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cordially invite you to the

# 31<sup>ST</sup> CONVOCATION

Friday, 17 May 2024 | 3.30 pm

Dr TMA Pai International Convention Centre  
M G Road, Mangaluru

Chief Guest

**Dr M K Ramesh**

Vice Chancellor  
Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences  
Bengaluru, Karnataka

**Lt Gen (Dr) M D Venkatesh VSM (Retd.)**  
Vice Chancellor

**Dr H S Ballal**  
Pro Chancellor

**Dr Ranjan R Pai**  
President, MAHE Trust

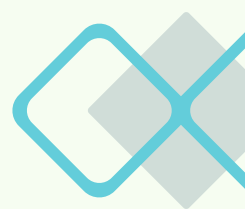
**Dr Ramdas M Pai**  
Chancellor

# PROGRAM

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## UNIVERSITY ANTHEM



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शान्ता द्यौः शान्ता पृथिवी शान्तमिदमुर्वन्तरिक्षम् ।  
शान्ता उदन्वतीरापः शान्ता नः सन्त्वोषधीः ॥

शान्तानि पूर्वरूपाणि शान्तं नो अस्तु कृताकृतम् ।  
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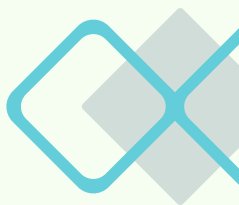
इयं या परमेष्ठिः वाग्देवी ब्रह्म संशिता ।  
ययैव ससृजे घोरं तयैव शान्तिरस्तु नः ॥

इदं यत्परमेष्ठिनं मनोवाङ्ब्रह्मसंशितम् ।  
येनैव ससृजे घोरं तेनैव शान्तिरस्तु नः ॥

इमानि यानि पञ्चेन्द्रियाणि मनः षष्ठानि मे हृदिः  
ब्रह्मणा संशितानि ।  
यैरेव ससृजे घोरं तैरेव शान्तिरस्तु नः ॥



DR H S BALLAL, PRO CHANCELLOR, MAHE  
DECLARES THE CONVOCATION OPEN



## WELCOME ADDRESS



**Dr Dilip G Naik, Pro Vice-Chancellor, MAHE, Mangaluru Campus delivered the welcome address.**

Chief guest of this evening, Dr M K Ramesh, Honourable Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, Dr H S Ballal, Pro Chancellor, Lt Gen (Dr) M D Venkatesh, Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellors - Dr Narayana Sabhahit, Dr Sharath Rao, Dr Madhu Veeraraghavan, Dr N N Sharma, and Registrar, Dr Giridhar Kini, Registrar Evaluation Dr Vinod Thomas, Director Student Affairs, Dr Geetha Maiya, Deputy Director Centre for Doctoral Studies, Dr Vasudha Devi, Heads of Constituent Institutions of

MAHE, Administrators, Faculty members, Members of the Press and Electronic Media, distinguished invitees, parents of degree awardees, graduates and postgraduates, ladies, and gentlemen

A very good afternoon to you all.

I extend a warm welcome to each of you and express my heartfelt gratitude for accepting our invitation to celebrate the 31<sup>st</sup> Convocation of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)



in Mangaluru. This convocation marks a significant milestone as it returns after a hiatus of four years to Mangaluru. The pandemic posed unprecedented challenges, disrupting our academic calendar. However, I am pleased to announce that this year's convocation has resumed its regular schedule.

MAHE stands in its glory here today, because of the visionary Dr TMA Pai, who was the founder of the Manipal group of institutions. Dr Ramdas M Pai, our beloved Chancellor, followed in his father's footsteps and converted a local university into a global educational town of great repute.

Dr Ranjan R Pai, President of the MAHE Trust and Chairman of MEMG, is known for his visionary leadership in elevating our university to global standards through innovative ideas and internationally recognized best practices.

