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**PRE-CONVOCATION
ACADEMIC CONCLAVE**

2019-2024

PRE-CONVOCATION ACADEMIC CONCLAVE

At ITM University, Gwalior, we are dedicated to fostering the holistic development of our students, ensuring they not only excel academically but also evolve into well-rounded individuals with a strong value system. Two of our distinguished practices—the organization of the Pre-Academic Conclave and the awarding of honoris causa degrees—embody this commitment to developing multi-dimensional personalities and setting exemplary standards.

PRE-ACADEMIC CONCLAVE: A PLATFORM FOR INSPIRATIONAL LEARNING

The Pre-Academic Conclave is one of the hallmark events of ITM University, designed to inspire and motivate our students by connecting them with some of the most eminent personalities across various fields. Held just before the convocation ceremony, this special event features recipients of the prestigious honoris causa degrees who generously share their life journeys, experiences, and the wisdom that has guided them to success.

Eminent Personalities Representing Diverse Disciplines:

- **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Rajagopala Chidambaram** – A renowned nuclear scientist who played a pivotal role in India's nuclear program, Dr. Chidambaram's journey from academic excellence to national service serves as an inspiration for students pursuing careers in science and technology.
- **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan** – Former Chairman of ISRO and a key architect of India's space program, Dr. Kasturirangan's contributions to space science and technology are monumental. Awarding him honoris causa highlights the importance of innovation and scientific exploration.
- **Padma Bhushan Ustad Zakir Hussain** – A legendary tabla player and music producer, Ustad Zakir Hussain has not only preserved but also innovated within the realm of classical music. His presence at the conclave reinforces the importance of cultural heritage and the arts.
- **Padma Bhushan Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar** – A computer scientist and the architect of India's supercomputer, PARAM, Dr. Bhatkar's achievements in technology and computing are a testament to the power of perseverance and vision in scientific advancements.
- **Padma Shri Smt. P. T. Usha** – An outstanding and enduring athlete, Smt. P. T. Usha has inspired generations with her dedication, resilience, and achievements in the field of athletics. Her story resonates with students aspiring to excel in sports and physical education.
- **Padma Shri Smt. Mithali Raj** – Captain of the Indian Women's Cricket Team, Smt. Mithali Raj's leadership and accomplishments in sports have shattered glass ceilings. Her recognition underscores the university's commitment to gender equality and excellence in sports.
- **Dr. Vandana Shiva** – An environmental activist, eco-feminist, and author, Dr. Shiva's work in sustainable development and social justice has influenced global discourse. Her experiences offer invaluable lessons to students in environmental science, social work, and activism.
- **Shri Vishal Bhardwaj** – An Indian film director, screenwriter, producer, and music composer, Shri Bhardwaj's contributions to the arts highlight the intersection of creativity and cultural expression. His journey provides inspiration to students in media, arts, and humanities.

- Shri Sonam Wangchuk - An engineer, innovator, and education reformist, Shri Wangchuk's work in sustainable education and technology in the Himalayan region is revolutionary. His honoris causa degree emphasizes the university's values of sustainability and educational innovation.

The conclave transcends a typical academic gathering, serving as a powerful reminder to our students that greatness is within their reach. The personal stories shared by these distinguished individuals—ranging from renowned scientists and celebrated artists to pioneering educators and social reformers—foster a deep connection with our students. They learn that success is not merely about inherent abilities but about the dedication to harness and nurture one's potential.

By learning directly from these esteemed figures, our students gain invaluable insights into the challenges and triumphs that come with pursuing excellence. The Pre-Academic Conclave thus serves as a bridge between academic achievement and future aspirations, equipping our graduates with the inspiration and motivation to reach their own pinnacles of success.

This practice serves as a powerful example for our students, encouraging them to aspire to similar heights in their personal and professional lives. It reinforces the message that success is measured not just by academic achievements but by the impact one has on the world around them.

