



Date: 05<sup>th</sup> June, 2014

**MINUTES OF THE 08<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON**  
**10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014**

The Academic Council of Vignan University met on 10.05.2014 at 11.00 AM in the Srujana Seminar Hall with Dr.M.S.C.Bose, Vice-Chancellor in the Chair.

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**Members present:**

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| 1. Dr. M.S.C.Bose             | Vice-Chancellor – Chairman              |
| 2. Dr.Shanthi Swaroop         | Chief Technology Officer, Uurmi Systems |
| 3. Mr.D.Rama Krishna          | MD, Efftronics Systems Pvt. Ltd.        |
| 4. Dr.K.Babu Rao              | Director, NAVAYUGA INFOTECH             |
| 5. Dr.V.Madhusudhan Rao       | Director, DET                           |
| 6. Dr.Avireni Srinivasulu     | Member                                  |
| 7. Dr.R.Venkatnadh            | Member                                  |
| 8. Dr.B.Seetharamanjaneyulu   | Member                                  |
| 9. Dr.M.Murali                | Member                                  |
| 10. Dr.P.M.V.Rao              | Member                                  |
| 11. Prof. K.V.Kirshna Kishore | Member                                  |
| 12. Mr.E.Srinivas             | Member                                  |
| 13. Dr. M. Venkata Rao        | Member                                  |
| 14. Dr.V.Yegnanarayanan       | Member                                  |
| 15. Dr.P.Purushotham          | Member                                  |
| 16. Dr.S.Krupanidhi           | Member                                  |
| 17. Dr.N.Srinivasu            | Member                                  |
| 18. Dr.N.Veeranjaneyulu       | Member                                  |
| 19. Dr.N.Usha Rani            | Member                                  |
| 20. Dr.G.Durga Sukumar        | Member                                  |
| 21. Dr.N.Gnaneswara Rao       | Member                                  |
| 22. Dr.Vidhu Kampurath        | Member                                  |

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| 23. | Mr.A.Raghu Nath            | Member           |
| 24. | Mr.P.Bangaraiah            | Member           |
| 25. | Dr.A.Srinivasa Prasad      | Member           |
| 26. | Dr.Y.V.Rao                 | Member           |
| 27. | Dr.S.Rajeseckharan         | Member           |
| 28. | Dr.Ch.S.S.S.Murthy         | Member           |
| 29. | Dr.S.Asha                  | Member           |
| 30. | Mrs.A.Sharada              | Member           |
| 31. | Mr.D.Vijay Krishna         | Member           |
| 32. | Mr.P.B.G.S.N.Murthy        | Member           |
| 33. | Mr.A.Leelamohan Rao        | Member Secretary |
| 34. | Dr.B.Sarangapani           | Special Invitee  |
| 35. | Sri.L.Srikrishnadevarayalu | Special Invitee  |

## **Report**

At the outset the Vice-Chancellor Prof.M.S.C.Bose welcomed all the members. All the external members were presented with bouquets. Then the Agenda was taken up for discussion

### **I. Agenda for information**

#### **1. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting**

The Vice-Chancellor enquired whether there were any modifications to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 20-06.2013. As there were no comments or suggestions the draft minutes circulated to the members was deemed to have been approved.

#### **2. Agenda items for approval**

##### **(a) Introduction of new programmes**

##### **(i) UG Programmes**

The Director, Admissions stated that it was proposed to start two new B.Tech Programmes namely B.Tech. (Food Technology) and B.Tech. (Bioinformatics). Curriculum and structure of these two programmes were placed before the Academic Council for approval by Director, Academics The B.Tech Food technology programme is intended to help the farming community in the region through novel methodologies of food processing, preservation, etc. Director, Academics mentioned that B.Tech Bioinformatics programme operates at the intersection of biology and informatics wherein it

has become the prime focus of industry particularly in pharma, diagnostics, pharmacogenomics and forensics in the post-genomic era. These two programmes follow existing B.Tech (R13) regulations with Choice based credit system (CBCS) and were already approved by the respective Board of Studies. The courses in both these programmes orient the students towards employability, skill development as well as promote the spirit of entrepreneurship.

**Outcome:** The curriculum, structure and regulations of both B.Tech (Food Technology) and B.Tech (Bioinformatics) are approved.