My dear students, the convocation ceremony is a momentous occasion for the university and all of you. It is a moment to cherish, the pinnacle of all that you have worked incredibly hard to accomplish, confirming the well-established notion that perseverance, hard work, and dedication are, in fact, the real keys to success in life. My heartfelt congratulations on this occasion and I extend a warm and cordial welcome to you.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Dr M K Ramesh, a distinguished leader in the field of medicine, whose journey from Mayakonda to Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru is marked by exemplary achievements and unwavering commitment. His contributions to academia, research, and community health inspire all of us. It is an honour to welcome, Dr M K Ramesh. A cordial welcome, sir. I request our Vice Chancellor to do the honours.

We are honoured to have with us today Dr H S Ballal, Pro Chancellor of our esteemed university. His exemplary leadership has been the driving force

behind the remarkable growth and development of our university. Sir, I extend a delightful welcome. A gracious welcome to Mrs Indira Ballal.

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to our esteemed Vice Chancellor, Lt Gen (Dr) M D Venkatesh. His extensive experience and unwavering commitment to the university's growth are truly commendable. Sir, we are honoured to have you here.

I also extend a cordial welcome to Mrs Kusum Venkatesh.

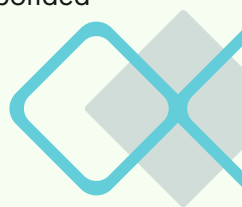
I am delighted to welcome the Pro Vice Chancellors - Dr Narayana Sabhahit, Dr Sharath Rao, Dr Madhu Veeraraghavan, Dr N N Sharma, Registrar Dr Giridhar Kini, and Registrar Evaluation, Dr Vinod Thomas.

I welcome the members of the Board of Management, Academic Council and Finance Committee, who monitor and ensure constant and consistent progress in the activities of MAHE. I also recognize the presence of the former Vice Chancellor, Dr K Ramnarayan, and former Pro Vice Chancellors - Dr V Surendra Shetty, Dr PLNG Rao, Dr M V Prabhu and welcome them.

The well-knit Manipal team, consisting of heads of constituent institutions, faculty members, officers of MAHE, and the supporting staff, who have played a dynamic role in carrying forward the vision of MAHE. A hearty welcome to all.

It is a great day for the parents of graduates and postgraduates to receive their degrees today. I extend a warm welcome to all of you. A special welcome to the online audience.

The press and media members have been projecting our message to the public, showcasing the transparency, integrity, and progress of MAHE. A hearty welcome to all of them who have responded to our invitation.



My dear students, as you step into the world as young graduates, your challenge lies in embracing the latest advancements in healthcare and technology. Blend your knowledge with empathy and compassion for the less privileged in our society. Life will undoubtedly present challenges, but always remember that behind every challenge, there are rainbows and lights waiting to guide you

toward victory. Once again, my heartiest congratulations on your success, and the very best wishes to all of you.

Ladies and gentlemen, Once again, I extend a gracious welcome to all of you to this occasion.

Thank you. Jai Hind.





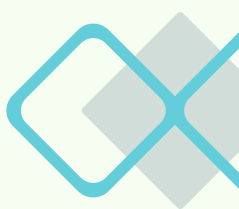
## OVERVIEW OF MAHE



### **Lt Gen (Dr) M D Venkatesh, Vice Chancellor, MAHE presented an overview of the University**

Chief Guest of the 31st Convocation of Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Dr M K Ramesh, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, Pro Chancellor Dr H S Ballal, dignitaries on the dais, Pro Vice Chancellors, University Officials, Heads of Constituent Units of



MAHE, faculty, Members of MAHE Trust, Board of Management, Academic Council, Planning and Monitoring Board, Finance Committee, administrators, staff, honoured invitees, I am honoured and privileged to stand before you to take you all through a brief overview of MAHE.



**Founder and Builder of Manipal**

Architect of modern Manipal was a pioneer in starting Public Partnerships in 1953.

Established some of the first professional education institutions in the non-government, non-missionary, self-financing sector.

