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A Report by the Vice Chancellor



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I. Introduction

Respected Chancellor Dr. C. Rangarajan; Hon'ble Chief Guest Dr. Srivari Chandrasekhar, Secretary-Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, Mr. K. K. Venugopal, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi; Dr. B. V. Doshi, Vastu Shilpa Consultants, Ahmedabad; Dr. H. R. Nagendra, Chancellor, S-VYASA (Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana, Deemed to be University u/s 3 of the UGC Act, 1956), Bengaluru; Smt. N. Sobharani Yasaswy, Chairperson and Sri. V.R. Sankara, President, Board of Governors of the ICFAI Society, Distinguished Members of the Board of Management, members of the Academic Council, the Finance Committee, and the Planning and Monitoring Board and IQAC; members of the faculty, staff, and graduating students and parents, members of the media, ladies and gentlemen, a warm welcome to you all.

We are honored by the presence of our Chancellor, Dr. Chakravarthi Rangarajan, the Chief Guest, Dr. Srivari Chandrasekhar. We are happy to honor three great personalities Mr. K. K. Venugopal, Dr. B. V. Doshi, and Dr. H. R. Nagendra on whom we are conferring Honoris causa. Their presence makes it a great day for me, for the graduating students, and for all of us here.

Dr. Rangarajan, Chancellor of the University, is a leading economist who has played a key role both as an academician and as a policy maker in India. Currently, he is the Chairman, Madras School of Economics; and President, C. R. Rao Advanced Institute for Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science.

Previously, Dr. Rangarajan has held several important positions which include, the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India; Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister; Member, Planning Commission and also Chairman of the Twelfth Finance Commission. He was also Governor of

the united Andhra Pradesh, of Odisha, and of Tamil Nadu, and was a member of the Rajya Sabha.

Dr. Rangarajan was the President of the Indian Economic Association in 1988 and was again honored as the President of the centenary year (2017) of the association. He was also President of the Indian Econometric Society in 1994. He is the only economist in the country with these three distinctions.

Dr. Rangarajan has received several prestigious awards. Notable among them are Honorary Fellow of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, Alumni Award for Outstanding Leadership by the Wharton India Economic Forum, and the Finance Man of the Decade given by the Bombay Management Association. In recognition of his distinguished service to the country, the President of India honored him with the Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian award, in 2002.

On June 29, 2020, Dr. Rangarajan received the Prof P. C. Mahalanobis National Award in official statistics, for lifetime achievement. This is in recognition of the numerous distinguished and outstanding contributions he has made to the Indian Statistical System.

In August 2021, Dr. Rangarajan was nominated for the Prof. C. R. Rao Centenary Gold Medal, along with Prof. Jagdish Bhagwati of Columbia University, for their lifetime contributions to the fields of theoretical and applied aspects of quantitative economics and official statistics.

Most recently (November 2022), Dr. Rangarajan has written his memoirs “Forks in the Road: My days at RBI and Beyond.” The book published by Penguin, describes, India’s economic landscape, which changed completely over his career in the government spanning 32 years (1982-2014).

About the Chief Guest

Dr. Srivari Chandrasekhar - the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, is the former director of the Hyderabad-based Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)–Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT). Dr. Srivari obtained his Ph.D. degree from Osmania University. He was Alexander von Humboldt Fellow at Goettingen and post-doctoral fellow at University of Texas.

In July 2016, Asian Scientist Magazine published an article on ‘8 Scientists from India to Watch’, wherein they featured a handful of Indian scientists that are breaking new ground in space, biomedical science, pharmaceuticals and beyond. Dr. Chandrasekhar was one amongst them along with Bharat Ratna Prof. CNR Rao, Dr. Kiran Majumdar Shaw, and others.

Dr. Srivari Chandrasekhar has made significant contributions in diverse areas of organic chemistry and has 300 publications and 22 patents with over 8,900 citations. He has guided more than 80 Ph.D. students and 20 post-doctoral associates.

