

Music university convocation held

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The 5th and the 6th convocations of Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University was held in the city on Wednesday, and students who passed out of the varsity during 2019-20 and 2020-21 received their degrees in various streams.

Prof. Mallepuram G. Venkatesh, former Vice Chancellor of Karnataka State Sanskrit University, who delivered the convocation address said that music and fine arts were as important for society as literature, pure science, and social sciences.

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He said that the growing emphasis on science in the education system has led to a situation where music and fine arts belonging to the realm of emotions has been sidelined over the years.

Prof. Venkatesh pointed out that a few decades ago it was common to find music teachers in all schools and educational institutions with students learning various forms of music and other art forms. But in the present scheme of things music and fine arts have been ignored and he time has come to accord them due importance



Honorary doctorates were conferred on D. Shashikala, Vinayak Torvi, S.C. Sharma, and Shripada Hegde Kampli by Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University in Mysuru on Wednesday. M.A. SHIBAM

in the academic curriculum, said Prof. Venkatesh.

He also mooted the idea of establishing a directorate under the varsity to infuse a new lease of life to hundreds of private schools and institutions imparting lessons in music and fine arts. This will give an impetus to the learning of fine arts and music and also help realise the larger objectives of the varsity, said Prof. Venkatesh.

He said the present education system was job-oriented but devoid of emotional quotient and the need was to harmonise clinical and rational thinking of science with emotional intelligence through pursuit of fine arts.

Delving on modern civilisation Prof. Venkatesh said life was becoming mechanical in the age of machines but society was devoid of the quality of humaneness in the absence of fine arts.

Calling for conserving and promoting traditional music and folk art forms, Prof. Venkatesh said performing artists should also give importance to research activities and strengthen the field through publications.

D.Litt was awarded to Hamsalekha, M. Manjunath, A.R. Shalini, S. Soumya, K.N. Hirannaiah and A. Lokesha.

The varsity also conferred honorary docto-

rates to Vidhushi D. Shashikala, Madhusudhan Sai, Pt. Vinayak Torvi, Sri Ganapathi Sacchidananda Swamiji, Prof. S.C. Sharma, and Pt. Sripada Hegade Kampli.

In all, 104 students from both the batches were eligible to receive their degrees in different streams of whom 19 were medal and cash-prize awardees who topped in their respective courses.

Governor, Thawar Chand Gehlot who is the Chancellor, Dr. M.C. Sudhakar, Minister for Higher Education and Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote, Vice Chancellor of the varsity were among those present.

Varsity playing major role in protecting music and performing arts, says Sudhakar

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Noted cinema lyricist and music composer Hamsalekha was presented with D Litt degree for his 'Desi Sangeetha-Aidani Sarigamapa-Aarambha' during the fifth and sixth convocation of Karnataka State Dr Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University in Mysuru on Wednesday.

Governor of Karnataka and Chancellor of Karnataka State Dr Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University Thawar Chand Gehlot, presented Honoris Causa Degree to Vidhushi D Shashikala, Vinayak Toravi, Prof S C Sharma, Pandit, Shripada Hegade Kampli. It was also



Governor of Karnataka and Chancellor of Karnataka State Dr Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University Thawar Chand Gehlot, presents Honoris Causa Degree to Vidhushi D Shashikala, Vinayak Toravi, Prof S C Sharma and Pandit Shripada Hegade Kampli. DH PHOTO

conferred on Madhusudhan Sai of Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence and

Ganapathi Sacchidananda swamy in their absence.

Governor spoke on impor-

ance of music and other art forms and said, "Mysuru is playing a major role in protecting our Indian culture, which is rich in music and other art forms, amid modern development."

Minister for Higher Education Dr M C Sudhakar said, "The university is playing a major role in protecting our music and performing arts. These art forms help express our feelings and provide solace to us. Such Universities will be encouraged."

D Litt degrees were also conferred on M Manjunatha, A R Shalini, S Soumya, K N Hirannaiah and A Lokesha. Post-graduate degrees were presented to 30 candidates, including 22 women, UG de-

grees for nine candidates, including eight women, for the year 2019-20.

PG degrees for 27 candidates, including 15 women, UG degrees for 18 candidates, including 13 women were presented for the year 2020-21. These degrees were conferred in Vocal Music including Hindustani and Carnatic, Instrumental music, Dance and Drama.

Shreesha G Bhat expressed his happiness over getting the highest of seven medals in Carnatic Music Vocal. A software engineer, who even worked in the field, has given up his profession to take up the course, for his passion for music.

Vice Chancellor Nagesh V. Bettakote and Prof Mallapuram G Venkatesh were present.