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Padma Shri Awardee  
**Dr Tonse Madhav Ananth Pai**

The visionary behind the inception of Manipal, the esteemed late Dr Tonse Madhava Anant Pai, pioneered the concept of public-private partnerships way back in 1953. Driven by his conviction in education as a catalyst for transformation, he envisaged a world where education would be within reach for everyone. Dr Pai established some of the earliest professional educational institutions in the non-governmental, non-missionary, self-financing sector, leaving an

indelible mark on the landscape of education. 2024 is a landmark year when we are celebrating the 126th birth anniversary of our beloved founder.

Dr Ramdas M Pai, the distinguished son of Dr TMA Pai and the Chancellor of MAHE, has steered MAHE's evolution into an International University Town. He took Manipal across many campuses in India and abroad. His outstanding contributions have earned him prestigious accolades, such as the Padma Bhushan from the Government of India and the Datuk Award from the Government of Malaysia. Dr Ranjan Pai, President - MAHE Trust and Chairman of Manipal Education and

**MAHE Leadership**



Mrs. Vasanthi R Pai & Dr. Ramdas M Pai, Chancellor, MAHE

Datuk Award, Government of Melaka, Malaysia December 2011

Dr. Ranjan R Pai, President - MAHE Trust Chairman, MEMG

Padma Bhushan, Government of India April 2011

Medical Group (MEMG), is at the forefront of Manipal Group's initiatives in the fields of education, healthcare, and research. Building upon the group's seven decades of legacy, he has led its continuous expansion in higher education and healthcare, both nationally and internationally.

**MAHE Campuses**



Manipal

Bengaluru

Mangaluru

Dubai

Jamshedpur

Malaysia

MAHE features multiple campuses, providing quality education both in India and abroad in its world-class campuses. Its main campus is situated in Manipal. It is complemented by off-campus centres in Mangaluru, Bengaluru, and Jamshedpur, and off-shore campuses in Dubai, and (Melaka) Malaysia. The Jamshedpur campus housing a top-tier medical college is an outcome of a pioneering private-private collaboration between MAHE and Tata Steel. The Bengaluru

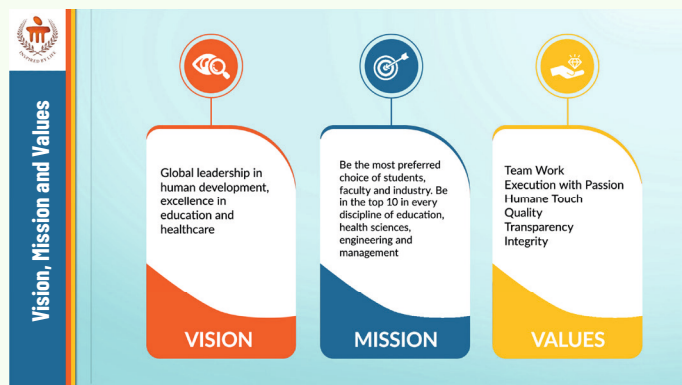
Campus is on the rise as a world-class, multidisciplinary centre of higher education.



The transformative journey of the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), established in 1953 on the principles and vision of Dr TMA Pai, spans seven decades and serves as a source of inspiration. What began with a medical college has metamorphosed into the largest private comprehensive, multidisciplinary university in India. Over the years, numerous academic units have been added across various disciplines. In 1993, MAHE earned the status of

Deemed University by UGC. In 2020, MAHE was honoured with the prestigious designation of Institution of Eminence by the Government of India in recognition of its significant contributions to higher education.

