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TU 14th Annual Convocation today

■ 9,853 candidates to receive degrees ■ K. Kasthurirangan to deliver Convocation Address



Shri. Vajubhai Vala



Dr. K. Kasthurirangan



Col. (Prof.) Y. S. Siddegowda



Tumkur: The varsity walls look poised, the lanes seem to be abuzz with people who are enthralled to celebrate the academic excellence of their friends. The campus shimmers with sparkling lights and colourful tapering. Yes, Tumkur University is all set to celebrate its Fourteenth Annual Convocation.

A magnanimous stage is set at Dr. Shree Shree Shivakumara Mahaswamiji Auditorium to host the Convocation. The ceremony will begin at 11am on March 5. Amidst the global

pandemic, the Convocation beams as a ray of hope for the academia and students.

His Excellency Sri Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala, the Governor of Karnataka and Chancellor of Tumkur University will preside. Padma Vibhushan Dr. Krishnaswamy Kasthurirangan, Chancellor, Central University of Rajasthan, Former

Chairman, ISRO, and NEP-2020 and Kartaka Knowledge Commission, will be the chief guest, who will deliver the Convocation Address. Col. (Prof.) Y. S. Siddegowda,

Vice Chancellor, Tumkur University, will present the University's annual report.

A total of 9,853 candidates belonging to different disciplines will receive degrees in this Convocation. They comprise 03 D.Litt., 147 Ph.D, 1,716 post graduate, 7,992 under graduate candidates, informed the Vice Chancellor during a media conference on March 3.

The University has declared five ranks each for all the post graduate degrees, ten ranks each for BA/BSc/BCA/BCom/

Honoris Causa to I.S. Prasad

Tumkur University will present Honoris Causa to Sri I.S. Prasad during its 14th Annual Convocation to be held on March 5. The honorary degree will be conferred on him for his distinguished contributions to the society.

Mr Prasad has rendered yeoman service to the society through working for health amenities, education and empowering the youth, besides being active in trade and industry, a release from the University said.

During his tenure as the Executive President of Kidwai Cancer Drug Foundation, he helped cancer patients save money up to Rs. 36 crore by providing drugs at concessional rates. The Foundation donated Rs. 1.12 crore for the induction of a blood bank at Kidwai Hospital in Bangalore. While he was the Secretary of Lions Club of Bangalore West Trust, he was responsible for the inception of



Shri. I.S. Prasad

many eye hospitals across Bangalore. Through this Trust, Mr Prasad promoted more than 1.50 lakh free eye surgeries and extended the services to rural areas like Hole-narasipura, Kollegala and Dommasandra. The International Eye Bank collected more than 30,000 donor eyes and performed 7000 corneal transplants, while more than 1.16 lakh donors pledged their eyes. Mr I.S Prasad has been a distinguished Chartered Accountant in Bangalore for nearly four decades. Presently, he is the Senior Vice President of the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI). Prasad pursued BSc from Christ College, Bangalore, in 1978. In 1983, he was graduated in Law from Bangalore University. In 1982, he cleared Chartered Accountancy. Mr Prasad has a Diploma in Information Systems from the ICAI of Delhi. He is proficient in Corporate Audit, Taxation and Service Taxes.

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BBM/BSW/B.Ed (semester scheme), 01 each for BFA, 02 for BA Integrated Kananda Pandith, and 03 for B.Voc. degrees. The Uni-

versity will award 92 Gold Medals for 73 students and 6 cash prizes too.

Glittering glories: Count TU's accomplishments

In spite of the challenges posed by Covid-19 that has shaken the entire world, Tumkur University has handled its responsibilities in 2020-21 in the best possible manner. It has performed well in the key areas of higher education such as teaching, research, publication and extension. Here is a bird's eye view of the significant feats recorded by Tumkur University in the academic year 2020-21.

Academic progress

The university, at present, runs 28 post graduate courses. M.Com. and MCA courses are being started at the Tiptur Post-graduate Centre. MSc in Mathematics and MBA courses are being launched at the Sira Campus. Apart from the two constituent colleges, namely, University College of Arts and University College of Science, Tumkur University has 91 affiliated colleges. The university has been striving to-

wards increasing the enrolment ratio at the under graduate and postgraduate levels. A total of 33,085 students have got admitted to the undergraduate courses, while 3,040 students have got admitted to the post graduate courses in the current academic year. It can be noted here that 57% among them are women.