Dean-Admissions proposed to discontinue the following UG and PG programmes from the academic year 2014 -15 due to continuous decrease in the demand or nil admissions.

**UG Programmes:** B.Tech- Mechatronics, B.Tech-ECM

**PG Programmes:** M.Tech- Image Processing & Machine Vision, Data Communication and Networking, Power Systems, Chemical Engineering, Data Sciences, Computer Networks and Information, CAD/CAM/CAE, Thermal Engineering, Nanotechnology, Automobile Engineering.

#### **(ii) PG Programmes**

From 2014-15 onwards, Dean-Admissions proposed to start three new specializations of M.Tech following Choice based credit system (CBCS)

1. M.Tech, in Structural Engineering
2. M.Tech, in Farm Machinery
3. M.Tech, in Food Processing Technology

Director, Academics stated that respective Boards of Studies had approved the Curriculum, structure, regulations and the syllabus of the above mentioned three new M.Tech Programmes. Director (Academics) explained the objectives of the three M.Tech programmes. The courses in the aforementioned three programmes contribute to employability or entrepreneurship or skill enrichment. The feedback from industry personnel was taken into consideration for floating the programmes.

**Outcome:** The Curriculum, structure and regulations of M.Tech (Structural Engineering), M.Tech, (Farm Power and Machinery) and M.Tech (Food Processing and Technology) programmes have been approved.

**(b) Academic Regulations & Revision of Syllabus - UG, PG, Ph.D.**

**(i) Revision of BBA programme:**

HoD, Department of Management Studies presented the revised Curriculum, structure and regulations of R14 BBA which follow Choice based credit system (CBCS). All the courses in the curriculum are placed to offer employability and tend to promote entrepreneurial skills. The feedback from various stakeholders including employers, students, teachers, parents, alumni for revision of curriculum was reviewed and recommended by Boards of Studies.

**Outcome:** The revised BBA (R14) Curriculum, structure and regulations have been approved.

**(ii) Revision of M.Tech programmes:**

Director, Academics presented the revised the curriculum of all M.Tech Programmes. The Revised curriculum, structure and regulations of M.Tech Programmes following Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) based on feedback from various stakeholders was put forward for discussion and approval. All the courses in the M.Tech programmes contribute to employability or entrepreneurship.

**Outcome:** After through discussions, the revised M.Tech (R14) curriculum, structure and regulations have been approved.

**(iii) Revision of Ph.D. programmes:**

Then Dr.B. Seetharamanjaneyulu mentioned that, a few modifications are proposed to the existing Ph.D regulations. The proposed modifications are on the aspects of removing the Foreign Evaluation of the thesis, introducing a seminar after one year of study and making the internal marks optional for the course work of Ph.D. It was finally agreed by the chair persons of Boards of Studies to have the thesis evaluation by three experts from India / abroad (instead of two), and the common opinion of two experts to be taken as final.

On the question of having a foreign evaluator / examiner, Dr.K.B.Rao commented that there should be no difficulty in getting a foreign examiner. There were many with Indian origin. Foreign origin should not be an issue. Dr.Santhi Swaroop advised to have one external examiner and two internal examiners. The Academic Council has considered aspects and approved the regulations stipulating to include foreign evaluators also in the panel and leave it to the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor in the final selection of evaluators. Dean, Academics presented the list of PhD courses that are to be

opted by students for pre-PhD course work that were recommended by DRC and BoS of various departments.

**Outcome:** All the courses for Ph.D along with the change in thesis evaluation pattern were approved.

**3. Agenda items for information and discussion**

**(a) Admissions**

**(i) Admissions Report 2013-14**

Initiating the discussion on agenda items Dr.M.S.C. Bose, the Vice-Chancellor requested the Dr. R. Venkatnath, Director, Admissions to present details of admissions, for 2013-14. Dr. Venkatnath reported the total the details as follows:

|                           |             |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| B.Tech.                   |             | 995         |
| BBM                       |             | 38          |
| M.Tech                    |             | 82          |
| MBA                       |             | 57          |
| MCA                       |             | 14          |
| Lateral entry into B.Tech |             | 35          |
| <b>Total admissions</b>   |             | <b>1221</b> |
| Ph.D.                     | I Semester  | 33          |
|                           | II Semester | 44          |
| <b>Total</b>              |             | <b>77</b>   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>        |             | <b>1298</b> |

The branch-wise break-up was placed before the Academic council for information.