His team was awarded CSIR Technology Awards, including the 2021 award for Covaxin. He is recipient of several awards and accolades like the Golden Jubilee Commemoration Medal from INSA; Chemical Research Society of India's Silver Medal; Astra Zeneca Research Endowment Award; Infosys Prize for Physical Sciences; CNR Rao National Prize in Chemical Research; SASTRA-CNR Rao award for excellence in Material and Chemistry; Goyal Prize in Chemical Sciences 2017 and VASVIK Award 2018 for Chemical Sciences and Technology; National Academy of Sciences-Reliance platinum jubilee award; Ranbaxy Research award in Pharmaceutical Sciences

He is a fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences, Indian National Science Academy and National Academy of Sciences.

Let me say a few words about the students who are going to graduate today.

The University is proud of your success. I know that part of the last year (2021-22), you had to spend long hours in front of the screen, rather than side by side with your classmates, participating in various student club activities, competitions, performances, games, meetings with other students and teachers in the auditorium, etc. In spite of this, you have demonstrated remarkable resilience and creativity. Hearty congratulations!

Today, we celebrate a milestone that marks the completion of years of hard work and dedication. The successful completion of your degree is only one chapter of your story, and we at the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education look forward to seeing your future success.

In all, 2500+ students will be graduating. I would have loved to read out the name of every student. But that would take several hours. However, you will find your names on the screen.

As you graduate, you join the university's community of over 25,000 alumni all over India and the world. Each of you will play a role in shaping India for your fellow graduates, your families, and your communities.

2. Accreditations, Rankings, and UGC / AICTE approvals

2.1 Accreditations

AACSB and SAQS

The business school was accredited by AACSB in March 2020 and SAQS in August 2020.

NAAC

We have been accredited by NAAC recently in September 2022 with A++ grade and a score of 3.59 out of 4. Very few Universities in India are in this category.

2.2 Rankings and Ratings

Rankings

- The Business School has been ranked 32nd under the Management Category by The National Institutional Ranking Framework in the year 2022.
- The University has been ranked 5th by The Education World among the private Universities in India for the year 2022, up from 9th last year.
- IBS Hyderabad was ranked 6th among top private B-Schools by Education World for the year 2022-23. The school was ranked 6th among Top 150 B-Schools (Govt. & Pvt.) of India by Times B-School Survey 2022.
- The BBA Program offered by the University was ranked 20th among the top Indian Colleges offering BBA program in India by India Today 2022
- The engineering college has been ranked first in the category Top 20 Private Engineering Institutes in Telangana, (with reference to placements, Research capabilities and infrastructure) by Times Engineering Institutes Ranking Survey 2022.
- The Faculty of Law of the University was ranked 25th among the top Indian Colleges offering Law Programs in India by India Today 2022.

Ratings

The University received ISO 14001:2015 certificate and ISO 9001:2015 certificate for Quality Management System and Environmental Management System respectively.

2.3 Off-Campus Centre at Bengaluru

The off-campus center at Bengaluru, started in 2021 is successfully running BBA and MBA Programs.

2.4 AICTE Approval Process 2022-23

The University received extension of approval from AICTE for conducting programs in Management and Engineering.

2.5 Open and Distance Learning and Online Programs

Following the notification of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programs and Online Programs Regulations, 2020), the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) was established. The University offers MBA programs online as well as through open and distance learning. Together the current enrollment exceeds 800.

The Online MBA program was ranked number one on the parameter of “Faculty, Quality and Delivery” and number two in Overall Category by Careers 360 in October 2021. It was ranked number one in Telangana and number two in All India in the category of Excellence in Online Learning, by Education World, 2022.

Keeping the growth of online programs, we expect the enrolment to increase substantially in the future.

3. Research during the year 2021-22

306 Journal Publications (ABDC, Scopus, Web of Science, IEEE)

276 Books / Book-Chapters

11 Conferences organized

128 Conferences attended

10 Patents (3 Awarded and 7 Published)

215 Cases Developed

3.1 Research Areas

The University gives high priority to research and the entire faculty is engaged in it. The areas of research contributed by the faculty during the year are as follows:

Economics: Capital Markets, Commodity Derivatives and Risk Management, Sustainable Development Goals & Economic Growth, Innovation and Energy Efficiency, NPAs in Banking sector, MSME sector

Finance: FinTech, Block chain, Crypto currency, Corporate Governance, Behavioural Finance, Asset Pricing, Risk Management, Mutual Funds

Marketing: Social Media Marketing, Sustainable Marketing, Place Marketing, Services Marketing, and Consumer Brand Relationships.

