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AI computing, cybersecurity key for future: Minister Sudhakar at SJU convocation



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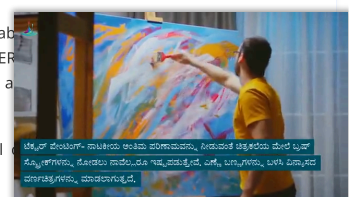
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Bengaluru: The Department of Higher Education is aiming to install specialisation facilities in both government and private institutions to foster skill building and help graduates get placed immediately, said Dr Malapalli Chowdareddy Sudhakar, the Honourable Minister for Higher Education, while addressing the second annual convocation held at St Joseph's University (SJU) on September 27, 2025.

The Honourable Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, presided over the inaugural convocation ceremony joined by the Honourable Minister for Higher Education, Dr. Sudhakar and the Chief Guest of the event, Dr. Jarugu Narasimha Moorthy, Director, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Vaz, SJ, the Chancellor, and Rev Dr Victor Lobo, SJ, the Vice-Chancellor of the University. The ceremony began with a procession by the special dignitaries in attendance.

A total of 2,747 students graduated, with 2,009 receiving their undergraduate degrees and 738 their postgraduate degrees, with a total of 106 of whom are female students.

The Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, reminded the attendees of the need to be responsible citizens as well as successful professionals. "Your teachers and parents have played a vital role in your success; teachers gave you knowledge... parents and family supported you," he stated, highlighting the importance of family life and education in a student's life.



Dr M C Sudhakar, in his speech, emphasised the importance of honing skills in today's world with the rise of fields like artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and cybersecurity. With the Department of Higher Education inaugurating the new Hewlett-Packard (HP) Artificial Intelligence and Gaming Lab at the Government Sri Krishnarajendra Silver Jubilee Technological Institute in Bengaluru, Mr Sudhakar highlighted the government's dedication to creating more facilities for skill development.



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Chief Guest of the ceremony, Dr. J N Moorthy, encouraged the graduating students to dream big while making the most of all the opportunities in these changing times. He outlined the responsibilities that the students should be aware of and work towards solving challenges, such as waste management, cybersecurity, and healthcare, faced globally and across the nation. "No one anticipated there would be something called software when I graduated back in 1994. And now lives have been transformed and made better," he said, emphasising the dynamics of technology.

The Vice-Chancellor of St. Joseph's University, Rev Dr Victor Lobo, SJ, welcomed the gathering and introduced the chief guests. The panel of attendees also included representatives of SJU, Dr Godwin D'Souza, the Controller of Examinations, Dr Syed Wajeed, the Registrar, Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Rev Dr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr Regina Mathias, Pro Vice-Chancellor, and Rev Fr. Arun P D'Souza, SJ, Finance Officer of the University. In addition to the prizes for rank holders, 40 special prizes were awarded to outstanding students from diverse fields such as academics, NCC, Sports, and other co-curricular fields, recognizing their individual achievements as well as their contributions to the University.

Founded in 1882 and completing 143 years since its establishment, SJU is counted among the country's oldest higher education institutions, and the second convocation ceremony is marked as a tribute to the nation's rich heritage that has nurtured its legacy. Degrees were presented to the graduating students while paying homage to the vision of the founders, the dedication of the faculty, and the accomplishments of students.

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Woman held for jewellery theft within 24 hours at Kollur Mookambika temple



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Kollur: Police have arrested a woman from Telangana for allegedly stealing jewellery worth ₹2.5 lakh from a devotee at Sri Mookambika Temple.

The complainant, Devipriya, reported that her handbag was stolen inside the temple premises, containing a three-pavan diamond necklace (a used CCTV footage and technical tracking to trace and arrest the accused, identified as Yadava Durgamma from Rangareddy district, Telangana.

The stolen ornament was recovered and handed back to the owner. The accused was later produced before court.

The operation was carried out under the guidance of PSI H.D. Kulkarni and Circle Inspector Nilesh Chauhan, led by PSI Vinay M. Kurlahalli, with the support of the security and the police staff.

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