



Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth

(Deemed to be University)

Sant Tukaram Nagar, Pimpri, Pune-18

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune, held its Fourth Convocation on Sunday, April 14, 2013. The Chief Guest for the function was Shri. Sharadchandraji Pawar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Food Processing Industries. Dr. P. D. Patil, President of the Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Society graced the occasion. Prof. K. B. Powar, Chancellor of the Vidyapeeth presided over the function. Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, eminent agricultural scientist, popularly known as Father of green revolution in India, and Dr. K. Kasturirangan, an Architect of India's Space Research Programme, were honoured with Honoris Causa Degree of Doctor of Science. Shivshahir Babasaheb Purandare, eminent historian and play-writer of the iconic play Janata Raja was honoured with Honoris Causa Degree of Doctor of Letters.

The academic procession comprising the Hon'ble Guests, the Deans of Faculties, and the members of the Board of Management and Academic Council and led by Shri. M. S. Phirange, Controller of Examinations, entered the Convocation pandal precisely at 5.00 p.m. After felicitation of the Guests, the Convocation was declared open by the Chancellor, Prof. K. B. Powar, following which Dr. P. N. Razdan, Vice Chancellor, presented the University Report. It detailed the activities at the University since the last Convocation. In the report, he took a quick review of the research activities, international collaborations, various grants received by the university, and social interface at Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth. He pointed out that the hospitals of the Vidyapeeth are providing free treatments to indoor patients, including sophisticated investigations. He also highlighted the achievements and honours brought to the Vidyapeeth by the faculty and students. The report closed with an advise to the graduantes to make the most of their degrees and worthy of people's love and respect.

In this Convocation, 719 graduands from the faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, Management, Allied Medical Sciences and Nursing were awarded their graduate and postgraduate degrees and diplomas. The degrees conferred by Hon'ble Chancellor Prof. K. B. Powar, following which the President Dr. P. D. Patil delivered the Exhortation in Sanskrit, followed by the English translation, advising the alumni to follow the path of truth, learning, morality and prosperity.

Gold Medals were presented by the Chief Guest Hon'ble Shri. Sharadchandraji Pawar.

Following the distribution of medals, the Honoris Causa degrees were conferred on three eminent personalities viz. Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, Dr. K. Kasturirangan, and Shivshahir Babasaheb Purandare, by the Chancellor Prof. K. B. Powar and degrees and citations were handed over by the Chief Guest Shri. Sharadchandraji Pawar and the President, Dr. P. D. Patil.

In his acceptance speech, Prof. M. S. Swaminathan stated that "I am pleased to see so many women graduating from this University and winning medals. This creates a gender friendly working environment in the country and I am sure that the eminent leaders such as Shri. Sharadchandraji Pawar will have noted the same". He also highlighted the efforts made and success achieved by the nation, in the field of agriculture.

Dr. K. Kasturirangan stated that there were enormous opportunities for young people in this country and he advised the students to make the most of them. He emphasized the importance of space technology in various fields such as agriculture, telecom, etc. He pointed out that new opportunities have emerged for the use of space technology in health sciences through tele-medicine.

Shri. B. M. alias Babasaheb Purandare stated that by conferring the Honoris Causa degree on him, the Vidyapeeth had enthused him to complete an updated biography of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Marathi, and in English as well.

The Hon'ble President, Dr. P. D. Patil, in his address wished the graduates a productive and successful career ahead. He stated that the Vidyapeeth had grown not just in size but also in quality, thanks to the zealous work by all the faculty and staff. Briefly acknowledging the contributions of different luminaries, he cited focus, dedication, commitment, continuity, perseverance and the strength to work unfazed as the common qualities in their lives and urged that students to emulate them. He stated that the graduates are the stewards of this nation and custodians of its rich tradition. Acquiring a degree was not the end, but the beginning of a new phase in life so they should never be complacent.

After the Convocation Address, the Chancellor Prof. K. B. Powar declared the Convocation closed and then the Procession retired.