

The Seventh Convocation

The Seventh Convocation ceremony of IFHE, Hyderabad, was held on October 10, 2017 at IFHE Campus, Dontanpally, Hyderabad. 1,466 students were awarded degrees during the convocation.

Graduating Students:

During the convocation 1,466 students including 538 girls received their degrees. 15 students were awarded their PhD degrees and 1,078 MBA degrees. In the other streams, One LL M, Seven MMS, 16 BBA-LLB (Hons), 131 B Tech and 218 BBA degrees were awarded.

Gold and Silver Medals - MBA Stream:

Medals were awarded to students for academic excellence and all round excellence. Meghana Ramesh Gollapudi received the gold medal for academic excellence in the MBA program. Ravneet Chadha received the 'Saurabh Sharma Memorial Gold Medal' for being the First Rank holder in the Marketing stream of the MBA program and Gargi Nagpal received the 'Faiyaz Ahmed Khan Memorial Gold Medal' as the First Rank holder in the Finance stream of the MBA program. Vamsi Yuvaraj Suggula received the silver medal for academic excellence in the MBA program. .

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

Sloka Reddy Anugu and Kuntluri Nikhila Reddy received the gold medal and silver medal respectively for academic excellence in the BBA program while Abhinav Preetu and Chandra Shekhar Kaushik Palla 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 Manveen Sandhu and Yammanuru Siri Reddy respectively.

N J Yasaswy-Apollo Hospital Best Student Award:

Vamsi Yuvaraj Suggula of MBA program received Gold medal and 'N J Yasaswy-Apollo Hospital Best Student Award' for allround excellence in the University. P Abhilash of B Tech program was awarded the Silver medal for allround excellence in the University.

Best Teacher Award:

Prof Tamma Koti Reddy won 'NJ Yasaswy - Apollo Hospitals Best Teacher Award' for Overall Excellence.

Delivering the convocation address, Dr G Satheesh Reddy, Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri and Director General, Missiles and Strategic Systems, Defence Research and Development Organisation highlighted the importance of the spirit of learning leading to research, resulting in technologies that benefit the mankind. He urged the students to distinguish themselves as responsible, enlightened and productive citizens of the country, and use the knowledge they have gained to benefit the country. He said, "You have an important role to play as future citizens and ambassadors of our great country." He asked the students to be innovative and adapt constantly to economic and technological changes taking place around us. He said that artificial intelligence would impact our lives in unimaginable ways in days to come. On the progress our country made in the missile and space technologies have made in our country, he said, "The success of Geo-Synchronous Launch Vehicles, Agni Series of Missiles, Interceptor missiles, guided munitions, nuclear submarine INS Arihant, fighter aircrafts and the Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan missions have propelled us into an elite club of nations possessing 'niche' technologies."

For the success of 'Make in India' programme, he urged the academic institutes to become hubs of innovation and entrepreneurship, and collaborate with other academic institutions and research organizations. He asked the students to also take part actively in the Startup India Programme. He told them to stand by the values and principles of the founders of the university. He asked the students to be a continuous learner, and said, "Be broad-minded and tolerant. Never lose the zeal and spirit to question. Have the strength to defend what you think is right. These qualities, which your alma mater has instilled in you, will be useful as you move forward in your career." He concluded by appreciating ICFAI for nurturing culture of excellence throughout.

In his message to the faculty members, he said "I would appeal to the faculty of ICFAI to lay emphasis in research on specific goal oriented research topics, which are relevant to national needs and sometime specific to the region."

Prof J. Mahender Reddy, Vice Chancellor presented a report on the progress made by the University during the year 2016-17. He informed that during the year the faculty members of the University published 245 papers in professional journals of repute of which 25 were in A*/A Journals listed in Australian Business Deans Council Journal Quality list and 159 in Scopus listed journals. He also highlighted the achievements of various departments and students in the University.

Dr C Rangarajan, Chancellor of the University, presided over the function. Delivering his address, he called for radical changes in higher education. The reforms in higher education, he

said, have three dimensions – access, equity and quality. For ensuring quality he called for focusing on modernization of curriculum, efficient teaching, attitude of the students and reforms in examination system. Calling for change in the evaluation system he said, “the present evaluation system needs to be revamped to facilitate a more meaningful assessment of the students’ competence.” He also said that overhauling the examination system will bring improvement in the quality. “if that is done the rest will fall in place. A reformed examination system will keep teachers and students on their toes,” he concluded.