OP& IT: Sustainable practices, cyber security, Online-security, Green practices; Telemedicine & digital healthcare, Blockchain in Supply Chain; Online shopping, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning

HR: Strategic HRM and Change Management, Talent Management, IoT and Health behaviors, Employee Engagement and wellness, Diversity Management, Electronic Human Resource Management.

Engineering: Digital Communication systems, Machine learning; Robotics, Embedded & VLSI design, Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Satellite and Wireless communications, Design and manufacturing engineering, composite materials, Thermal engineering, Alternate fuels.

Law: Environmental Law, IPR, Criminal law, Cyber Law, Banking Law and Constitutional Law

4. Case Research Center

The Business School of the University follows the case approach in its teaching. It has a globally renowned Case Research Center (CRC) which has established itself as one of the top case development centers in the world; both in terms of number of cases developed and usage by business schools and organizations. As of June 2022, CRC has close to 7,000 cases of which 2,500 are in digital flipbook format. More than 900 B-schools from over 80 countries use the CRC cases, with about 90% of them from outside India (mostly from North America and Europe).

The Business School faculty members won many prestigious case writing competitions in 2021-22, including, 'Best Case Award' in the 2021 Global Contest for the Best China-focused Cases, co-organized by CEIBS; The Financial Times Responsible Business Education Awards 2022. For the fifth consecutive year, in 2022, the faculty members won the prestigious Annual E-PARCC Teaching Case and Simulation Competition, organized by Maxwell School's "Collaborative Governance Initiative", Syracuse University, New York. The Business School was also a winner in the 32nd Case Centre awards announced in 2022.

CRC has seven of its authors featuring in The Case Centre's (UK-based world's largest repository of case studies) Top 50 Bestselling Case Authors' List for 2020-21. This is next only to Harvard Business School with nine authors. The Top Three bestselling authors are from CRC. Other authors in the Top 50 list include professors from Harvard, INSEAD, IMD, Stanford, etc. In 2021, The Case Center has recognized CRC as a Centre of Excellence in case study research, writing and production.

5. The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)

The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) is an initiative of the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) and spearheads all activities related to innovation and startup activities at IFHE. The IIC, since its inception in 2018, has been steadily involved with capacity building and awareness activities. Up to the end of the academic year 2021-22, the IIC conducted 19 workshops, 21 talks by experts, 7 orientation sessions and 4 Hackathons through the

4 entrepreneurship student clubs in each school of IFHE. The IIC also facilitated 44 student internships in various innovation hubs and industry partners - including for the Government of Telangana. The IIC has steadily grown from a two star rating in 2018 to a 4-star in 2021 (awarded by the Ministry of Education on a 5-star scale). In December 2021, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs granted permission for a Section 8 company to be established in IFHE which operates as a business incubator. The ICFAI Foundation For Higher Education Innovation & Entrepreneurship Council (IIEC) today functions from a 3200 sq. ft. space in the IcfaiTech building and is home to 15 incubatees who are working on their ideas to be translated into successful business entities. To help them in these efforts, the IIEC has empaneled investors, service providers and mentors - about 80% of whom are from the faculty members of IFHE.

6. Centers of Excellence

The University has the following Centers of Excellence:

1. Centre for Banking and Finance
2. Centre for Digital Transformation
3. Centre for Women Development
4. Centre for Cyber Law and Data Protection
5. Centre for Environment and Forest Law
6. Centre for Corporate and Commercial Law
7. Centre for Criminal Law
8. Centre for Intellectual Property Rights
9. Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
10. Centre for Robotics and Advanced Manufacturing
11. Centre for Blockchain Technologies

The idea is to emerge as an Institute of Excellence, which benefits the society. These centers are not physical spaces, but intellectual spaces, guided by selected members of the faculty in collaboration with external experts established with a view to solve societal problems.

7. School of Architecture

ICFAI School of Architecture was established in 2018 and offers Five Year Bachelor of Architecture Program, Approved by The Council of Architecture, New Delhi. The first batch of students will graduate next year in the year 2022-23.

At the core of ISArch is the highly qualified and experienced team of teaching faculty consisting of National and International Experts with rich and diverse experience from the domains of Academia, Research and practicing architecture.

