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A Report by the Vice Chancellor



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I. Introduction

Respected Chancellor, Dr. C Rangarajan ji; Honorable Chief Guest, Professor M. Jagadesh Kumar ji, Chairman, University Grants Commission; Mrs. N. Sobharani Yaraswy ji, Chairperson, and Mr. V. R. Sankara ji, President, Board of Governors of the ICFAI Society; distinguished members of the Board of Management, members of the Academic Council, the Finance Committee, the Planning and Monitoring Board, and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell; members of the faculty and staff, graduands, parents, and well-wishers; members of the media, ladies and gentlemen, a warm welcome to you all.

We are honored by the presence of our Chancellor, Dr. C. Rangarajan ji, and of our Chief Guest, Professor M. Jagadesh Kumar ji, and all of you. I wish to highlight the stellar, exceptional contributions of these two great citizens.

Dr. Rangarajan, the Chancellor of our University, is a leading economist who has played a key role both as an academician and as a policy maker in India. Currently, he is the Chairman, Madras School of Economics; and President of the C. R. Rao Advanced Institute for Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science at Hyderabad. Previously, Dr. Rangarajan held several important positions including those as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India; Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister; Member, Planning Commission, and also Chairman of the Twelfth Finance Commission. He was also the Governor of the then united Andhra Pradesh, of Odisha, and of Tamil Nadu, and was a member of the Rajya Sabha.

Dr. Rangarajan was the President of the Indian Economic Association in 1988 and was again honored as the President during 2017, the centenary year of the Association. He was also the President of the Indian Econometric Society in 1994. He is the only economist in the country with these three distinctions.

Dr. Rangarajan has received several prestigious awards. Notable among them are the Honorary Fellow of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, the Wharton India Economic Forum's Alumni Award for Outstanding Leadership, and the Finance Man of the Decade conferred by the Bombay Management Association. In recognition of his distinguished services to the country, the President of India honored him in 2002 with the Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian award.

On June 29, 2020, in recognition of the numerous distinguished and outstanding contributions he has made to the Indian Statistical System, Dr. Rangarajan received the Prof P. C. Mahalanobis National Award in official statistics, for his lifetime achievements.

In August 2021, Dr. Rangarajan was nominated for the Professor C. R. Rao Centenary Gold Medal, along with Professor Jagdish Bhagwati of Columbia University, for lifetime contributions to the fields of theoretical and applied aspects of quantitative economics and official statistics.

In August 2022, Dr. Rangarajan authored his memoirs, "Forks in the Road: My days at RBI and Beyond", which was published by Penguin. He has described India's economic landscape, which changed completely during his career spanning 32 years (1982-2014) in the government.

About the Chief Guest

Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar is the Chairman of University Grants Commission since February 2022. He is a professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering at IIT Delhi. He was the Vice Chancellor of JNU from January 2016 to February 2022.

He earned his Masters and PhD degrees in Electrical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras, followed by post-doctoral research at the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

He works in the area of Nano Electronic Devices, Nanoscale Device modeling and simulation, Innovative Device Design and Power semiconductor devices.

He has published extensively in the above areas with three books, four book chapters and more than 250 publications in refereed journals and proceedings of prestigious conferences. Several patent applications have been filed based on his research.

He is on the editorial board of several international journals including the IEEE Journal of the Electron Devices Society, and is the Editor-in-Chief of the IETE Technical Review. For nine years, he served as an Editor of the IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices for nine years.

He is a Fellow of Indian National Academy of Engineering, The National Academy of Sciences, India, and The Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers, India. He has been awarded the 29th IETE Ram Lal Wadhwa Gold Medal for distinguished contribution in the field of Semiconductor device design and modeling. He also received the first ever ISA-VSI TechnoMentor Award given by the India Electronics & Semiconductor Association to recognize a distinguished Indian academician and researcher for playing a significant role as a mentor and researcher. In recognition of his professional achievements, he received the IBM Faculty award in 2008.

He is the Chairman of the Governing Body of the National Council of Science Museums, Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Also, he is the President, General Council, National Assessment and Accreditation Council, (NAAC). He was a member of the University Grants Commission (UGC), and was a member (PT) of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

Now, please let me share a few words with our graduands who are about to receive their degrees.

Today, we celebrate a milestone that marks the completion of years of hard work and dedication. The successful completion of your degree is only one chapter of your story, and we at the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education look forward to witness your future success.