Commenting on the admissions in general Dr. Ramakrishna said that parents and students usually would have certain notions about the utility and demand for certain academic programmes. They would not be ready to join new programmes because of such notions. The University should educate the students and also parents about the relevance and usefulness of the new programmes introduced. Otherwise the new programmes would not take off. Dr.Venkatnath respond to this by saying that the university had been creating awareness about the new programmes by conducting awareness meetings in collaboration with media. Dr. Ramakrishna enquired whether there was any Centre of Excellence and which branch at B.Tech level attracted more number of students. Responding to this Dr.Venkatnath stated that they had MoU with Indo-Nacop Chemicals Ltd., Vinukonda and also expecting to

develop a Centre of Excellence in food Technology. Then the Chancellor asked what were the star departments of the university based on the criteria such as placements, results and papers published. Dr.B.Seetharamanjaneyulu, Director, Academics replied that ECE department could be considered as the star department on the basis of results and placements where as Biotechnology department could be considered as the star department based on publications.

Dr.K.Babu Rao suggested that a proforma should be developed giving appropriate weightage to various parameters to have correct assessment.

Dr.D.Ramakrishna commented that public perception in this regard might be contrary to the assessment made by the university. Then Dr.K.Babu Rao suggested that the university should have feedback from all stakeholders.

**(ii) Strength of UG and PG Programmes**

Dr.Venkatnath stated that the sanctioned intake of students for all UG programmes put together was 1620 during 2013-14 and no change was proposed in the total strength during 2014-15. However, he stated that there is some change in the intake of certain branches from 2014-15. There was increase of 30 seats in Mechanical engineering and reduction of 30 seats in IT. The sanctioned strength of PG Programmes during 2013-14 was 474. No change is proposed during the Academic year 2014-15.

**(iii) Eligibility Criteria, Fee Structure and Fee Waivers**

Dr. Venkatnath placed before the Academic Council a statement showing the eligibility criteria, fee structure and fee waivers.

**(iv) V-SAT'14**

Dr. Venkatnath stated further that Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research University conducts an entrance test "V-SAT" every year for admission into B.Tech. Programme. V-SAT'14 was conducted online from 23.04.2014 to 27.04.2014 for 2014-15. 10655 candidates appeared for the test. In addition, certain students were admitted to the test on the spot. 10000 candidates were qualified. The results have been released by the Vice-Chancellor in a press conference on 09.05.2014. Counseling Schedule for admissions from 02.06.2014 to 08.06.2014 was released.

**(v) V-SAT-2014 in Nepal**

Dr. Venkatnath further informed the members that this year, a separate V-SAT'14 was conducted in Nepal. 2570 candidates applied for the test and 2153 attended.

**(vi) Vignan's Visist Chaatr Puraskar**

Dr. Venkatnath informed the members that the university distributed Vignan's Visist Chaatr Puraskar in the form of cash award to the prize-winners from among the +2 level students who appeared for Visisht Chaatr Pareeksha conducted by Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research University in north Indian states even to each subject. The test was designed to evaluate the cognitive abilities such as critical thinking and problem-solving ability and general aptitude besides knowledge and understanding of subjects. It has four sections: Maths / Biology, Physics, Chemistry and English / General Aptitude. This year, the test was conducted in Jarkhand, Bihar and Chattisgarh and 4405 students attended. Awards were given away during State level functions at Patna (Bihar), Ranchi (Jarkhand) and Bokaro (Chattisgarh).

The Chancellor Dr.K. Ramamurthy Naidu appreciated the scheme but wanted to know how many students were expected to join the B.Tech. programmes of the university from among the prize-winners. Dr. Venkatnath clarified that the test was not conducted for the sake of immediate admissions but to encourage talented students and to create awareness about Vigan's University and its sister institutions. Registrar Mr.Leelamohan Rao observed that the Puraskar might not have much impact immediately. But in the long run it creates a positive image of the university and that might increase the admissions.

**(b) Examination Results 2013-14**

Later the Vice-Chancellor turned to the next item of the agenda and requested Dr.PMV Rao, Director, Evaluation to report the results. He stated that the result showed continuous improvement in the pass percentage from 1<sup>st</sup> year to IV<sup>th</sup> year of B.Tech. Programme, showing the effectiveness of student support systems at the University.

