Grand National Youth Fest - Vignan Mahotsav

The objective of education is not just to impart academic knowledge, but also to ensure the overall development of the students. Education is complete and achieves its purpose only when the students become equipped to meet the challenges in every field of life, be it Educational, Social, Economical or Cultural. "The Vignan Mahotsav" a national level youth festival, organized annually by the Vignan University, provides an unparalleled forum for all the students across the country to test and showcase their intellectual, athletic and artistic powers hidden in them. Students from various regions of India came to the varsity to participate in 72 events organised by the students of VFSTR. A total of 8513 students registered on the first day of the fest. Separate accommodation for boys and girls were also arranged for the students at varsity guest house and hostels that came from far places.

To grace this event India's decorated Doubles Badminton player, Arjuna awardee, Ms. Jwala Gutta as guest of Honor and Divisional Chief Executive of ITC Agri Business, Mr. Sanjeev Rangrass as Chief Guest were invited to the varsity. The event started magnificently with Kuchipudi dance performance by 150 students of Vignan University followed by display of Yoga Aasans and then the chief guest Mr. Sanjeev flamed the torch which represents the "endeavour for protection and struggle for victory". Later, as a sign of peace pigeons and balloons were released.

Introducing the guests to the students, varsity chairman Dr. Lavu Rathiah said that Mr. Sanjeev Rangrass also belongs to the Engineering background and praised him for his contributions towards Corporate Social Responsibility. "I'm glad to say that Jwala Gutta belongs to Guntur and we all should feel proud of her, for making our country and especially our State proud" mentioned Dr. Lavu Rathiah. He stated that Vignan University has been conducting "Mahotsav" for the last 16 years without any break with the objectives of creating leadership among the engineering students by managing this huge event and to establish sports in the daily curriculum of the student and also emphasized that Vignan University is the 1st University to give credits for fitness of the students.

Varsity Vice Chairman, Member of Parliament Lavu Krishnadevarayulu thanked Jwala Gutta for accepting the invitation and congratulated her for launching her own Badminton academy "Jwala Gutta Academy of Excellence". Krishnadevarayulu also thanked Mr. Sanjeev Rangrass for accepting the invitation and mentioned that this is the first visit of Mr. Sanjeev to an educational institute and emphasised that CSR activities of ITC Agri Business is remarkable and with the introduction of Agri Business into the ITC is helping the farmers by giving them a better price in the market.

"Sports is the need of the hour" - Jwala Gutta

On this occasion Jwala Gutta said that this reminded her college days by seeing all the young students. "I missed my college days and academics running after my goals and success, so I made sure that my sister won't miss the college life" said Gutta. On this occasion Gutta said that sports will help every person not only about the losses but also about the wins, only sports persons knew how to balance between the wins and losses and also sports will keep not only the body active but also the mind. She also emphasised that sports is the need of the hour and suggested students to demand time for sports and physical fitness activities. "Sports is the only field that can make you a World Champion, not anything", quoted Jwala Gutta.

"Vignan proved me wrong" - Mr. Sanjeev Rangrass

"I had an impression that Andhra Pradesh gives less importance to sports, but Vignan proved me wrong" stated Mr. Sanjeev Rangrass, Divisional Chief Executive of ITC Agri Business. On this occasion Mr. Sanjeev shared his valuable words with students, he asked the students to adopt 4 suthras for success, they are, Hard work, Failure in fact a great teacher, Seek out grass level of experiences and lastly Deserve before you desire. He also gave an equation that every student should follow to make someone to recruit them, i.e., E⁴+P+R+I, where the four Es stands for Energy, Energiser, Edge and Execution, P, R and I stands for Passion, Resilience and Integrity. He lastly said that the future is depending on the younger generations.

Later on the Chief Guests were felicitated by the staff of Vigan. Varsity Chairman Dr. Lavu Rathiah, Vice Chairman Lavu Krishnadevaruyulu, Vice Chancellor Dr. M Y S Prasad, Registrar Dr. M.S Raghunathan, Rector Dr. K. Satya Prasad, Program Convener Dean Student Affairs Dr. MSS Rukmini, Deans and Heads of all departments, faculty, research scholars and students attended this event.

Roars reverberated at "Vignan Mahotsav"

With yesterday's electrifying start of "Vignan Mahotsav", sports and cultural events are being conducted in a full swing at Vignan University on the second day and will continue till 1st Feb. A total of 72 events are organized which include basketball, volleyball, kabbaddi, ko-ko, football, athletics, and many more.

"Sports will provide you confidence, which will help you to grow" said Varsity Vice Chancellor, Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad. On this occasion V.C said that, every student should show interest towards sports and spend at least an hour daily for sports and physical fitness. "Growth of sports can make the Nation the strong" he added. He suggested students to maintain sportsmen ship during the events and the sportsmen spirit will also help everyone to achieve heights in ones career. He also mentioned that Dashing Director, Anil Ravipudi and Dhronacharya Awardee, Coach Nagapuri Ramesh will be attending as the chief guests for today's Valedictory.

It is a unique initiative undertaken to promote and showcase the innate talents possessed by the budding professionals from various institutions. To bring out the acting talent and flair of students and to spread the humanity, VFSTR organized various competitions regarding cultural and sports. The second day of this mega eve began in the quest of brining the innovative talents hidden in the students.

A gigantic crowd of participants in each event gave festive look to the campus. On this day sports competitions for both men and women like basketball, throw ball, volley ball, table tennis doubles and singles, kabbadi, chess and kho-kho took place as an eye fest to the viewers. 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, $400 \text{metres$

Competitions under literary were jam, Quiz, word master, Telugu-essay writing, on the spot creative writing brought the amazing creative writers out from the participants. A huge response for cultural competitions was glimpsed and an active count of participants for dance competitions like Western solo and group took participated. Regarding the music competitions like music band, classical instrumental solo, light music vocal, singing idol and group singing it had been a great task for the judges to give their judgement for the outstanding performances.

Skit and mime were the ultimate competitions which filled the atmosphere with great fun and enthusiasm. On the spot poster designing, clay modelling and cooking (stove-less) were the three competitions conducted under the fine arts section brought significant creative skills from the participants. At the end of the day fashion competition ramp walk greatly increased the energy levels in the audience. As a part of this national fest, students of the varsity arranged numerous stalls, out of which Virtual Reality Cricket, Nitrogen Biscuits, and Helium Balloons stalls stood as special attraction. The mega eve on its second day concluded with filling every one's heart with joy and happiness.