In all, 2421 students will be graduating. I would have loved to read out the name of every student, but that would take several hours. However, you will find your names displayed on the screen.

As you graduate, you join our University's alumni community numbering over 20,000 and spread all over India and the world. Each of you will play a role in shaping India for your fellow graduates, your families, and your communities.

Now, I wish to share some information about noteworthy achievements of the constituent units of our Institution.

2. Accreditations, Rankings, and UGC / AICTE approvals

2.1 Accreditations: The AACSB Accreditation

IBS, the Business School of the University, received the coveted international accreditation from the AACSB, USA, and joined the exclusive league of the top 5% business schools all over the world having this distinction. With this achievement, IBS is a proud member of a community of 950 business schools across 59 countries and territories who have received the AACSB accreditation. The AACSB accreditation is for the BBA, MBA and PhD programs, and is valid up to February 2025.

SAQS Accreditation

IBS has also received the prestigious SAQS Accreditation by the Association of Management Development Institutions of South Asia (AMDISA). We are one of the first three Business Schools in South Asia to receive SAQS Accreditation. The accreditation is valid up to August 2025.

NAAC Accreditation

For its 3rd cycle of NAAC accreditation, on September 13, 2022, the University received an A++ Grade with a score of 3.59 out of 4.00. The accreditation is valid till September 13, 2027.

In relation to this accomplishment of the University, I am glad to share with you all that we have followed and complied with several initiatives promoted by the UGC following the implementation of the New Education Policy. These include the registration with the Academic Bank of Credits, incorporating multiple entry and exit systems in our educational programs, infusing a multidisciplinary character into our institution, consolidating our online and distance education programs via digitalization, encouraging our students to take courses via SWAYAM and MOOCs, continuing with and expanding internship schemes for our students, consolidating academic and institutional collaboration with reputed foreign institutions, and even initiating newer arrangements, establishing a fresh office of a Dean for International Collaborations and Accreditations, enriching the initiatives and efforts of the Alumni Relations function, promoting our efforts to gain sponsored research projects from various national and international funding

bodies, initiating discussions on launching dual and double-degree programs, employing Professors of Practice, transforming our UG programs on the basis of the new curriculum and credit framework, end-to-end strengthening of our doctoral research programs, fine tuning of our gender sensitization programs and the corresponding grievance redressal systems, increasing our footprint in the contexts of community engagement and working on social responsibility even from the first year of our UG programs, working on our facilities for all-round development and welfare of our students, promoting the merits of Indian Knowledge Systems, and emphasizing the holistic aspects and richness of our Heritage and Culture, particularly those concerning values and ethics, beginning our efforts to empanel experts in crafts and arts, aligning with the principles and practices reflected in the UTSAH portal, and identifying students to participate in the NEP SAARTHI initiative.

Autonomous Status

The UGC granted our University with the autonomous status and in the year 2018 graded the Deemed-to-be-University as Category II (one of the 52 Universities in the Country). Keeping in view the recent upgradation from A+ to A++ by the NAAC, we have submitted an application to UGC to accord us Category I autonomous status and our application for seeking Category I Autonomous Status is under active consideration of UGC authorities.

I2-B Status

The University continues to hold the I2-B Status granted to the Deemed-to-be-University by the UGC in its 547th EC meeting held on May 29, 2020.

2.2 Ratings and Rankings

CRISIL Ratings

On March 24, 2023, the MBA Program of the IBS received the top Grading of A***, both at the National and State-Levels. The Grading is valid up to 23 March, 2024.

Quality Certifications

The University received the ISO 14001:2015 certificate and the ISO 9001:2015 certificate for its Quality Management Systems and Environmental Management Systems respectively. These certificates are valid up to November 2024.

University Rankings

- The University was ranked 4th among India's Best Private Multidisciplinary Universities, by Education World in 2023-24. It was ranked 1st in the State of Telangana.
- The University participated in the India Today Best University Rankings 2023 and was ranked 11th among Private Indian Universities.
- The University was ranked 94th among the top 100 universities in India by the Global University Rankings, London.

