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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.





PRE-CONVOCATION ACADEMIC CONCLAVE 2019



**Padma Vibhushan
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



PRE-CONVOCATION ACADEMIC CONCLAVE 2021



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



Shri Ranjitsinh Disale
Teacher, Winner of Global
Teacher Award



PRE-CONVOCATION ACADEMIC CONCLAVE

2022



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



**Padma Bhushan
Ghulam Mohammed
Sheikh**
Eminent painter



**Padma Bhushan
Ustad Zakir Hussain**
Legendary Tabla player,
composer, percussionist,
music producer



**Padma Bhushan
Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar**
Computer Scientist
Architect of India's
Supercomputer-Param



**Padma Shri
Anju Bobby George**
Athlete



Dr. Geetanjali Shree
Author, International
booker prize winner



Shri Vishal Bhardwaj
Indian film director,
screenwriter, producer,
music composer,
playback singer

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2023



**Padma Shri
Shri Raghu Rai**
Photographer and
Photojournalist



**Padma Shri
Dr. Pradeep Chowbey**
World-Renowned Pioneering
Laparoscopic Surgeon



**Padma Shri
Shri Manoj Bajpayee**
Actor - Motion Pictures



Mrs. Neerja Chowdhury
Journalist, Political
Commentator, Editor and
Author



Prof. Latika Katt
Eminent Sculptor



Shri Sonam Wangchuk
Engineer, Innovator and
Education Reformist,
Ramon Magsaysay Awardee