He informed further that special supplementary examinations were conducted in the months of September 2013 and January 2014 for the B.Tech. students of 2009 admitted batch having one or two backlogs, to complete their academic requirements. A scheme of valuing the answer script for 100 marks instead of 60 marks was also offered for these students having less marks in internal examinations.

With the additional effect of these special programs, majority of the students, who were not able to complete their degree in the regular course work duration, could complete their degrees. He stated that after convocation, 123 students could clear the backlogs and become eligible for award of the degree.

Dr. Ramakrishna commented that the marks would not reflect the real ability of the student. He suggested that the university should set a benchmark for comparison. He advised that the results should be compared with those of other universities. The Chancellor welcomed the suggestion. He expressed the opinion that though distinctions were more, performance in the interview and placements would be the real test. IT industry was going to make selection process stringent. Infosys and Wipro already revised their test design. Dr.Santhi Swaroop said their company would select candidates based on practical experience. He also mentioned that examinations should be harder and the University should establish standards better than those of IITs. Dr. Ramakrishna said the industry would not bother about marks but would care for performance. Therefore the students should invariably have internship in the last year of their academic programme. Dr.K.Babu Rao opined that peer view would help. Dr.PMV Rao stated that as per the university norms in vogue the students of B.Tech programmes would have semester long internship in the final year. The Director, DET informed the Council that the university introduced a new question paper design introducing essay, short answer and objective type questions with defined difficulty level and giving appropriate weightage to various learning outcomes. The Vice-Chancellor assured the members that all the points raised and suggestions given by the members would be borne in mind while implementing the evaluation schemes.

### **(c) Faculty Recruitments**

The Director, DET said that recruitment of new faculty members had been an important activity in the Institute. Advertisement for faculty recruitment was given in news papers and also through Naukri. In this year a team of professors visited various IITs and conducted campus interviews for new faculty recruitment with the help of the Placement cells of the IITs. Through placement cells of various IITs 51 candidates were selected and 35 members gave consent to join at the end of June 2014.

Cadre wise details of recruitment were as follows:

**Staff recruited from July 2013 to May 2014**

| Department      | Prof      | Assoc Prof | Assist Prof | Total      | M.Tech from IITs & NITS | Ph.Ds     |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Agriculture     | -         | -          | 4           | 4          | 4                       | 3         |
| Automobile      | -         | -          | 1           | 1          | 1                       | -         |
| Chem Engg.      | 1         | -          | 1           | 2          | 1                       | 2         |
| CSE             | 5         | -          | 11          | 16         | 5                       | 7         |
| ECE             | 4         | 3          | 11          | 18         | 8                       | 6         |
| EEE             | 2         | -          | 8           | 10         | 6                       | 2         |
| Mech. Engg.     | 1         | 1          | 29          | 31         | 23                      | 6         |
| Bio-Tech        | -         | 2          | 1           | 3          | -                       | 3         |
| Civil Engg.     | 1         | -          | 8           | 9          | 8                       | 1         |
| S & H           | -         | -          | 10          | 10         | 3                       | 3         |
| Food Technology | -         | -          | 1           | 1          | 1                       | -         |
| Textile Tech.   | -         | -          | 2           | 2          | 2                       | -         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>14</b> | <b>6</b>   | <b>87</b>   | <b>107</b> | <b>62</b>               | <b>33</b> |

Out of the 107 recruited, 26 already joined and 55 more members had sent acceptance letters. Reply from others was awaited.

As on that day of the meeting, there were 269 faculty members (Professors: 30, Associate Professors: 36, Assistant Professors: 203). There were 51 doctorates.

Dr. Ramakrishna suggested that of late many Engineering Post Graduates who had gone abroad were returning to the country and seeking employment. It was particularly true in the case of Europe. Similarly, there were many who were frustrated with the industry for various reasons and seeking teaching job. The university should attract such persons as faculty. The Vice-Chancellor said that three doctorates from abroad were recruited during the current month. Some of them were asking for interview on line. It was proposed to create necessary facilities in the university for such kind of interview. Dr. Ramakrishna suggested to create an audio-bridge. He suggested further to try for candidates from Germany because they would be better in terms of competencies and professional attitude. He wanted the university authorities to approach the candidates from industry instead of expecting them to approach them. He observed that digital marketing was the order of the day. Director, DET said that last year the university could

recruit four faculty members from industry. Dr.Santhi Swaroop expressed happiness and advised to try for more.

