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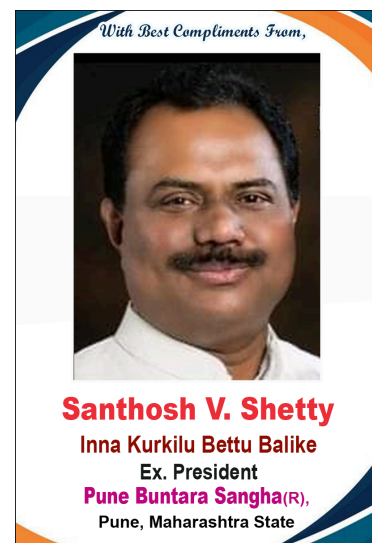
St. Joseph's University Holds Second Annual Convocation

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Bengaluru, September 27: St. Joseph's University held its second annual convocation ceremony on Saturday, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a procession of rank holders and special awardees, followed by the ceremonial march of dignitaries. The event was presided over by the Honourable Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, in the presence of the Honourable Minister for Higher Education, Dr M.C. Sudhakar, and Chief Guest Dr Jarugu Narasimha Moorthy, Director, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Thiruvananthapuram. Rev. Fr Dionysius Vaz, SJ (Chancellor), and Rev. Dr Victor Lobo, SJ (Vice-Chancellor), were also present.

A total of 2,747 students graduated this year, comprising 2,009 undergraduates and 738 postgraduates. Among them, 143 rank holders were recognised, including 99



undergraduates and 44 postgraduates. Additionally, 40 special prizes were awarded to outstanding achievers across academics, NCC, sports, and co-curricular fields. Dr M.C. Sudhakar (Minister for Higher Education) congratulated all the medal winners, mentioning the support from their parents and the faculty of the institution. “Opportunities don’t come to our doorsteps. We need to run behind the opportunities, make the best possible chances and see how we can progress in this competitive world”. He added.



In his convocation address, Dr J. N. Moorthy urged graduates to dream big, leverage emerging technologies, and pursue innovations to address pressing challenges such as green energy, waste management, healthcare, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence. “No one anticipated there would be something called software

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when I graduated in 1994. Today, it has transformed lives. This is the change I want you to envision—pursue everything with passion and resilience and bring pride to your parents, institution, and nation,” he said.



Honourable Governor Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, in his presidential remarks, reminded graduates to balance professional success with civic responsibility. "Respect your teachers and parents—they have shaped your success. Always remain grateful to them, and contribute to building a developed nation and serving humanity," he said.

Other dignitaries present included Dr. Godwin D'Souza (Controller of Examinations), Dr. Syed Wajeed (Registrar), Dr. Ronald J. Mascarenhas (Pro Vice-Chancellor), Rev. Dr. Swebert D'Silva, SJ (Pro Chancellor), Dr. Regina Mathias (Pro Vice-Chancellor), and Rev. Fr. Arun P. D'Souza, SJ (Finance Officer).

Established in 1882, St. Joseph's University marked 143 years of its legacy this year. The convocation paid tribute to its founders' vision, the dedication of faculty, the achievements of students, and the support of parents and alumni, reaffirming the institution's role as one of India's oldest centres of higher education.