ICFAI School of Architecture is one of the few select Schools of Architecture in India that have Collaborative Activities with Reputed International and National Institutions. They have signed a MoU with The Prestigious 150 year old Politecnico di Milano University in Milan, Italy which has a QS University Ranking of 10 in the world and 5 in Europe for Architecture/Built Environment. Recently we have signed a MoU with Boston School of Architecture.

The students and faculty of ISArch will be immensely benefited by the rich International exposure in the form of Exchange Programs, Workshops, and Conferences between the two Institutions. ISArch has also entered into MOUs with GEM-ASSOCHEM and US Based Green Business Certificate Institute.

8. Management Development Programs

The University has a strong industry interface through Management Development Programs for the government, public and private sectors. Despite the pandemic IBS conducted 7 MDP Programs for 605 participants totalling to 1,768 participant days. This year we have been successful in fostering new partnerships with National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), and National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme).

9. ICFAI Staff College

The ICFAI Staff College conducted over 100 Faculty Development Programs.

It has released a joint research report titled “National Education Policy 2020: Accreditation as an Enabler of Regulation in Higher Education” published jointly by Prof. M.K. Sridhar, CESS (Center for Educational and Social Studies), Bengaluru with and IFHE on May 31, 2022;

The Staff College conducted an Academic workshop by Coursera team on May 28, 2022 and a program on “Funding Opportunities for R&D” by Dr. D R Prasada Raju, Former Scientist and Head of Division, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, on July 27, 2022.

10. Research Projects

During the period July 2021 to June 2022, 37 research projects amounting to seed money of Rs.72 lacs were approved. The scope of the research projects included, but not limited to, Factors Influencing Parental Hesitancy for Covid-19 Vaccine; Effectiveness of Entrepreneurship Development Programs; Impact of New Labour Codes on Employee Welfare; penetration of Fintech applications among marginalized women; crowd funding as a sustainable source of funding; motivation of teachers in higher education; development of low-cost diabetic eye-care aid; use of AI and ML in bio-medical applications; automating vehicle insurance process using blockchain technology; development of 3D printable

biodegradable polymer-based bio composites; development of digital learning platforms in Universities; usage of digital payment modes in rural Telangana; impact of covid-19 on MSMEs in Telangana; solar energy adoption & sustainable livelihood and solid waste management.

I I. Special Lectures

a. N J Yasaswy Memorial Lecture

The Tenth N J Yasaswy Memorial Lecture was delivered by Mr. Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce and Information Technology, Government of Telangana, on December 03, 2021, on the topic 'Role of HEIs in the Modern Context'. The lecture was presided over by the Chancellor, Dr. C. Rangarajan.

b. Foundation Day Lecture

The Twelfth Foundation Day Lecture was delivered by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog on March 15, 2022, on the topic 'Atmanirbhar Bharat – Challenges in Implementation'. The lecture was presided over by the Chancellor, Dr. C Rangarajan.

c. Special Lecture Series by the Chancellor, Dr. C. Rangarajan

As part of Macroeconomics course for MBA students, a series of three lectures were delivered by Dr. C. Rangarajan online in December 2021. The first lecture on December 07, 2021 was on the topic 'Three Decades of Economic Reforms in India'. The second lecture on the topic 'Growth and Policy Coordination in the context of Covid-19' was held on December 17, 2021. The final lecture was held on December 24, 2021, on the topic 'Evolving Contours of Monetary Policy. All students, research scholars and faculty members attended the lectures.

I 2. Addresses by the former Vice Chancellor Prof J. Mahender Reddy

- a. The Vice Chancellor made a presentation virtually in the "National Consultations on Regulatory Systems in Higher Education" for Southern India on 28th December, 2021 organized by the Ministry of Education, Government of India and UGC.

It was chaired by Mr. K. Sanjay Murthy, the Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of India. Secretaries of Higher Education from the state governments, Chairman and Vice Chairman of State Councils of Higher Educations, Vice Chancellors, Directors, Deans and faculty members from various Universities, colleges and institutions participated in the consultations.

- b. Prof J. Mahender Reddy Participated in a Two Day National Seminar (December 22-23) on “Synergizing Higher Education in the Context of NEP-2020: Strategies for Implementation” in the Academic Leaders Conclave held on December 22, 2021 at Prof G. Ram Reddy Center for Distance Education, Osmania University.