The Vice-Chancellor said that recruitment was done throughout the year without missing any chance. The Chancellor said that in spite of locational disadvantage, the university had reputation in terms of academic standards. That is why many candidates were preferring to join VFSTR university. More efforts should be made to attract many more. Dr.Ramakrishna advised against calling the university a rural university. The fact that it was on the highway between two cities/towns well connected to other parts of the state by road as well as railways should be highlighted and put in the website.

**(d) Seminars / Conferences / Workshops organized**

Stating that the university had been taking interest in organizing international, national conferences and workshops on the campus the Vice-Chancellor said that the departments were encouraged to conduct at least one national / international conference every year. Budget was provided by the university and wherever possible the departments were asked to approach the industries / institutions also to partially sponsor the programme.

**(e) Projects received from DST / DBT**

The Director, R&D Dr. A.Srinivasulu reported that the University has been encouraging its faculty members – particularly Professors and Associate Professors – to submit research project proposals to funding agencies. He stated that out of the 37 proposals submitted to the DST, Govt. of India during 2013-14, after scrutiny by the Director, R&D, 8 projects were sanctioned so far and the grant amounted to Rs.241.16 lakhs. Few more projects were in the pipeline. It was expected that projects worth Rs.300 lakhs would be sanctioned in the next few months.

He informed the members that, besides DST, projects were sanctioned by DBT, AICTE, MODRABS and other agencies to a tune of Rs.171.00 lakhs. This rises the total amount received from various agencies to Rs.412.16 lakhs.

The Chancellor suggested that from next time onwards details such as number of projects applied for, number sanctioned, number in the pipeline, amount sanctioned and amount released etc., should be shown in a proforma.

Dr.Swaroop commented that considering the number of faculty members being 269, getting a sanction for Rs.4.5 crores was meagre. The Vice-

Chancellor said that there were only 54 Ph.Ds . All non-Ph.Ds were not eligible to apply and besides that there were restrictions of age. Dr.Santhi Swaroop advised the university to encourage non-Ph.D faculty members to pursue Ph.D programme. Dr.A. Srinivasulu, Director, R & D said incentives were given to faculty based on the work they did. Dr.Ramakrishna suggested that the faculty should interact with industry and find out what type of projects the companies were willing to give and pursue efforts with industry to get projects. Dr.K.Babu Rao commented that research was not a one-time effort and it should be constantly pursued. The Departments could be asked to try for local projects, Civil Engineering department could take up testing and calibration etc.,

Dr.A.Srinivasulu, Director, R& D shared his experience with DRDA regarding a project proposal and stated that sometimes there would be long delays in such matters. Director, DET said that each department has been asked to contact at least 5 industries and try for projects. The Registrar suggested to have a coordination committee under the chairmanship of Director, R&D.

#### **(f) Faculty Development Programme**

The Vice-Chancellor stated that the university had been giving appropriate importance to faculty development and therefore established Faculty Development Academy last year. He asked Mrs.A.Sharada, Associate Professor, S&H department and Programme Coordinator to report on the activities. She said that the Departments would be encouraged to organize faculty development programmes in their respective disciplines under the auspices of Faculty Development Academy while the FDA itself would organize several programmes for different targeted groups of faculty members in various aspects of teaching-learning and evaluation and other related topics of engineering faculty profession.

She gave details of certain programmes organized.

#### **1) 12-Day Faculty Development Programme on “Open Source Environment in Application Development”**

This programme is planned under FDA of Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research University. First phase was held from 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 in University campus. Second phase will commence from 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in premises of open KITE. Resource persons were Dr.Ghanta Subba Rao, CEO, OpenKITE, Prof. K.Srinivasulu Reddy, SIT, JNTU, Mr.N.B.Ramesh, CTO, OpenKITE and Dr.N.Sailaja. 25 participants participated in this Faculty Development Programme.

