



PRESS REPORT ON THE SECOND GRADUATION DAY CEREMONY (27.3.21)

PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research (PSG iTech), Coimbatore celebrated the Second Graduation Day Ceremony on 27.3.21 (Saturday) in the newly inaugurated PSG Convention Center. Shri G.R. Karthikeyan, Founder Trustee, PSG & Sons' Charities, welcomed the gathering and spoke about the inception of PSG iTech and its vision for imparting quality technical education for the meritorious students across the country. He congratulated all the eleven university rank holders from various branches and 319 graduates of 2015-19 batch. Also, he welcomed the National Educational Policy (NEP), introduced by the Govt. of India, and its vision for establishing multi-disciplinary universities across the country for empowering quality higher education.

Prof M.K. Surappa, Vice-Chancellor, Anna University, delivered the commencement address. In his insightful address, he acknowledged the management for establishing the state-of-the-art PSG Convention Center, which will provide a platform for organizing distinguished lecture-series and world-class conferences. He congratulated all the university rank holders and graduates for their hard work and dedication. At the same time, he extended his appreciations to all their parents and members of faculty for their continued support. Prof M.K. Surappa lauded the visionary management in extending yeoman service for the society by producing quality education for all the members of the society. While he reminisced the visionary statement of Shri P.S.Govindaswamy Naidu, "Let there be Charity, so that others can share my family's prosperity" hundred years before, he requested the young graduates to consider such noble visionaries as their role models. Also, he appreciated the efforts taken by the PSG Management in providing job opportunities and skill development programmes for the upliftment of the society.

Further, he appealed to the graduates to focus on start-ups, which play an inevitable role in the development of the country. He requested the graduates to utilize all the knowledge and skills gathered over the years for uplifting the people around them. At the same time, he urged the graduates to think about the purpose of their lives, and, envision how they can transform the society in a meaningful way, with the help of latest and cutting-edge technologies. Especially, he prompted the graduates to think about taking the digital technologies to the reach of common man in the society, to simplify the work like applying for Aadhar Card and doing bank transactions; the above, defines real progress and success of the society. At the same, he insisted on data privacy and data security of individuals.



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With reference to Covid-19 pandemic, the Vice-Chancellor, encouraged the graduates to exploit the power of big data analytics in handling the pandemic situation by timely collection of exhaustive data at various stages. While he welcomed all the latest technologies, he mentioned that the challenge lies not in developing new technologies but overcoming the challenges faced by the society like covid-19, by effectively using such technologies. Therefore, he urged all the graduates to embark on the latest technologies in finding solution for the challenges faced by the society. Also, he listed out the breakthrough technologies identified by MIT that can impact the society like: green hydrogen, lithium-metal batteries, digital contact tracing, hyper-accurate positioning, remote everything, multi-skilled AI, TikTok recommendation algorithms, and GPT 3. In addition, he urged the young graduates to engage themselves in addressing the challenges of lithium-ion batteries for use in electric vehicles i.e. cost, life, quick charging, weight, inflammability during collisions etc.; also, alternate solutions need to be developed in these area of research by fresh engineers.

Citing the social progress index, he mentioned that it is need of the hour is to build an inclusive society rather than leading a sophisticated and luxurious life. He added that a progressive society has consider the various parameters to increase the social progress index like improved environment quality, access to healthcare and education, reduction in traffic density and crime rate, sanitation, access to drinking water, housing and so on. Small countries like Norway, Denmark, Finland and New Zealand secured places in Tier I, but the so-called developed countries like the U.S and U.K. secured places only in Tier II category.

Also, he appealed to all the graduates to lead an inspiring life, set higher goals in life and achieve them with utmost happiness. Further, he requested all the fresh graduates to adhere to the high moral and ethical values while uplifting the standard of life of an inclusive society. Finally, students were appealed to use their knowledge and skills that have acquired during their formative years at PSG iTech in solving the above-mentioned issues of the society.



Prof M.K. Surappa, Vice-Chancellor, Anna University, giving away the degree certificate to Ms. J.S. Pavithraa, who secured the ninth rank in the University exams. From the Left: Dr. I Abdul Aleem, Professor and Head, Dept. of Civil Engineering, Dr. G.Chandramohan, Principal, Shri. L. Gopalakrishnan, Managing Trustee, Shri. G.R. Karthikeyan, Founder Trustee, and Dr.P.V.Mohanram, Secretary are other dignitaries gracing the occasion on the dais during the Second Graduation Day Ceremony.



Prof M.K. Surappa, Vice-Chancellor, Anna University, delivering the Commencement Address during the Second Graduation Day held on 27.3.21 (Saturday)