

Ninth Convocation of The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education

The ninth convocation ceremony of the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE) Hyderabad, was held on July 12 at Shilpakala Vedika, Hyderabad.

Graduating Students:

During the convocation 1687 students received their degrees. 05 students were conferred their PhD degrees, 1089 students were awarded MBA degrees. In the other streams 2 LLM, 57 BBA-LLB (Hons), 181 B Tech and 319 BBA degrees were awarded. MMS degrees were awarded to 34 students.

Gold and Silver Medals - MBA Stream:

Medals were awarded to students for academic excellence and all round excellence. Akshay Bhargava received the gold medal for academic excellence in the MBA program. Pranahitha Rajuladevi received the silver medal for academic excellence and also the 'Faiyaz Ahmed Khan Memorial Gold Medal' as the First Rank holder in the Finance stream.

N J Yasaswy-Apollo Hospital Best Student Award:

Tushar Srivastava of B Tech class of 2019 received the NJYasaswy-Apollo Hospital Best student award for all round excellence. The second prize went to Nabaneet Ganguli of MBA class of 2019.

Saurabh Sharma Memorial Gold Medal

The 'Saurabh Sharma Memorial Gold Medal' for being the First Rank holder in the Marketing stream of the MBA program was awarded to Swarna Latha Venda.

Gold and Silver Medals – BBA, BBA-LLB (Hons.) and B.Tech Streams:

P V S Abhishek Sarma and Vishal Mishra received the gold medal and silver medal respectively for academic excellence in the BBA program while Singavarapu Saidheeraj and Nikita Mor received the gold medal and silver medal respectively for academic excellence in the B.Tech. program. In the BBA-LLB (Hons) program the gold and silver medals for academic excellence were awarded to Bisweswar Muni and Baishakhi Bose respectively.

Best Teacher Award:

Prof. Vighneswar Swamy won The N J Yasaswy-Apollo Hospitals Award for the Best Teacher.

Mr. Ravi Venkatesan, former Chairman, Microsoft Corporation (I) Pvt Ltd. and former Chairman, Bank of Baroda delivered the convocation address dwelling on the topic 'How to Flourish in Turbulent Times'. He said the age of free ride has come to an end and what future holds is a mixed bag of opportunities in terms of scarcity of highly skilled personnel, huge prospects for entrepreneurs; and challenges due to squeeze on formal sector jobs, transactional employers, and convulsive shifts in VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity). Mr Ravi Venkatesan told the students to attempt more gigs, projects, and build a portfolio and see career as an opportunity to explore and navigate through life. Future belongs to go-getters, risk takers, agile learners, and those who can navigate change he said. He emphasized on the role of character in not only securing success but also adding meaning to one's life.

He advised the students to build a positive attitude and adopt a growth mindset that would help them look at failure as a springboard for success. The 21st century needs skills like creativity and innovation, communication, research and information, critical thinking and problem solving, he said.

Addressing the students who were receiving the graduate and post graduate degrees he said, character is a competitive advantage for every individual. He told them to attract opportunities, and not seek them by excelling in their field of activity and by building reputation. The secret of a successful life and career is to find a purpose which is a combination of passion, mission, vocation and profession, he said.

Dr C Rangarajan, Chancellor of the University, presided over the function. Delivering his address, he congratulated the graduating students and said "As you enter a new stage in your life, your future is intertwined with the future of this country. But, at the same time, you have the opportunity to shape it. The country welcomes you as the future leaders of change." He said that youngsters have a major role to play in making India a US\$ 5 trillion economy in the next few years and good education is necessary for reaping benefits of the demographic dividend that Indian has.

Prof J. Mahender Reddy, Vice Chancellor highlighted the University's endeavors towards promoting quality higher education. He presented a report on the progress made by the University during the year 2018-19. He informed that the university established Center for Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Incubation in 2019 to nurture entrepreneurial qualities among students. He also highlighted the achievements of various departments and students in the University.

On the occasion Dr. A V Rama Rao Founder, Chairman & Managing Director of AVRA Labs was given the honorary doctorate.