## **2) Faculty Induction Programmes**

a) FIP-2013 was conducted from 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013 to introduce new faculty to the ethics and vision of the institution and help them understand their own goals in the light of the values of the institution. 33 new faculty members underwent the 9 day FIP programme. The focus of the programme was on the induction of new faculty towards the institution - its goal, vision, major areas covering areas of pedagogy like understanding learning outcomes, preparing course files, lesson plans, classroom management techniques such as planning, assessment and curriculum development, as well as student behavior, student counseling, writing research proposals/papers, besides advise on fulfilling other professional responsibilities. Both in-house subject experts as well as eminent invited experts shared their expertise and trained the young faculty members on various aspects of the teaching profession.

b) Another Faculty Induction Programme was scheduled to commence from 12.05.2014. 52 Participants were expected. This year the participants include faculty members of sister institutions viz. Vignan's Lara Institute of Technology and Science (VLITS) & Vignan's Nirula Institute of Technology and Science for Women, Palakaluru.

## **(g) Student Development Programmes**

The University has been assigning equal importance to organize certain Value-addition Programmes for development of student's skills.

### **1) English Proficiency Course (EPC)**

With the objective of equipping the budding engineers with the skill of functional English, a 100 hour English Proficiency Course (EPC) has been introduced into the curriculum of Vignan's University in the I-Semester of B.Tech for the A.Y 2013-14. By the end of the 100 hours program, 90% of students are expected to become orally proficient to be able to carry out everyday functions in the language, 70% ought to write and communicate intelligibly using simple, clear and appropriate English. About 85% of students should be ready to take an Intermediate Level English Proficiency Test by an external certifying agency.

### **2) Cambridge Preliminary English Test (PET)**

**Preliminary Eligibility Test of Cambridge Language Assessment:** Vignan's University, this academic year undertook a unique initiative to start an exclusive 100 hour English Proficiency Course for the I. B.Tech students

for equipping them with language skills towards enhancing their academic performance as well as equipping them with employability skills necessary for the job market. In this direction, Vignan University has adopted the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages ("CEFR") as the benchmark for upgrading the English standards of its students and teachers. Cambridge English being the world's leading authority on English language testing. Vignan University has initiated to sign an MoU with Cambridge. The Management would support by releasing Rs. 1,000 per student. 907 students enrolled for the PET. 600 students underwent the exam in the first spell on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and the remaining 307 would undergo the exam in the second spell, i.e, on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014. It was also proposed that III B.Tech students undergo another higher level exam, Business English Certificate - Vantage level (BEC-V) at the end of third year of B.Tech.

Responding on EPC and PET Dr. Santhi Swaroop suggested the benefit that accrued to the faculty should be measured. Appropriate tools should be evolved. He advised further that besides pedagogy focus should be on research of high order. Mrs. Sharada assured that the suggestions would be implemented. She clarified that two sessions were already allotted to writing of research proposals in the FIP. Director, R& D Dr.A.Srinivasulu advised the English faculty to submit a research proposal. Dr.D. Ramakrishna observed that there was a lot of change in the teaching-learning process with the advent of ICT and everybody today wanted quick results. Activity based learning would be more effective. At the end how much the student gained should be measured. He suggested to use UML diagram.

**(h) Vignan Mahotsav - 2014**

Then the discussion was turned to Vignan Mahotsav-2014. The Vice-Chancellor asked the Director, DET to present details. The Director, DET reported that Vignan Mahotsav was celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2014. The main objective was to inculcate team spirit among students and give them an opportunity to improve their organizational skills. It was an opportunity for them to showcase their talent. A total amount of Rs. 24,70,000/- was allocated for conducting various programmes for the function. 4 Technical events, 4 literary events, and 9 cultural events were organized in addition to various sports and games and fine arts for men and women.

**(i) Convocation**

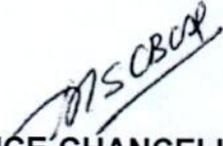
The Vice-Chancellor said that he was happy to inform that the first Convocation of the University was held on 03.08.2013 successfully under the leadership of the Chancellor Dr.K. Ramamurthy Naidu. They were no omissions. Around 1200 students who successfully cleared B.Tech., M.Tech., MBA and MCA exams received degrees. Justice N.V.Ramana, Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh was the Chief Guest. 9 students in different branches were awarded the Gold medals.

As per the advice of the Chairman VFSTR, certain special medals were presented to the outgoing students for their outstanding performance in fine-arts, social services, games & sports etc.

An Honorary Doctorate Degree was also presented to Sri.Ravuri Bharadwaja, a Telugu writer and recipient of Gnanapeeth award whose contribution was widely recognized.

Later the Vice-Chancellor thanked the Chancellor and the special invitees for their active participation in the discussions and for giving many valuable suggestions and concluded the proceedings.

  
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