ICFAI Business School (IBS)

- The University participated in the NIRF Rankings of 2023 under the Management Category, and IBS Hyderabad was ranked 40th.
- IBS participated in the Education World India's Higher Education Rankings of India's Top 100 Private B-Schools, and was ranked 5th in the country. In the State of Telangana, IBS bagged the 2nd position.
- In the Business Today B-School Rankings of 2023, IBS was ranked 23rd under the overall B-School Ranking Survey. It was ranked 4th in the South Zone.
- IBS was ranked 3rd among the top Private B-Schools by Careers 360 Survey 2023.
- The IBS's BBA Program was ranked 10th by Outlook-ICARE Rankings 2023 among those offered by India's Top 130 BBA Institutes.

(IcfaiTech) Faculty of Science and Technology

- Our University participated in the Times Engineering Rankings of 2023 and was ranked 10th among the Top 170 Engineering Institutes in our country, and it was ranked 6th among Top Engineering Institutes in the South Zone.

ICFAI Law School (Faculty of Law)

- The ICFAI Law School participated in the Careers 360 Survey of 2023 and was ranked 5th among Private Law Schools in the country, and was rated AAAA+ (4A+), (the second-best Law College) in the State of Telangana with the highest rating being AAAAA (5A).
- The ICFAI Law School was ranked 13th among the top 30 Private Law Colleges in India by Outlook-ICARE Rankings 2023.

Online MBA

- The Online MBA program was ranked 1st in India by Careers 360 in 2022, among all online MBA programs.

2.3 Off-Campus Centre at Bengaluru

The University received permission on 06th June, 2021, from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Government of India, to start an Off-Campus Centre at our campus in Bengaluru.

Accordingly, the University commenced the BBA program from the academic year 2021-22 and the MBA program from the academic year 2022-23 at the Off Campus Centre. There are about 400 students in the off-campus center. The curriculum of the BBA program has been transformed to enable alignment with the National Education Policy.

2.4 AICTE Approval Process 2023-24

The University received extension of approval from the AICTE for conducting in-campus programs in Management (MBA) and Engineering (B.Tech. and M.Tech.). The University also received approval to conduct a Master's Program in Management through the Online, Open and Distance Learning (ODL) modes for a period of 5 years ending 2027. In addition, the University received a letter of approval for conducting a Master's program in Management at our off-campus center at Bengaluru.

Bar Council of India Approval 2023-24.

The University received a letter of approval for conducting a BA-LLB (Honors) program at our off-campus center at Bengaluru.

I wish to inform the distinguished members that the main campus in Hyderabad offers regular five-year integrated programs, BBA-LLB (Honors) and BA-LLB (Honors) and a one-year LLM, apart from the Ph.D.

Council of Architecture Approval

The Council of Architecture has granted extension of approval to the five-year B.Arch program for the academic year 2023-24.

2.5 Open, Distance Learning and Online Programs

The Center of Distance and Online Education started its function in the second half of the academic year 2021-22. The Center currently offers

three programs: an online MBA, a distance MBA and a distance BBA program. These programs are offered as per the stipulations of the University Grants Commission and approved as required by the AICTE. The first batch of students have graduated in 2023. The programs are known for high quality content and excellent student support. The total student strength is 1033.

3. Research

During the year 2022-23 the faculty colleagues had 317 Journal Publications (ABDC (119), Scopus (144), Web of Science (63)). They were also granted 05 Patents (International (3), national (2)). 11 Conferences were organized. The colleagues participated and presented papers in 128 Conferences. The faculty colleagues also successfully completed 6 Consultancy projects totaling ₹ 68.26 lakhs.

The portfolio of sponsored research projects comprises the following:

- a) an ICSSR Project for studying the digital capability of rural women,
- b) an International Rice Research Institute Project investigating the influence of Pani Panchayats on cropping in Odisha,
- c) an ICSSR project for Measuring the Effectiveness of Atal Pension Yojana in Rural India with special reference to the State of Chhattisgarh,
- d) an ICSSR project to study the Menstrual Hygiene Management Practices and Associated Factors among Primary School Tribal Adolescent Girls in Odisha
- e) Economic Impact of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) on Reducing Income Inequality

Our faculty colleagues of the Finance and Accounting academic discipline have been given a consulting assignment by the MCX (Multi Commodity Exchange) to work on “Hedging of Risks in Base Metals”. Further, our recent consultancy endeavors encompass a comprehensive training program addressing “Intellectual Property Rights and WTO Accountability” tailored for Senior IFS Officers. Additionally, we have offered specialized training on “Policy and Legal Issues in Environment and Forests”, sponsored by the Ministry of Environment. Furthermore, our Law School actively engaged with the Indian Council for Forestry Research and Education to formulate guidelines in adherence with the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

IFHE has established a state-of-the-art Bloomberg Lab with 12 sophisticated terminals, delivering real-time financial news, historical data, and trading insights. This advanced facility empowers students and faculty to conduct primary data-driven research.