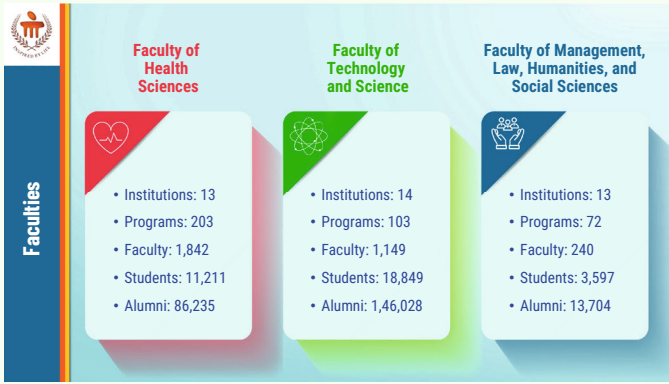
Our vision is to achieve “Global leadership in human development, excellence in education, and healthcare.” We aspire to figure among the top institutions worldwide in the domains of education, health sciences, engineering, humanities, and management. We are certain that our core values of Teamwork, Execution with Passion, Humane Touch, Quality, Transparency, and Integrity will guide us in this direction.



MAHE has progressed exponentially over the past seven decades to be one of the largest multidisciplinary universities of India. MAHE provides a great variety of graduate and postgraduate courses covering several key disciplines like Medicine, Engineering, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Nursing, Hotel Administration, Allied Health, Management, Communication, etc. MAHE functions under three major faculties, with 25 professional higher education institutions, 15

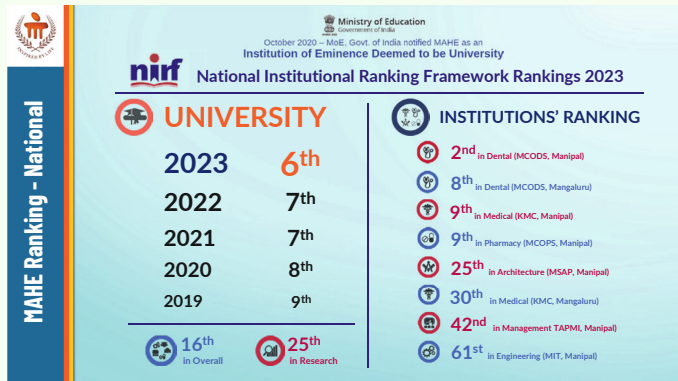
university teaching departments, and over 150 specialized centres. More than 370 diversified programs are being offered across 36+ disciplines. We have over 35,000+ students who are on the rolls, along with 3,200+ highly qualified faculty members. We are proud to host around 3,500 international students from 60 countries and have established collaborations with over 250+ international entities. Our alumni base of around 2,45,000 and top-quality infrastructure add to the wide dimension of our quality education.





MAHE has restructured its organizations into three faculties. The “Faculty of Health Sciences”, “Faculty of Technology and Science”, and “Faculty of Management, Law, Humanities, and Social Sciences” will deliver about 370+ multidisciplinary programs.

It is an honour that MAHE is one of the Institutions of Eminence as recognised by the Ministry of Higher Education, Government of India. MAHE has consistently maintained its position in NIRF, and in 2023, it is ranked as India’s top 6th University with four of our constituent colleges ranked under the top 10 colleges of India in their respective disciplines.



MAHE tops the list of Private Universities in India, leading in surveys by various agencies. It is named the Top Deemed University in The Week 2023 and recognized as the Top Deemed Multidisciplinary University by Outlook. Careers 360 ranks MAHE as India’s No. 1 Multidisciplinary University for 2024, and The Education World places it as the second-best Private Multidisciplinary University in the country.

The steady rise in international rankings has made MAHE a name to reckon in the field of higher education. QS has ranked MAHE in the band of 951-1000 in the World University Rankings and 210 in the Asian University Rankings. Times Higher Education has ranked MAHE in the band of 601-800 in the World University Rankings 2024 and in the band of 201-250 in the Asian University Rankings in 2024. MAHE also figured in 25th for THE Impact Ranking 2023 for quality education and ranked 4th for Gender Equality.