A Commitment to Developing Multi-Dimensional Personalities

Through these practices, ITM University, Gwalior, demonstrates its unwavering commitment to developing multi-dimensional personalities. We believe that education is not confined to the classroom; it is a lifelong journey of growth, learning, and making meaningful contributions to society. The Pre-Academic Conclave and the awarding of honoris causa degrees are integral to this philosophy, providing our students with the role models, inspiration, and values they need to succeed in life.





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2019



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Dr. Rajagopala
Chidambaram**
Renowned Nuclear
Scientist



Shri Martin Macwan
Activist on Social Equality
and Human Rights



Dr. Vandana Shiva
Environmental Activist,
Eco-feminist, Speaker
and Author



**Padma Shri
Smt. P. T. Usha**
Outstanding & Enduring
Athlete



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2021



**Vidushi Ashwini Bhide
Deshpande**
Hindustani Classical
Music Vocalist



Shri Ranjitsinh Disale
Teacher, Winner of Global
Teacher Award



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**Padma Vibhushan
Dr. Prabha Atre**
Indian classical vocalist/
musicologist



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Eminent painter



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Shri Raghu Rai**
Photographer and
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**Padma Shri
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World-Renowned Pioneering
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Shri Manoj Bajpayee**
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Journalist, Political
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Engineer, Innovator and
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Ramon Magsaysay Awardee



CONVOCATION

ITM University Gwalior annually hosts its Convocation, a prestigious ceremony marking a significant milestone for both the institution and its graduating students. This formal event celebrates academic achievement and recognizes the dedication of students, faculty, and families. For graduates, Convocation signifies the successful completion of their academic journey. It is a testament to their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to excellence. Faculty members take immense pride in witnessing the culmination of their mentorship and guidance. Convocation serves as a celebration of their contribution to shaping the minds and careers of the graduating class. For families, Convocation represents the culmination of years of unwavering support and encouragement. It is a moment of immense pride and joy to witness their loved ones achieve academic success.

ITM University Gwalior reimagines the traditional Convocation ceremony. This meticulously designed event transcends mere graduation rituals, fostering a deeper understanding of the world's complexities for both students and stakeholders. By internalizing and externalizing these crucial values, graduates are inspired to think critically, innovate, and embark on extraordinary journeys. The ceremony's composition itself exemplifies this philosophy, which is composed of:

Bestowing Honoris Causa

ITM University Gwalior takes great pride in recognizing exceptional individuals who have made significant contributions to their respective fields. The selection process for Honoris Causa recipients is rigorous and ensures the chosen individuals embody the university's values of excellence, innovation, and social responsibility. Here's a possible breakdown of the selection process:

Nominations: Nominations for Honoris Causa can be submitted by faculty members, academic departments, or the university administration. These nominations should clearly outline the nominee's achievements and their alignment with ITM University's values.

Selection Committee: A distinguished committee, likely comprised of senior faculty members and university leaders, reviews the nominations. This committee carefully evaluates each nominee's qualifications and impact on their field.

Approval Process: Once the committee identifies potential recipients, their recommendations are presented to the university's governing body for final approval.

Factors Considered: Following factors that are considered during the selection process include:

- **Pioneering Achievements:** Has the nominee made groundbreaking contributions to their field?
- **Leadership and Inspiration:** Does the nominee serve as a role model for students and the broader community?
- **Alignment with Values:** Does the nominee's work resonate with ITM University's core values of excellence, innovation, and social responsibility?
- **Global Impact:** Has the nominee's work had a positive influence on a national or international scale?

Award of Medals

The convocation ceremony recognizes outstanding student achievement across various academic disciplines through the awarding of medals. Convocation serves as a platform to celebrate academic excellence, with medals bestowed upon students who have excelled in diverse fields of knowledge.

So far, in last 8 Convocation, the ITM University Gwalior has awarded about 12500 degrees to students of various courses who successfully completed their degrees during 2015- 2024. The ITM University Gwalior has also awarded gold and silver medals to about 230 meritorious students.