4. Case Research Center

Set up in the year 2000, the IBS Case Research Center (IBS-CRC) has gone on to establish itself as one of the top case development centers in the world, both in terms of number of cases developed and adoption of the developed cases by business schools across the world. As of July 2023, IBS-CRC has developed more than 7,000 cases. The IBS-CRC cases are used by more than 900 B-schools from over 90 countries. INSEAD (France), London Business School, London School of Economics, Singapore Management University, IE Business School (Spain), etc., are among the leading business schools that use the cases. Till 2023, 267 case studies have been published in leading international textbooks.

Till 2023, IBS-CRC has won more than 150 national and international awards and prizes. It had seven of its authors featuring in The Case Centre's Top 50 Bestselling Case Authors' List for 2021-22. This is next only to Harvard Business School with nine authors. Among the Top 10 bestselling authors in the world, three are from IBS-CRC. This is a singular, unparalleled achievement standing out among the finest by any Indian institution functioning in the world of higher education.

Keeping in mind the impact of AI and other emerging technologies on student learning experience and delivery of higher education, the IBS-CRC has plans to integrate AI and gamification in its case studies. Another area the IBS-CRC intends to focus on is developing case studies focused on Indian Knowledge Systems. These can enable effective dissemination of the rich heritage and traditional knowledge that India has in multiple fields including business management and public policy.

5. The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)

During the academic year 2022-23, the IFHE Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) and the IIEC made notable progress in their activities. Several activities including Investors meet, Startup Clinics, Idea and Product Validation Workshops, were successfully conducted to foster an ecosystem of Innovation

and Entrepreneurship. Starting this year, Early Stage Prototype Development Grants have been given to encourage startups. It is a matter of satisfaction for us to note that in collaboration with IcfaiTech and our Innovation network partners Plural Technologies and the Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ), we are now actively working on projects that seek to indigenize critical medical technologies, thus saving valuable foreign exchange for the country. We are happy to share the good news that this year two of our startups successfully launched their products – the first one involving alkaline mineral water production from the atmosphere, and the second one offering AI based automation tools – and are slowly filling their order books. More will soon be following. We also take great pleasure in sharing the news that our startups have been winning awards and accolades at important forums.

6. Centers of Excellence

The University has the following Centers of Excellence:

1. Centre for Excellence in Banking and Finance
2. Centre for Digital Transformation
3. Centre for Women Development
4. Centre for Cyber Law and Data Protection Law
5. Centre for Environment and Forest Law
6. Centre for Corporate and Commercial Law
7. Centre for Criminal Law
8. Centre for Intellectual Property Rights
9. Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Biz Lex)
10. Centre for Robotics and Advanced Manufacturing
11. Centre for BlockChain

These Centers have been established with the vision of emerging as high value centers for policy research to address societal challenges and benefit the nation at large. They are manifested as intellectual spaces, guided by selected members of the faculty in collaboration with external experts.

7. ICAI School of Architecture

ICFAI School of Architecture, established in the year 2018, offers a B.Arch program as approved by the Council of Architecture. It has highly qualified and experienced faculty of National and International repute. The ICAI School

of Architecture is also at the forefront of enabling interdisciplinary courses through MOOCs and SWAYAM platforms as an integral part of its curriculum.

The School of Architecture has entered into MoUs with the Prestigious POLITECNICO DE MILANO, University of ITALY with a QS University Ranking of 10 in the world. It has also signed an MoU with the Internationally reputed BOSTON ARCHITECTURAL COLLEGE and is actively working towards implementing a Twinning Degree Program with this institute.

It has also entered into MOUs with GEM-ASSOCHEM and the US-based Green Business Certificate Institute to promote Industry-Academia Collaboration, besides having regular Industry Interactions in the form of Building Technology Seminars from the leading Industrial firms.