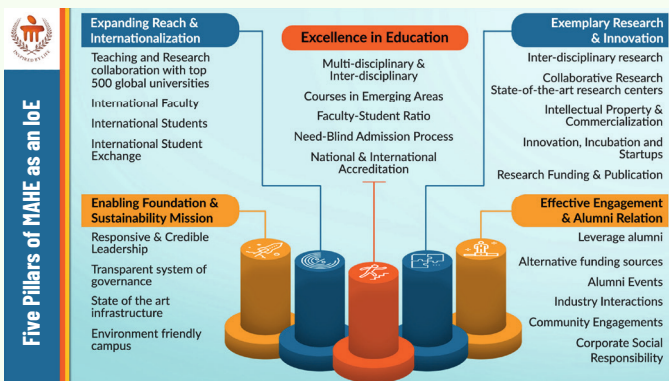


MAHE places utmost importance on quality assurance and is committed to continuous quality enhancement. It is reflected in the various accreditations obtained from renowned accrediting bodies. MAHE has been reaccredited by NAAC with the highest grade of A++ and a CGPA score of 3.65 out of 4, valid for five years until 30 May 2027. Other accrediting bodies such as ISO, the National Board of Accreditation (NBA), the Association for the Accreditation

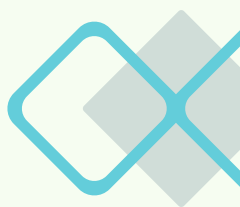
of Human Research Protection Programs, the Association of MBAs, the Indian Federation of Culinary Associations, and others have also recognized our commitments to quality education. The latest addition to the list of accreditations is from the Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET).

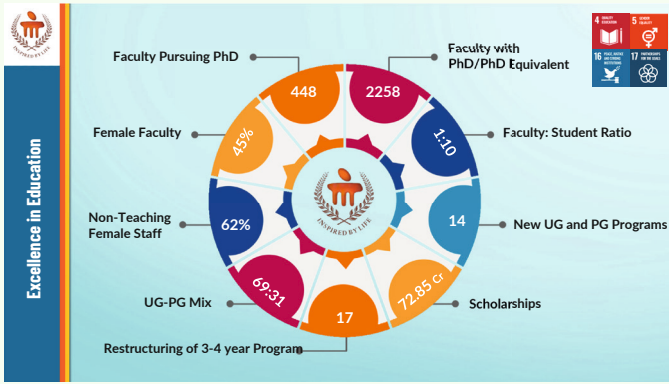
24 distinguished scientists from MAHE have made us proud by featuring in the list of World's Top 2 Percentile Scientists this year. Amongst these 24 researchers, five researchers are consistently figured from the last three years.

MAHE Scientists Ranked in Top 2 Percentile		
<b>MIT, Manipal</b> Raja Selvaraj Rajasevendra U. Shiva Kumar Nithesh Naik Ramraj H. Rakasha Shetty <b>KMC, Manipal</b> Chyitra R. Rao Vinod C. Nayak Benjamin Joseph	<b>KMC, M'lore</b> Nithin Kumar Unnikrishnan B. Nitin Joseph Prasanna Mithra Ramesh Holla Jagadeesh Babu Padubidri Prateek Rastogi <b>DBIMS, MAHE</b> Satheesha B. Nayak	<b>MCODS, Manipal</b> Shashidhar Acharya <b>MSLS, Manipal</b> Vinayak Mataradar <b>MCODS, Manipal</b> Srinivas Mutalik Usha Y. Nayak Beema Nayagan Lalit Kumar <b>MIT, B'lore</b> Gerard Deepak