New Campus Development



Development of new campus of the University at Bidarakatte is fast progressing. Construction of SC/ST Hostels for boys & girls, SC/ST Research Scholars Hostel, and Boys' Hostel under RUSA

Grants are on the verge of completion. Construction of Sub-Regional Science Centre for Karnataka Science and Technology Promotion Society (KSTePS), Kala Bhavan, Pre-examination training centre, main entrance gate and an academic block is in progress. 25 acres of land has been earmarked for the proposed postgraduation centre at Tiptur. The Centre for Excellence at Sira is ready for inauguration.

Institutional ranking

Tumkur University, despite being a young university, has managed to scale up to match well-established universities and secured NIRF rank in the band of 100-150. It can be noted here that only 5 universities out of the 23 universities in Karnataka could figure in this ranking. Besides, the University has been ranked as a 3-star University under Karnataka State Universities Rating Framework (KSURF).

NAAC B+ Grade



Excellence in higher education is measured by institutional accreditation and ranking. As a means of self-assessment, the University has undergone the second cycle of accreditation by the NAAC. The university has secured B+ Grade this time, indicating improvement in its academic strides. The varsity is expecting still higher grades, and an appeal has already been placed before the NAAC for the same.

Accolades to the Vice Chancellor

It is matter of pride to the University that its Vice Chancellor Col. (Prof.) Y. S. Siddegowda has received laurels at the national and international level for his able administration and dynamic leadership. 'Honorary Colonel Rank' from National Cadet Corps (NCC), Government of India, 'the Most Dedicated Vice Chancellor' award from the Golden AIM Awards, 'Outstanding Academic Leadership Award' from the International Chamber for Service Industry are the honour he received recently. He has been nominated for 'the Most Influential Vice Chancellor' in the academic field, which he will be receiving from the Golden AIM Awards on April 8, 2021. He has drawn attention at the state and national level for his unique style of administration.

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Think tank mulls over NEP



Vice Chancellor Col. (Prof.) Y. S. Siddegowda inaugurating the seminar on NEP at Sir M. Visvesvaraya Auditorium. Prof. B. T. Sampath Kumar, Arun Kumar, Pradeep B. Gururaj are seen.

Tumkur: Changing socio-economic conditions have led to degradation of human values, said Vice Chancellor Col. (Prof.) Y. S. Siddegowda. He was addressing a seminar on the 'Role of Teachers in National Education Policy: Awareness, Orientation, Challenges and Responses' organized by Tumkur University in association with NITI Ayog and Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal on February 25. Karnataka pioneered in

implementing the new National Education Policy. The NEP was framed after reviewing the opinion and suggestions of various voluntary organizations, experts and academia, he noted. The NEP is aimed at achieving excellence by adopting our own education system which is based on culture and values. We don't have a future if we don't emphasize on extensive research in the coming days, he emphasized.

Sri Pradeep B Gururaj of Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, during his address, said, "It is always better to adopt regional education policies while framing a new education policy. The NEP is going to remove the lines between different faculties such as Arts, Science and Commerce. Each student will get an opportunity to learn the subjects of his choice irrespective of his stream," he explained.

The NEP speaks about specialized universities such as multi-disciplinary universities, research universities, and teaching universities. Foreign universities are entering India, and it is inevitable for us to reach higher levels in order to compete with them, he added.

Sri Arun Kumar, In-charge, Institutional Project, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal delivered the key note address. Registrar Prof. B. T. Sampath Kumar welcomed the gathering. Seminar coordinator Dr. Joy Nerella compered.

■ Ravikumar M.N

'Babuji was unrivaled fighter'

Tumkur: Babu Jagjivan Ram was an unrivaled fighter and a courageous hero of India, said the Vice Chancellor of Tumkur University, Col. (Prof.) Y. S. Siddegowda.

He was addressing students after inaugurating a special lecture on the 'Role of Babuji in Green Revolution and Economic Development' organized by Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Study Chair at Sir M. Visvesvaraya Auditorium on February 19.

He admired Babuji for being well versed in Sanskrit. "He was a well-read leader. During his tenure at the Ministry of Agriculture, new technology and the use of fertilizers were implemented to increase the agricultural yield across the nation," Prof. Siddegowda recalled.

Delivering the special lecture, Prof. Shivananda Kelaginamani from Kuvempu University said, "Untouchables are not yet free from the taboo of

untouchability. The gap between the haves and the have nots is still prevalent in many regions of India. Babu Jagjivan Ram had faith in the community's strength and had led them during the First War of Independence. He worked closely with Gandhiji for their upliftment."

