



## VINAYAKA MISSION'S RESEARCH FOUNDATION

(Deemed to be University under section 3 of the UGC Act 1956)

### **Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), Salem** **18<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony held on 07.07.2025 News**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University) was held on 07.07.2025 at Annapurna Auditorium, Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Engineering College, Periya Seeragapadi, Salem.

The convocation was presided over by **Dr. A.S. Ganesan**, Chancellor of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University) who formally declared the proceedings open in the presence of **Smt. Annapoorani Shanmugasundaram**, Trustee and **Dato' Seri Dr. S. Sharavanan**, President of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Vice Presidents Mr.N.V.Chandrasekar, Dr.Anuradha Ganesan, Directors Mrs. Arunadevi Chandrasekar, Mr. N.Ramaswamy, Executive Directors (Campus Development) Mr. Gokul Krishnan Sharavanan, Madam. Vasundara Sharavanan, Madam. Aavardhini Chandrasekar of VMRF (DU) and other eminent members of the University's Governing Body.

The Vice-Chancellor **Prof. Dr.P.K.Sudhir** delivered the welcome address and highlighted the University's achievements through a detailed annual report. He emphasized VMRF-DU's commitment to quality education, research and community service.

The **Chief Guest of the convocation Dr. Shekhar C. Mande**, Distinguished Professor at Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune and Former Director General of CSIR, in his address expressed his gratitude to the university for inviting him as Chief Guest on this special occasion.

While addressing the graduating students, congratulated them on their academic achievements and highlighted the responsibilities that come with education. He urged students to adopt a scientific outlook, promote equality, and use resources responsibly. Emphasizing the role of innovation, he encouraged embracing technologies like Artificial Intelligence and Machine learning.

Drawing from Mahatma Gandhi's values, Dr. Mande stressed ethics, conscience, and character. He inspired students to contribute to nation-building, taking cues from great leaders like Subramania Bharati, Gandhi, and Buddha.



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He concluded by reminding students that while this milestone marks a proud achievement, it also signals the beginning of their greater role in society.

### **Convocation Highlights:**

A total of 3,962 graduates received their degrees across the diverse faculties including Medicine, Dentistry, Homoeopathy, Pharmacy, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Engineering & Technology, Management, Allied Health Sciences, Rehabilitation & Behavioral Sciences, Arts & Science, Physical Education, and Law. Among them, 54 were awarded Ph.D. Degrees. The ceremony also honored 113 Gold medalists, 95 Silver medalists, and 83 Bronze medalists for their outstanding academic performance.

### **Honorary Doctorate of Letters - Honoris Causa:**

A highlight of the event was the conferring of the Honorary Doctorate of Letters (Honoris Causa) upon **YB Senator Tan Sri Datuk Prof. Dr. Hj. Mohamed Haniffa bin Hj. Abdullah**, Pro-Chancellor & Executive Chairman, MAHSA University, Malaysia, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to education as well as with an unrelenting drive to heal, uplift and empower, reshaping his institutions, championed equity and inspired a legacy that bridges generations, industries and borders.

The Chancellor **Dr. A.S. Ganesan** administered the pledge to the new graduates, marking their formal entry into professional and academic communities.

### **About the University:**

Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University) is a multi-disciplinary institution with 13 constituent colleges and 14 schools across four campuses in Salem, Chennai, Puducherry and Karaikal, serving over 19,000 students. The university holds NAAC 'A' Grade accreditation, is recognized as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (SIRO) by the Government of India, and operates NABH-accredited hospitals with over 3,000 Beds.

In this event, Prof. Dr. J. Sabarinathan, Pro Vice Chancellor of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), Prof. Dr. A. Nagappan, Registrar of Vinayaka



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Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), Controller of Examinations  
Prof. Dr. K. Manivannan, All Directors, Deans, Faculty, Staff, Graduands and their Parents,  
participated in the Convocation.

**Prof. Dr. A. Nagappan**  
**Registrar**