The University honoured some distinguished persons and bestowed upon the degree of Honoris Causa: doctoral degrees. Following were awarded degrees



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2016

Honoris causa degree recipients



**Padma Bhushan
Shri Shyam Benegal**
Film Director,
Screenwriter



**Padma Bhushan
Shri L. Subramaniam**
Violinist, Composer,
Conductor, Multi-
instrumentalist, Arranger,
Record Producer, Pedagogue,
Grammy Awardee



Smt. Mridula Garg
Writer



**Padma Shri
Vinod Dua**
Journalist, Psephologist,
Cuisine presenter, Anchor



Shri Prabhakar M. Kolte
Eminent Painter



Dr. Tessy Thomas
Scientist, Technologist,
DRDO Official



Shri Anupam Mishra
Gandhian, Author,
Journalist,
Environmentalist, TED
speaker and water
conservationist

CONVOCATION

2017

Honoris causa degree recipients



Smt. Aruna Roy
Thinker and Activist for
Democratic Transparency
& Social Justice



Shri Ashok Vajpeyi
Eminent Poet and Cultural
Activist



**Padma Shri
A.S. Kiran Kumar**
Space Scientist and
Chairman of ISRO



**Padma Shri
Govind Nihalani**
Film Director,
Cinematographer,
Screenwriter and Producer



**Padma Vibhushan
Dr. Raghunath Anant
Mashelkar**
Former Director
General, CSIR



**Padma Bhushan
Shri Rajat Sharma**
Media Entrepreneur,
Chairman, India TV and
Senior Journalist



**Padma Shri
Yuvraj Singh**
Indian International
Cricketer

CONVOCATION

2018

Honoris causa degree recipients



**Padma Vibhushan
Prof. Dr. M.S.
Swaminathan**
Legendary Agriculture
Scientist



**Padma Bhushan
Shri Chandhi Prasad
Bhatt**
Gandhian,
Environmentalist and
Social Activist



**Padma Bhushan
Prof. Dr. Maharaj
Kishan Bhan**
Paediatrician, Clinical
Scientist & Inventor of
Rotavirus Vaccine in India



**Padma Shri
Ratan Thiyam**
Writer, Theater Director,
Designer, Musician,
Painter & Actor



**Padma Shri
Ms. Deepa Malik**
Adventure Sportsperson



**General
Dalbir Singh Suhag**
Former Chief of
Indian Army



Shri Ravish Kumar
Writer and Journalist



Shri Bezwada Wilson
Social Activist

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2020

Honoris causa degree recipients



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Dr. Krishnaswamy
Kasturirangan**
Former Chairman, ISRO



**Padma Bhushan
Shri Krishen Khanna**
Eminent Painter



**Padma Bhushan
Shri Subramanian
Ramadorai**
Chairman, Tata Technologies,
Tata Consultancy Services



**Padma Bhushan
Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty**
Indian Classical Vocalist



**Padma Shri
Ameen Sayani**
Announcer, Radio Jockey



**Shri Gopalkrishna
Devdas Gandhi**
Former Governor, West
Bengal and Bihar



Shri Karan Thapar
Senior Journalist

CONVOCATION

2021

Honoris causa degree recipients



**Padma Vibhushan
Shri Anil Kakodkar**
Former Chairman,
Atomic Energy
Commission of India



**Padma Bhushan
Kumudini Lakhia**
Founder-Director, Kadamb
School of Dance and Music



**Padma Bhushan
Smt. Arpita Singh**
Indian Figurative Artist
and Modernist



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Convocation Addresses delivered by following
Eminent Personalities.



Prof. Girijesh Kumar Mehta
Former Director, IUAC and
Vice Chancellor,
Allahabad University



**Padma Bhushan Prof.
Ramachandra Guha**
Indian Historian,
Thinker and Writer



Prof. Faizan Mustafa
Vice-Chancellor,
NALSAR, Hyderabad



Shri Udayan Vajpeyi
Eminent poet and writer



Shri Ganesh N. Devy
Thinker, Linguist, Cultural
Activist and Institution Builder



Prof. (Dr.) Gagandeep Kang
Eminent Scientist and
Virologist



Shri Ramashankar Singh
Founder Chancellor
ITM University Gwalior



Shri Sheen Kaaf Nizam
Eminent Poet, Critic



Swami OMA The AKK
Spiritual Mystic & Philosopher