

‘Use knowledge as an Astra to accomplish goals’ Vignanites were told.

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Shri. A. S. Kiran Kumar, popular Film Director
K. Viswanath and reputed ophthalmologist Kalpana Narendran.**

**‘Follow your dreams with enthusiasm’ Supreme Court Justice Lavu
Nageswar Rao advised our students.**

**Vignan’s University conferred gold medals on Best out Going Students and
Academic Toppers and awarded degrees to 1,114 outgoing graduates.**

Being graduated is a red letter day for celebration in the life of any student. For the same reason, the young and vibrant graduands of Vignan’s University came back to campus with their parents when they step into real lives with loaded memories and leaving their unique marks on their juniors.

Our University celebrated its fifth convocation on campus on 29 July 2017. The University felt extremely honour in conferring honorary doctorates to three stalwarts in three different areas. They are **Shri Kasinathuni Viswanath**, renowned film director, screenwriter and actor who has received many prestigious awards including Padma Shri and Dadasaheb Phalke, **Shri A.S. Kiran Kumar**, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organization and Padma Shri Awardee and **Dr. Kalpana Narendran**, the most renowned and dedicated professional and the Chief of Paediatric Ophthalmology, Coimbatore, India. Further, the most respected Supreme Court Justice, Lavu Nageswar Rao was the esteemed Chief Guest to this event.

During the convocation **Chairman’s Gold Medal** and **3 Endowments Gold Medals** on the names Sri Lavu Venkateswarlu, Sri Bandarupalli Venkateswara Rao and Sri Alapati Ravindranath were presented to Best out Going Students of the university. In addition **19** Gold Medals are also presented to branch wise academic toppers. The chief guest, Mr. Justice Lavu Nageswara Rao, Guests of honour Shri A.S. Kiran Kumar, Shri K Viswanath and Dr Kalpana Narendran, who attended the convocation, presented gold medals to the students of the university. Further, 1114 students received their degrees during the convocation.

In his convocation address, Shri Lavu Nageswara Rao exhorted students to achieve empowerment through education. *“Youth should develop the capability of overcoming all the hurdles coming in their way in the real lives with their degrees which are like knowledge weapons”* the Supreme Court Judge said. He advised the students to think anew and pursue their passion with their hearts as they step outside the portals of the university. *“As you are stepping out of protected environs of the university, you will be wondering what the world holds for you. The world is full of opportunities and success beckons those who work hard with integrity. “Time is short and it flies,*

make use of opportunities in life...Steve Jobs and Mark Zuckerberg started innovating when they were young. They were school dropouts but innovated world class products” said Mr. Rao. ISRO Chairman. Dr. Kiran Kumar said that the launching of Mars Orbiter Mission and Chandrayaan with indigenous technology was a tribute to youth power in the country. He further told India is in top position in cryogenic technology in the entire world because of greater participation of youth in the research activities. “ *If youth work collectively with determination, they can solve any problem under the sky and help the nation achieve rapid growth”* he said. Further, Mr. Viswanath said that he had felt extremely privileged to be given honorary doctorate in the presence of many great achievers. Dr. Kalpana said that Aravind Eye Care Centre has stood out for its quality eye care and its practice of doing free surgeries for 60% of patients which is being studied by International Business Schools. Our beloved Chairman encouraged the students to look through the lens of optimism and highlighted the significance of knowledge and skills along with ethical values in their lives. He further emphasized how Vignan is connected with the society at large and advised students not to stop till they reach their goals.

Vice-Chairman, Mr. L. Srikrishnadevarayalu, Chancellor, K. Rammurthy Naidu, Vice-Chancellor, MYS Prasad, BOM members, Dean E&M, V. Madhusudhana Rao, Registrar, Dr. M.S. Raghunathan, Deans, HoDs, faculty, staff and students were present in the occasion.