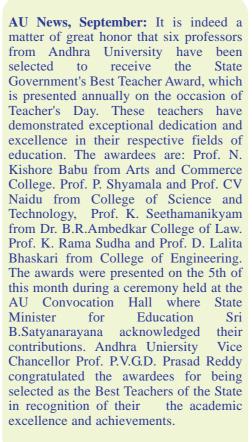
## State Best Teachers from AU























# AU Celebrates Teachers Day with pomp and gaiety



AU News, September: Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Best Academician Awards have been presented annually at Andhra University to recognize teachers who have made exceptional contributions to teaching and research. This year Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, presented the Awards to Prof V. Girija Shastri, from AU College of Pharmacy. Prof. P. Rajesh Kumar, who serves as the Head of the ECE Department at AU Engineering College and Prof. G. Nanaji Rao, Head of the Department of Mathematics. Prof. Prasad Reddy congratulated the awardees and said that the teachers should work with dedication and devotion. Rector Prof K. Samatha, Registrar Prof. V. Krishnamohan, Academic Dean Prof. N. Kishore Babu, Principals Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao, Prof. G. Sashibhushana Rao, Prof. Y. Rajendra Prasad, Prof. T. Sobhasri, Dr. Krishna Manjari Pawar participated in the programme.



Andhra University College of Arts and Commerce Principal Prof. A. Narasimha Rao was greete by the Head of Department of Physical Education Prof. A. Pallavi, On this occasion, Prof. Narsimha Rao said that the teachers should become role models for students. AU Director of Physical Education and Sports Sciences Prof. N Vijayamohan, Head of Department of Sociology Dr. V. Srimannarayana, Head of English Department, Dr. N. Solomon Benny, Head of Department of Economics Prof. Pulla Rao and others participated.



AU News September: Teachers Day was celebrated at Andhra University with great enthusiasm and vigour. The day began with AU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.V.G.D. Prasad Reddy, paying tributes to the statue of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on the premises of AU Arts College. The event was attended by a distinguished gathering, including Rector Prof. K. Samatha, Registrar Prof. V. Krishnamohan, Principals Prof. A. Narasimha Rao, K. Srinivasa Rao, Y. Rajendra Prasad, T. Sobhasri, G. Sasibhushana Rao, K. Visveswara Rao, V. Vijayalakshmi, Deans, Heads of Departments, Professors, and students. Officers, Professors, researchers, and employees took the





The Celebration of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan birthday and Teachers Day at Andhra University was event. Professors and students came together to pay their respects to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan by offering flowers at his portrait. This occasion also served as an opportunity for students to express their gratitude and appreciation for their teachers. A congratulatory meeting, organized by the students, featured the participation of several distinguished individuals, including Prof. N. Vijaymohan, Director of the Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences, Head of the department, Prof. A. Pallavi, Dr. Vasudevaraju, Dr. Ch. Satyanarayana, Sports Association President Prasad, as well as scholars and students Participated.





opportunity to extend their heartfelt greetings to Vice-Chancellor Prof. Prasad Reddy recognising his contributions to development of quality education and providing world class infrastructure on the campus. This celebration reflects the deep respect and appreciation for the role of teachers in shaping the future of students and society.



AU News, September: Teachers Day was celebrated in the Department of Telugu. Prof.Jarra Appa Rao, Head of the Department, emphasized the importance of studying society rather than merely studying subjects. He highlighted the contributions of great thinkers like Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan in spreading the philosophy of Indian society to the world through deep analysis and philosophical perspectives. He said great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Mother Teresa and Abdul Kalam had a deep



understanding of society's needs and worked towards humanity's betterment. Prof. Apparao also pointed out that Spiritual rulers like Buddha and Ashoka recognized the significance of humanity over kingdoms and emphasized the role of education in fostering humanity. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was a teacher himself, played a crucial role in training students and advocated for the youth to follow his example and contribute to society. Professor Dr. Ayyagari Seetharatnam, Busi Venkataswamy, Dr. Kattepogu Ratnasekhar, Dr. Pendyala Lavanya, Dr. A. Venkateswarlu Yogi, Dr. Girish Kumar Patnana Dharmarao, M. Rama Rao, as well as research students, graduate students, and others.partcepated.