It was attended by Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE and Prof. Limbadari, Chairman, TSCHE apart from 35 other Vice Chancellors from the state of Telangana.

He also made a presentation on the topic “Internationalization of Higher Education and Institutional Development Plan for Higher Educational Institutes” in a panel discussion with the Vice Chancellor of Hyderabad Central University Prof B J Rao and Director of IIT Hyderabad Prof B S Murthy on December 23, 2021 at Tagore Auditorium, Osmania University.

- c. Prof J. Mahender Reddy participated as a ‘Speaker’ in the Panel Discussion on the topic “Best Practices and Innovations in achieving global competitiveness” in the event organized jointly by the Collegiate and Technical Education Department, Government of Telangana in association with ‘IndiGlobal Media Network’ in Hyderabad on December 4, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Shri Navin Mittal, IAS, Commissioner, Collegiate and Technical Education Department.
- d. Was felicitated by the Chairman, Telangana State Council for Higher Education and Commissioner for Collegiate and Technical Education of the Government of Telangana on October 21, 2021 on the occasion of IFHE securing NIRF Rank for the year 2021.

13 Student Activities

Student activities remain at the core of the philosophy of education at IFHE. The University strongly believes in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities being very much a part of the day-to-day life of students. The University has 54 vibrant student clubs which provide a platform to the students to continuously hone their leadership, managerial, and technical skills. During the last academic year, these clubs conducted close to a thousand events, online and offline, and participated in numerous competitions. Pandemic situation could not slowdown the enthusiasm of students and added new dimensions to the way these activities could be organized. In fact, we saw an opportunity to reach out to more number of students not only across the country but also across the globe.

The University conducted various national level events such as ‘Trishna – Management and Cultural Fest’, ‘Entrepreneurship Week’, ‘C-Suite – A

Boardroom Challenge', 'Sankriya – IT and Operations Conclave', 'PECUNIA – Online Quiz Competition', 'AAVEG –Inter-college sports fest', 'Corporate Month' and 'Prakaran - Article-writing competition'. These events saw participation of more than ten thousand students from more than 500 institutions, including all top B-Schools, from across the country.

The students of IFHE emerged winners in various managerial, cultural, and technical fests conducted by IIM-Ahmedabad, IIM-Indore, IIM-Calcutta, IIM-Rohtak, IIT-B, IMT-Nagpur, IMT-Hyderabad, S P Jain-Mumbai, Nirma University, and Symbiosis Institute of Management, Hyderabad.

IFHE takes pride in the fact that our students participated in various social service activities such as organizing Covid-19 Awareness Camps, Blood Donation Camps, social awareness camps, waste management, and visits to NGOs, providing legal aid and legal awareness to nearby villagers, and conducting leadership training to students in government schools. They have also extensively participated in various awareness campaigns like - Save Energy and Water campaigns, No Child Labour, Women Empowerment, Save Environment etc. "Anokha Utsav" is a unique initiative of one of our student clubs, where every month students celebrate their birthdays with different NGOs, thereby spreading happiness and joy, while imbibing social responsibility in return.

The University celebrated International Yoga Day, Teachers' Day, Engineers' Day, National Science Day, Constitution Day, Swami Vivekananda's Birth Anniversary as National Youth Day, Republic Day, International Blood Donor's Day, and International Women's Day. The University has also conducted several competitions like – essay-writing, painting, dancing etc as a part of 75 years of Independence Day celebrations – 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. They also presented an exhibition of the freedom fighters as well as unsung heroes from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh during freedom struggle. The students also came forward to have a unique event based on the theme 'Unity in Diversity' where performances of different cultures of India were showcased, creating awareness of India's rich cultural heritage.

I 4. Placements

In the Faculty of Management 1,083 MBA graduates were placed till date. The recruitments were done by 170 companies from various sectors of industry, with 70 of them being first time recruiters. BBA students have mostly opted for their family business or higher studies.

In the Faculty of Science & Technology 264 students graduated. Till date 155 students have been placed, 3 have started their own startups, 98 graduates have opted for higher education.

In the Faculty of Law out of 172 students who passed out, 40 students are placed, 10 students are going for higher education in and the rest have joined the legal profession.

