## Anti-Terrorism Day observed in VFSTR

The Students of VFSTR has observed the Anti-Terrrorism Day here on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Students from various disciplines had participated which was organized by the office of Dean Student Affairs. Vice Chancellor Dr. MYS Prasad, Dean Student Affairs Dr.M.S.S Rukmini Devi, Civil Services Trainer Mr. Wiggins and other faculty members for VFSTR were present at the H-Block OAT(Open Air Theatre).

Despite the tight schedule of exams in the afternoon session, students gathered to observe this day with utmost respect to promote peace and harmony. The program started at 11:00 AM as per the schedule. Students of Student Activities Council(SAAC) member, Mr. Jonah Watts from IV Bio-Medical started the programme calling the internal dignitaries.

Dr.MYS Prasad speaking on the occasion said that the purpose of anti-terrorism day is to spread the message of global peace and non-violence and stop youngsters from following cult practices and being misguided. He also said that the day honours the sacrifices made by thousands of soldiers who fought against terrorism. It's a day to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in terrorist attacks.

Dean Student Affairs Dr.M.S.S Rukmini Devi stressed the need of responsible citizen especially the youth who are the nation builders . She said that the youth should become the leaders to educate the fellow beings about leading a life of peace and harmony.

Group Discussion was conducted to create awareness and promote the zeal of responsible citizens and also to know the true human values and ethics. In total, five teams were participated and the competition was enthralled by the audience gathered near the H-Block and was very hard to decide the winners till the last minute of the competiton. Mr. Murali and his team stood 1<sup>st</sup> position, Shanthi';s and Shabana's team shared the 2<sup>nd</sup> position.

University Grants Commission or UGC, the higher education regulator, asked universities in the country to observe May 21 as Anti-terrorism Day. According to a circular from the Commission, every year May 21 "is observed as Anti-Terrorism Day in India, to wean away the youth from terrorism and showing as to how it is prejudicial to the national interest".