When Babuji was the Union Agriculture Minister, he presented the 'Tiller is the Owner of the Land' bill in the Parliament. He stressed on building processing and storage units for agricultural produce. Babuji should be credited for introducing fair price shops and distributing ration cards across the country, so that people irrespective of their class can get sufficient food, Prof. Kelaginamani added.

Dr. Dwarkanath V., the Convener of Babu Jagjivan Ram Study Chair among others were present on the occasion.

■ Narasimhamurthy N.K.



Col. (Prof.) Y. S. Siddegowda, The Convener of the Babu Jagjeevan Ram Study centre, Dr. Dwarkanath and Prof. Shivananda Kelaginamani were part of the special lecture

Training camp for Scouts & Guides conducted



Vice Chancellor Col. (Prof.) Y. S. Siddegowda inaugurating a camp for Rover Scout Leaders and Ranger Leaders at Tumkur University. B. R Venugopala Krishna, Subhashini R Kumar, Prof. K. G. Parashurama are seen.

Tumkur: Students need to develop discipline, self-control and be service oriented. The educational institutions must encourage students to practice moral values and participate in extracurricular activities along with their academics, said Vice Chancellor Col. (Prof.) Y. S. Siddegowda.

Speaking after inaugurating a training camp organized by Tumkur University and the district unit of Bharat Scouts and Guides recently, he said organizations like Bharat Scouts and Guides, Red Cross, NSS and NCC believe that service can bring about social change.

Our every action leads to pros and consequences. Good values shape human personality. Service forms the foundation of a happy life. With the help of these organizations, we can ensure a well-balanced and value-based education system, he said.

K Gangappa Gowda, Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, regarded youth as the power house of the nation. "A teacher needs to be disciplined and possess a good personality to inculcate morality in students. Apart from the curriculum, extra-curricular education is the need of the hour. Knowledge and service help the students to shape their future," he added.

B. R Venugopala Krishna, Subhashini R Kumar, Surendra A. Shah and Prof. K. G. Parashurama were present.

■ Abhishek M.V

ICSSR special project to Dr. Ramesh Salian

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) has sanctioned a research project worth Rs. 4.5 lakh to Dr. Ramesh Salian, Assistant Professor in Economics, University College of Arts, Tumkur University, recently, under the special call for studies focusing on social science dimensions of Coronavirus pandemic. The project titled 'Use of Information and Communication Technology in Containing COVID19 impact on Indian Agriculture-A Study' is expected to be completed in 9 months. Dr. Ramesh Reddy, Dr. Joy Nerella and Dr. Umesh S. E. will be the co-project directors.



Sahitya Academy Award to Prof. DVP

A book titled 'Nolambara Shasana-galu' (Inscriptions of Nolambas) authored by Prof. D. V. Paramashivamurthy, Professor and Chairman, Dr DVG Kannada Adhyayana Kendra, Tumkur University has been selected for the Book Award of Karnataka Sahitya Academy. The book is co-authored by D. Siddagangaiah. The award includes a cash prize of Rs. 25,000.



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Count your accomplishments

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Effective handling of Covid-19

When regular classes could not be conducted due to the Covid lockdown, we could quickly adapt ourselves to the new online system and continue the regular academic endeavours. Our teachers fulfilled the academic requirements of the students through online platforms such as Zoom App, Google Meet, YouTube etc. It is pleasing to note that both our teachers and students have transformed themselves to the expectations of the future by developing the skills of the digital age. Tumkur University has successfully conducted exams and announced results quickly by following the Covid guidelines set by the Government.

Implementation of NEP-2020

Tumkur University is marching ahead towards the effective implementation of the ideals of the new National Education Policy-2020. Tumkur University has been considered the most suitable place for implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) due to its academic excellence,

value practice and research culture. The university is committed to implement the key principles of the NEP, i.e., accessibility, equality, accountability, affordability & quality in education.

Village adoption

A wide range of extension activities including village adoption, school adoption, library improvement programmes have been undertaken. Five villages, viz., Bidarakatte, Mudigere, Domanakuppe, Gollarahatti and Menasandra, have been adopted in the vicinity of Bidarakatte, where the new campus of the University is being developed. Ten schools in different taluks of Tumakuru district have been adopted for development. Tumkur University is leading in extension activities among other universities. Building improvement, library improvement, computer infrastructure development are some of the objectives of adoption programme. The extension activities have reached out to more than 30,000 beneficiaries using the resources of the University.