15. Graduating Students

Following are the details of the students who will be graduating:

1.	PhD	10
2.	MBA	1155
3.	Executive MBA	23
4.	MMS	90
5.	LLM	6
6.	BBA-LLB Honors	134
7.	BA-LLB Honors	30
8.	B.Tech	279
9.	BBA	757
10.	BA (Economics)	14
11.	B.Sc.	7
	Total	2505

16. Medals, Prizes, and Awards (COE to furnish the data)

This year three awards will be given to best teachers in the Business, Law and Engineering faculty. In addition, 28 other medals will be awarded to the outstanding students in various categories.

1. A Gold Medal is being awarded to the First Rank holder for Academic Excellence in the MBA Class of 2022. This year, the award carrying a cash prize of ₹30,000 goes to **Harshit Garg**.
2. A Silver Medal for Academic Excellence in the MBA Class of 2022 carrying a cash prize of ₹20,000 goes to **Brundavanam Phani Teja**.
3. The Saurabh Sharma Memorial Gold Medal fund has been constituted by the parents of **Mr. Saurabh Sharma**, a bright and upcoming student of MBA Class of 2002, who met with a tragic end. The memorial medal is awarded to the First Rank holder in MBA - Marketing stream. The award comprises a Gold Medal and a cash prize of ₹10,000. This year, the award

goes to **Nandini Kalia** for securing the First Rank in MBA – Marketing stream.

4. The Faiyaz Ahmed Khan Memorial Gold Medal fund has been constituted by the parents of Mr. Faiyaz Ahmed Khan, a bright and upcoming student of MBA Class of 2002, who met with a tragic end. The memorial medal is awarded to the First Rank holder in MBA – Finance stream. The award comprises a Gold Medal and a cash prize of ₹10,000. This year, the award goes to **Akershit** for securing the First Rank in MBA – Finance stream.
5. The Manish Reddy Raavi award has been constituted by Mr Manish Reddy Raavi, an alumni of the MBA Class of 2018. This award is given to the best student in the MBA – Finance stream. The award comprises a citation and a cash prize of ₹10,000. This year, the award goes to **Karan Ketavarapu**.
6. The Govind Shanbogue award has been constituted by Mr. Govind Shanbogue, an alumni of the MBA Class of 2008. This award is given to the best student in the MBA – HR stream. The award comprises a citation and a cash prize of ₹10,000. This year, the award goes to **Padmaja Kar**.
7. A Gold Medal is being awarded to the first rank holder for Academic Excellence in the BBA program. This year, the award carrying a cash prize of ₹30,000 goes to **Abhinaya Ramakrishnan**.
8. A Silver Medal is being awarded to the Second Rank holder for Academic Excellence in the BBA program. This year, the award carrying a cash prize of ₹20,000 goes to **Japneet Singh Bindra**.
9. A Gold Medal is being awarded to the First Rank holder for Academic Excellence in the BA (Economics) program. This year the award carrying a cash prize of ₹30,000 goes to **Anirudh Ashok**.
10. A Silver Medal is being awarded to the Second Rank holder for Academic Excellence. This year, the award carrying a cash prize of ₹20,000 goes to **Tadi Pranay**.
11. A Gold Medal is being awarded to the First Rank holder for Academic Excellence in the B.Tech program. This year, the award carrying a cash prize of ₹30,000 goes to **Ayush Kumar Karn**.
12. A Silver Medal is being awarded to the Second Rank holder for Academic Excellence in the B.Tech program. This year the award carrying a cash prize of 20,000 goes to **Sahiti Reddy**.
13. A Gold Medal is being awarded to the First Rank holder for Academic Excellence in the B.Sc. program. This year, the award carrying a cash prize of ₹30,000 goes to **Thrishika H Reddy**.

