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**Seventeenth Convocation**

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**Hon'ble Shri E S L Narasimhan, Governor of Telangana & Andhra Pradesh, the Chief Rector of the University and the Chief Guest of the Convocation, Respected Dr. C. Rangarajan, Chancellor of the University, members of the Convocation, colleagues, dear students and esteemed guests. On behalf of the Executive Council of the University of Hyderabad and on my own behalf, it is my privilege and honour to extend you all a cordial welcome to the seventeenth Convocation of the University.**

**We extend a warm welcome to our respected Chancellor Dr. C Rangarajan, renowned Economist, Ex-Governor of the Reserve Bank of India and a distinguished former Member of Parliament. Former Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, Dr. Rangarajan is the Chairman of the Madras School of Economics, President of the Indian Statistical Institute and the Founding Chairman of the CR Rao Advanced Institute of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science. He also served as the Governor of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh from November 1997 to January 2003. After demitting that office, he took charge as the Chairman of the Twelfth Finance Commission. Dr. Rangarajan, a student of National College (Tiruchirappalli) between 1947 and 1949, graduated from Loyola College of the University of Madras in the commerce stream (where**

he was a contemporary of the Yale University Economics Professor T N Srinivasan). He later received his PhD in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1964. Dr. Rangarajan was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2002.

Our beloved Chief Rector and Governor of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh hon'ble Shri E S L Narasimhan is the Chief Guest for this convocation. Shri Narasimhan is a Gold Medalist from the Madras Presidency College and is a graduate in Law from the Madras Law College.

Shri Narasimhan joined the Indian Police Service (IPS) in 1968, and was allotted Andhra Pradesh cadre. Later in 1972 he moved to the Intelligence Bureau where he spent the rest of his service, till he demitted office in December, 2006. In the Intelligence Bureau, Shri Narasimhan held various assignments relating to national/internal security and was its Director too. He has a keen interest in application of technology for national security purposes. Shri Narasimhan has served two tenures in the Ministry of External Affairs. In the first instance he was posted as First Secretary in the Embassy of India, Moscow from 1981-84. During the assignment his role was a combine of physical security measures for the Mission premises and personnel security besides counter intelligence responsibility. He has also served

**in the Ministry of External Affairs from 1996-99 when he held the responsibility of overseeing the security aspects both human and physical of all the Indian Missions overseas.**

**Shri Narasimhan has varied interests ranging from getting to know people to music. He enjoys both Carnatic and Hindustani music. On demitting office as Director, Intelligence Bureau on December 31, 2006, Shri Narasimhan took over as Governor of Chhattisgarh on January 25, 2007. Shri Narasimhan moved over as Governor of Andhra Pradesh in January, 2010. He was again appointed as Governor of Andhra Pradesh for another term of 5 years in May 2012. Shri Narasimhan also assumed charge of the office of the Governor of Telangana on 2nd June 2014 in addition to the state of Andhra Pradesh.**

**Thank you sir, for agreeing to be our Chief Guest at this Convocation.**

**This year 1491 students are graduating and of these 193 are Ph.Ds. This brings the total number of Ph.Ds produced at the UoH to nearly 2180, and the number of graduating students since the time of its inception to over 23900. Before I present my report, I warmly congratulate all the graduates who are receiving their**

degrees today. My hearty congratulations are also to the 109 medal winners. I hope that for all of you, this is merely the beginning of more laurels and achievements, and as you leave the University to begin the rest of your life, there is no better advice to remember than that of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, *Have courage to think differently, courage to invent, to travel the unexplored path, courage to discover the impossible and to conquer the problems and succeed.*

Ladies and gentlemen, the University has completed 40 years and is regarded as one of the top Universities in India in the area of higher education, achieving honours and attaining standards that set a benchmark for other Universities in India. I am proud to share that this year our University has been chosen for the Visitors Award as the Best Central University in the Country and the award was given by the Honourable President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee. Our faculty strength is more than 400 and that of students is above 5200. The faculty have written over 1,260 books and more than 16,000 papers. We are also pleased to share the news that we have been granted 17 patents. All these have helped us achieve an eminent position of Excellence within the Central University system of our Country as indeed on the academic landscape of the nation.

**Our University has to excel internationally too and hence needs constant attention, and it requires minds that are open to new challenges. Many ideas are needed to fully realize the potential that the University has and must have, the destiny that we need to fulfill has to be fashioned by us each day, not just to see the opportunities that may arise, but also to see the responsibilities that we have. I am happy to share with you that the *University is among the top 3.8% institutions* providing higher education worldwide as per a study done by Centre for World University Rankings (CWUR). There are sixteen institutions from India in the top 1000 that include six Universities and ten institutes like the IITs, IISc, AIIMS, TIFR etc.**

**Our faculty have been associated with several important national and international bodies, held Professorships of distinction, both in India and abroad, and participated in the global educational arena with as much vigour as we have always done. Furthermore, they have been funded quite handsomely receiving grants from national and international funding agencies like UGC, MHRD, DBT, DST, EU, DoE, IUSSTF and so on. The University's current extramural R&D funding is about Rs. 230 crores.**

**In order to encourage the pursuit of excellence and teamwork in advanced teaching and research to**

accelerate the realization of international standards in specific fields, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has recently approved Special Assistance Programme (SAP) grants worth Rs 8.00 crores to the University of Hyderabad (UoH). The main objective of the programme is to identify and support university departments which have the potential to undertake quality teaching and research in various educational disciplines including allied disciplines. The Centre for Advanced Studies in Electronics Science and Technology; Departments of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics; Biochemistry; Plant Sciences; English and the School of Chemistry have been identified for these grants.

In its twelve Schools of study at present the University offers postgraduate and research programmes in several areas of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Arts, Management, Medical Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics and Statistics; and Computer and Information Sciences. There are also a large number of students under the Centre for Distance and Virtual Learning Programme through 14 PG Diploma courses.

The UGC-Human Resource Development Centre formerly known as the Academic Staff College at the University is one of the finest of such Staff Colleges established by the UGC. It has so far conducted

**Orientation and Refresher Courses for the benefit of more than 10,000 teachers from the colleges and universities all over the country. The University now has a Kendriya Vidyalaya for the benefit of its staff, and is also presently running a pre-primary (LKG and UKG) on the campus for the benefit of employees' children as well as for those from the neighbourhood.**

**Our annual student enrolment has grown steadily, now over 5,200 in regular courses. Entrance examinations for selection of students are conducted in more than 35 centres all over the country. The Library at the University has done very well and has a collection of over 3-lakh books and other reference material, and it subscribes to about 110 e-books, over 550 national and international journals and 47 online databases (includes UGC infonet digital library consortium). It is fully automated with special software for the visually-challenged students. We are also in the process of installing Wind Chimes at the junctions in the campus which will help the visually challenged students and persons for easy mobility.**

**Our commitment is to fashion a unique and excellent research University which will only be an asset for the country but also a role model for other institutions. Ours is a very special University in the way in which it has made a name for itself, in the way it has grown and**



**we aim to keep it a very special University in the way that it will continue to excel.**

**My colleagues and I have an important role to play in the process of guiding, educating and enabling our students who will be future citizens of this country. Nevertheless it is true that the University provides the opportunity for all of us- students as well as staff- to soar as high as we want. With freedom comes responsibility and that is what we would like to instill in our younger generation so that they can grow in their life and contribute to the nation.**

**Thank you all!**

**Jai Hind!**