### **Governor presents Best Researcher Awards**





AU News, September: The Governor presented Best Researcher Awards to four distiguished professors at the combined Convocation. Prof. V. Krishna Mohan, Professor of Commerce and Management Studies and Registrar, Prof. K. Srinivasa



Rao, Professor of Statistics and Principal of College of Science and Technology, Prof. B. Mohan Venkatram, Professor of Commerce and Management Studies, Prof. Vazir Mohammed, Professor of Civil Engineering, received the Best Researcher



Awards from the Governor in the presence of Vice-Chancellor Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy.

The Governor congratulated the Best Researchers for their research and academic contributions to their respective subjects.



## **AU invites applications for admissions into various courses in Andhra University**

AU News, September:
Applications are invited for admission into various courses offered in Andhra University.
M.Tech.M.Planning evening courses (for locally employed persons) offered at A.U. Engineering College (A).Application form, Admission Information

Brochure-IV, Registration Fee, Eligibility Criteria, Number of Seats and Fee Structure for the above courses are given in A.U. website: www.audoa.in Candidates are advised to download the Application, information. Brochure-III from the website from 08.09.2023. Filled in applications along with requisite Registration fee and Photo copies of certificates for department applied should reach the office of Directorate of Admissions on or before 18.09.2023 by 5 P.M. The schedule of counseling is given below and Separate call letters will not be sent for Application should be accompanied with A DD for counseling. Rs.1000/- towards registration and processing fee drawn in favour of the Registrar, A.U. Common Entrance Test Admission Account on any nationalized bank payable at Visakhapatnam. The candidates appearing for counseling must produce all the required certificates listed in the application form and two recent passport size photos. The candidates have to pay a counseling fee of Rs.600. The candidates should come prepared to pay the course fee if seat is allotted on the spot. In addition to the course fee the candidate has to pay Rs. 3000/- as accreditation fee in the principal office, A.U. College of Engineering, after admission.

The seat shall be allotted only if all the Original Certificates are produced and fee is paid at the time of admission. No extension of time is given in this respect. For further details, candidates may visit the website. Last date for submission of filled in Applications is www.audoa.in 18.09.2023. A minimum of 6 seats for a course should be filled to run the course. Courses offered. Date and Counseling: Admissions for M.Tech./ M.Planning Evening Courses (for locally employed M.Tech./M.Planning Courses (Evening): M.Tech. Chemical Engg, Structural Engg, Power Electronic Drives & Control, Radar & Microwave Engg, Electronic Instrumentation, Architecture & Marine Engg, Industrial Engg, CAD/CAM, Thermal Engg, Instrumentation Engg, Medical Instrumentation, Industrial Metallurgy, Computer Science & Technology, (Environmental).

AU Director of Admissions Prof. D.A.Naidu, said that

AndhraUniversity, Visakhapatnam in collaboration with Bollineni Medskills (A Unit of Aditya Educational Society) is offering the following courses for admission into self-supported courses for the academic year 2023-2024. Master of Hospital Administration Duration Two Years Degree (Any Group) Intake Seats 40Proposed Fee (Rs.) per annum 45,000/- PG Diploma in Critical Care Technology One Year Eligibility M.B.BS, B.D.S, B. Sc, B. Pharmacy, B.Sc. Nursing / B.A.M.S/ B.H.M.S, B.Sc. Intake Seats 15, Proposed Fee (Rs.) 50,000/- per annum PG Diploma in Emergency Medicine Technology One Year, M.B.BS, B.D.S, B. Sc, B. Pharmacy, B.Sc. Intake Seats 15, Proposed Fee RS 50,000, PG Diploma in Gastroenterology Technology One Year M.B.BS, B.D.S, B. Sc, B. Pharmacy, B.Sc. Nursing / B.A.M.S/ B.H.M.S, B.Sc. Intake Seats 15, per Annum Fees RS 50,000, Last date for submission of offline Applications without fine is 25-09-2023 Admission counseling (tentative)26-09-2023, For details visit www.audoa.in. / Contact: 7207953919, 7680945357.

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