14. A Silver Medal is being awarded to the second rank holder for Academic Excellence in the B.Sc program. This year, the award carrying a cash prize of ₹20,000 goes to **B Abhinav Preetam**
15. A Gold Medal is being awarded to the first rank holder for Academic Excellence in the BBA-LLB (Hons) program. This year, the award carrying a cash prize of ₹30,000 goes to **Dinavahi Valli Prathyusha**
16. A Silver Medal is being awarded to the second rank holder for Academic Excellence in the BBA-LLB (Hons) program. This year, the award carrying a cash prize of ₹20,000 goes to **K Gayathri**.
17. A Gold Medal is being awarded to the first rank holder for Academic Excellence in the BA-LLB (Hons) program. This year, the award carrying a cash prize of ₹30,000 goes to **Apoorv Gupta**
18. A Silver Medal is being awarded to the second rank holder for Academic Excellence in the BA-LLB (Hons) program. This year, the award carrying a cash prize of ₹20,000 goes to **Sudheshna Suryadevara**.
19. The N J Yasaswy Award for the Best student, for All-Round Excellence in the Law School, carrying with it a Gold Medal and a cash prize of ₹50,000 goes to **Apoorv Gupta**.
20. A Silver Medal and cash prize of ₹31,000 is being awarded to the Second Rank holder for All-Round Excellence in Law School. This year, the award goes to **Disha Agrawal**.
21. A Bronze Medal and cash prize of ₹21,000 is being awarded to the Third Rank holder for All-Round Excellence in Law School. This year, the award goes to **Akash Krishnan**.
22. A Gold Medal and a cash prize of ₹41,000 is being awarded to the First Rank holder for All-Round Excellence in the B.Tech program. This year, the award goes to **Arza Mahita Sri**.
23. A Silver Medal and cash prize of ₹31,000 is being awarded to the Second Rank holder for All-Round Excellence in the B.Tech program. This year, the award goes to **Prateek Sanghi**.
24. A Bronze Medal and cash prize of ₹21,000 is being awarded to the Third Rank holder for All-Round Excellence in the B.Tech program. This year, the award goes to **Himanshu Sharma**.
25. A Gold Medal and a cash prize of ₹41,000 is being awarded to the First Rank holder for All-Round Excellence in the MBA. This year, the award goes to **Aaratrika Lahiri**.

26. A Silver Medal and cash prize of ₹31,000 is being awarded to the Second Rank holder for All-Round Excellence in MBA. This year, the award goes to **Satyajit Nanda**.
27. A Bronze Medal and cash prize of ₹21,000 is being awarded to the Third Rank holder for All-Round Excellence in MBA. This year, the award goes to **Aayush Lalwani**.
28. The Mahesh-Eshan Recognition for Research Pursuits Award has been constituted by the PhD Alumni **Dr.Mahesh** and **Dr.Eshan** for the Best Student in the PhD program in Management. The award comprises a citation and a cash prize of ₹10,000. This year, the award goes to **Dr. Sonali Narbariya**
29. The N J Yasaswy Award for the Best Teacher in the Business School, carrying with it a citation and cash prize of ₹1,00,000 goes to **Prof. Radha Mohan** of the Business School.
30. The N J Yasaswy Award for the Best Teacher in the Science & Technology School, carrying with it a citation and cash prize of ₹1,00,000 goes to **Prof. Gouri Shankar Brahma** of the Science & Technology School.
31. The N J Yasaswy Award for the Best Teacher in the Law School, carrying with it a citation and cash prize of ₹1,00,000 goes to **Prof. Rakesh Suryadevara** of the Law School.

To sum up, the year has been great in teaching, research, and practice. I congratulate the students for bringing laurels to the University and contributing to its development.

17.To the Graduating Students

I want you to keep the following points in mind before you embark on the next stage of your life:

- Work together to solve the problems. Think positive.
- Knowledge alone is not enough. Skills and attitudes matter much more.
- Compassion and concern for others should be at the top of your mind

Our society needs you. You can play a crucial role in its transformation and bring laurels to the University.

I wish to place on record my gratitude to the Ministry of Education, the University Grants Commission, and the All India Council for Technical Education for their continued support in the management of our University.

I also wish to express my deep sense of gratitude to the members of the Board of Management, Academic Council, Finance Committee, Planning & Monitoring Board, IQAC, the Boards of Studies of various Faculties, and the

Strategic Management Committee for the tremendous support and cooperation we have received from them.

I would like to make a special mention of the parents of our students and all the graduating students who are participating in this convocation. We value your presence immensely.

I take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to all the stakeholders of the University – teachers, staff, students, alumni and recruiters – for their unstinted cooperation. I hope in the years to come, their sense of commitment and quality contributions will enable this University to scale new heights of excellence.

Thank you for your patient hearing. Now, I request the Chief Guest, to present the convocation address.





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