8. ICFAI School of Social Sciences (Faculty of Social Sciences)

The Faculty of Social Sciences was established on 23rd March, 2023 and was inaugurated by Dr C Rangarajan, Chancellor of the University. The School has been carved out from the IBS, and has 22 faculty members. They presently offer the BA (Hons.), BA (Hons. With Research), MA, and PhD degree programs in Economics. The School also offers basic courses to more than 5000 students of the BBA and MBA programs. The School is planning to introduce an undergraduate program in Psychology from the 2024-25 academic year.

9. NEP 2020 Implementation Committee

The University has constituted NEP implementation committee consisting of directors, deans and external members. Subsequently, the University has introduced the four-year under graduate programs in Economics, Business, Commerce, Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science and Data Analytics in conformity with UGC guidelines. As we move forward the focus of the University is towards internationalization.

10. Faculty Distinctions

Three members of faculty, late Prof. Debapratim Purkayastha, Prof. Indu Perepu and Prof. Syeda Maseeha Qumer of the IBS were listed among the Top Ten Bestselling case authors in the world by the London-based, Case Center, the world's largest repository of case studies. Other authors in the Top Ten list in the world include professors from Harvard, INSEAD, IMD, Stanford etc.

Dr. S. Mahendra Dev, distinguished professor at Faculty of Social Sciences was appointed as the President of The Indian Econometrics Society for 2023-24. He was also appointed as the editor of the prestigious Economic and Political Weekly.

I 1. Management Development Programs

On Management Development Programs (MDP) front the year 2022-23 has been more productive in terms of adding new companies into the portfolio of IBS and also getting many repeat programs from DRDO, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Stree Nidhi Credit Cooperative Society, are new additions. We have added Pharmaceutical Industry as well into the clients list with the advent of Aurobindo Pharma Limited for which 7 programs are conducted for middle level managers. Coromandel Group is another new client in the portfolio. Total participant man days in 2022-23 was 1738. This is twenty percent more than what was achieved last year. We expect to take it to 2000 man days next year.

I 2. ICFAI Staff College

The ICFAI Staff College has contributed to capacity building throughout the year through periodic value-driven faculty development programs and staff development programs. The Staff College conducted 105 programs with 6,122 participants during the year. There was an average of 58 participants per program.

Among the most prominent of these programs is a 5-day FDP for faculty members aimed at enhancing their teaching abilities and bringing them up-to-date with the latest developments in their respective fields. Some of the sessions in these programs were led by eminent professors from foreign universities. Critical thinking essentials, story-telling as pedagogy, systems thinking, advanced manufacturing, blockchain and its applications, business modelling and simulations, positive psychology, writing winning research proposals for external research funding, multidisciplinary research - setting the agenda for the future, etc. are among the important topics covered in the faculty development programs.

We conducted sessions on the implementation of National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) regarding the design and implementation of 4-year Undergraduate Programs, multidisciplinary University, and internationalization, among other topics.

Experts from international organizations delivered sessions on “Write with Purpose, Publish for Impact” and “Best Practices for Integrated and Abstracted Publications” to promote the quality of publications.

The ICFAI Staff College continues in its efforts to promote quality teaching-learning methods by conceptualizing and implementing value-driven skill development and knowledge enhancement programs.

I3. Special Lectures

a. N J Yasaswy Memorial Lecture

The Eleventh N J Yasaswy Memorial Lecture was delivered by Shri Suresh Prabhu, Founding Chancellor of Rishihood University, Guest Professor of London School of Economics, Former Union Minister with ten portfolios, six times member of Parliament on November 24, 2022, on the topic ‘Realising Yasaswy’s Vision’. The lecture was presided over by Prof. J. Mahender Reddy the first Vice Chancellor and Member of the Board of Management of the University.

b. Special Lecture by the Chancellor, Dr C Rangarajan

As a part of Macroeconomics course for MBA students, one lecture was delivered by Dr. C. Rangarajan online on December 16, 2022 on the topic “Inflation and its Control”. All the students of MBA program attended this special lecture.

I4. Student Activities

The University has 54 student clubs which provide a platform to the students to continuously hone their leadership, managerial, and technical skills. During the last academic year, these clubs conducted close to a thousand events, both in offline and online mode, and participated in numerous competitions.

‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ - the 75 years of Independence Day celebrations were conducted with great enthusiasm by the University through several competitions like – essay-writing, painting, dancing, cultural performances etc., ‘Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat’ was conducted with great vigor with students from all the states and union territories coming together for a cultural festival. Students also celebrated unique events based on ‘Unity in Diversity’ theme. Performances of all the different cultures were showcased, creating awareness of India’s rich cultural heritage. Other events of National pride included – ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ ‘Har Ghar Dhyam’ etc.,

The University also conducted various national level events such as ‘Trishna – Management and Cultural Fest’, ‘Entrepreneurship Week’, ‘C-Suite – A Boardroom Challenge’, ‘Sankriya – Operations Conclave and Fest’, ‘PECUNIA – Online Quiz Competition’, ‘AAVEG –Inter-college sports fest’, ‘Corporate Month’, ‘Prakaran – article-writing competition’, ‘Lex-Knot’ ‘Model United Nations’ and ‘IMPULSE’. These events were all conducted in hybrid and offline mode and saw participation of more than five thousand students from more than 500 institutions, including all top B-schools, from across the country. The students of IFHE emerged winners in various managerial, cultural and technical fests conducted by IIM- Bangalore, IIM-Indore, IMT-Hyderabad among others.

IFHE takes pride in the fact that our students participate in various social service activities such as organizing Blood Donation Camps, social awareness camps, waste management, and visits to NGOs, providing legal-aid and legal-awareness to nearby villagers, and conducting leadership training to students in government schools. They have also extensively participated in various awareness campaigns like - Save Energy and Water campaigns, No Child Labour, women empowerment, save environment etc. “Anokha Utsav” is a unique initiative of one of our student club’s, where every month students celebrate their birthdays with different NGOs, thereby spreading happiness and joy, while imbibing social responsibility in return.

The University also celebrated International Yoga Day, Independence Day, Teachers’ Day, Engineers’ Day, Constitution Day, Swami Vivekananda’s Birth Anniversary as National Youth Day, Republic Day, International Blood Donor’s Day, International Women’s Day and World Entrepreneur’s Day.

15. Placements

In the Faculty of Management, 1065 MBA graduates were placed out of 1112 who opted for placements. The recruitments were done by 166 companies from various sectors of industry, with 57 of them being first time recruiters. BBA students have mostly opted for their family business or higher studies.

In the Faculty of Science & Technology, 280 students graduated. Till date 160 have been placed, 2 have started their own startups, 104 graduates have opted for higher education and the remaining are in the process of placement.

In the Faculty of Law, out of 227 students who passed out, 25 students were placed. 12 students opted for higher education in India and abroad and the rest have joined the legal profession.

16. Graduating Students

Following are the details of the students who will be graduating today

1.	Ph.D (Management)	06
2.	Ph.D (Science)	02
3.	MBA	1153
4.	MMS (Distance mode)	09
5.	Online MBA	04
6.	LLM	03
7.	BBA	673
8.	B.Tech	304
9.	BBA-LLB Honors	178
10.	BA-LLB Honors	52
11.	B.Arch	07
12.	B.Sc.	05
13.	BA (Economics)	25
	Total	2421

17. Medals, Prizes, and Awards

There are 35 awards instituted for students and faculty. Of these, three are best teacher awards, 24 are academic excellence awards for students and 8 are all-round excellence awards for students. All these awards will be presented shortly by our chief guest and the chancellor.

18. Finance

I am happy to inform you that the financial position of the University continues to be very encouraging.

19. To the graduating students

I want you to keep the following points in mind before you embark on the next stage of your life:

- Work together to solve the problems. Think positive.
- Knowledge alone is not enough. Skills and attitudes matter much more.

- Compassion and concern for others should be at the top of your mind.
- Our society needs you. You can play a crucial role in its transformation and bring laurels to the University.
- I wish to place on record my gratitude to the Ministry of Education, the University Grants Commission, and the All India Council for Technical Education for their continued support in the management of our University.
- I also wish to express my deep sense of gratitude to the members of the Board of Management, Academic Council, Finance Committee, Planning & Monitoring Board, IQAC, the Boards of Studies of various Faculties, and the Strategic Management Committee for the tremendous support and cooperation we have received from them.
- I would like to make a special mention of the parents of our students and all the graduating students who are participating in this Convocation. We value your presence immensely.
- I take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to all the stakeholders of the University – teachers, staff, students, alumni and recruiters – for their unstinted cooperation. I hope in the years to come, their sense of commitment and quality contributions will enable this University to scale new heights of excellence.

Thank you for your patient hearing. Now, I request the Chancellor to address the audience.

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