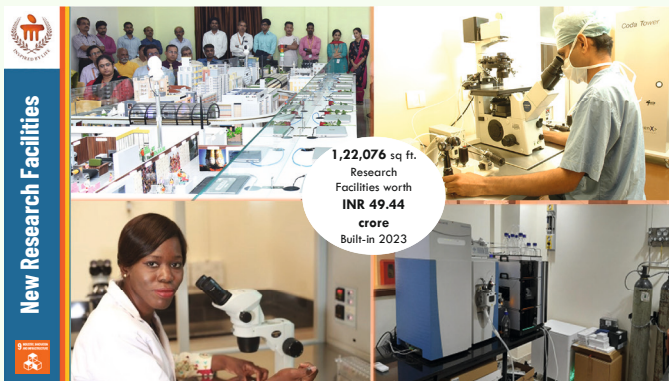
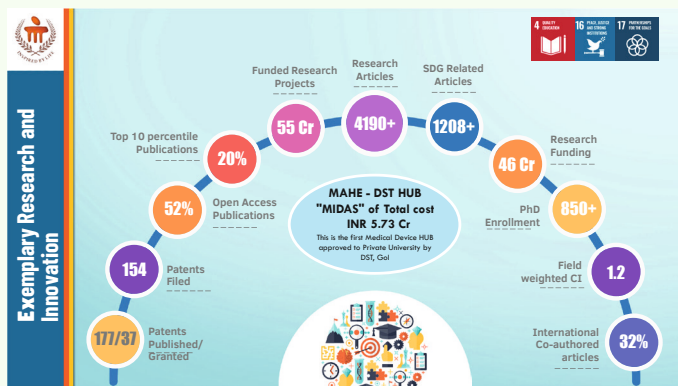
MAHE has envisaged its progress roadmap as an Institution of Eminence on Five Pillars: Excellence in Education, Exemplary Research and Innovation, Expanding Reach and Internationalization, Effective Engagement and Alumni Relations, and Enabling Foundation and Sustainability Mission. We have committed to GoI certain deliverables over five years, and I am happy to inform that we have been able to achieve most of the objective matrices ahead of time.





MAHE consistently strives to improve the quality of education. Our faculty-student ratio is 1:10, with over 2,200+ faculty members holding a PhD/Terminal Degrees. As a pioneering university concerning gender equity, 45% of our faculty members and 62% of our non-teaching staff are women. This year, we have introduced 14 new programs and awarded approximately 72.85 crore rupees in scholarships to deserving students.

In terms of research, the scholarly output of MAHE has increased multifold. Researchers of MAHE have published 4,190+ articles in high-quality journals, out of which 1,208+ articles are figured under Sustainable Development Goals, around 20% of the articles are published in the Top 10 percentile journals and 52% of articles are published in open access journals. The Field Weighted Citation impact of MAHE is 1.2, and 32% of the articles published have international coauthors, which indicates that more than a third of the published articles are an outcome of international collaborative projects. MAHE received INR 55 crore as extramural funding and has provided INR 46 crore as internal allocation for research. A total number of 154 patents were filed in the academic year 2023-24 and 850+ students have enrolled for PhD programs. Recently, MAHE has been recognized as India's first Private University medical device hub by DST.



As a research-intensive university, MAHE spent around 12% of Opex on research expenditure. MAHE has created more than 1,22,076 sq ft of world-class research facilities in the last year at a cost of more than 50 crore.



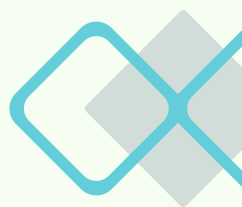
MAHE supported its progressive research journey by establishing more than six Centre of Excellence in multiple disciplines for the year 2023. These centres of excellence have been certified by industry, accrediting bodies and agencies from within and outside of India.

Expanding Reach and Internationalization continues to be one of the thrust areas of MAHE. The university has 252 active collaborations with international universities that facilitate semester exchange and internships to promote the mobility of students. Partnership agreements with 82 Top-500 ranked universities have been signed to promote internationalization at MAHE. It is heartening to observe that MAHE welcomed almost 3,500 students from diverse nationalities and hosted numerous delegations from global universities on its campus.



MAHE takes immense pride in the achievements of our alumni. The Alumni Relations team at Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) is earnestly working to establish enduring connections with our alumni base of more than 2,45,000. Last year, we organized 47 alumni reunion events, hosted over 300+ alumni guest lectures, facilitated 30+ Academy-Industry Partnership events, and conducted more than 50+ sessions for the Alumni Student Connect

Series. Achievements of alumni continue to make us proud as they hold very important and prestigious positions across the globe.



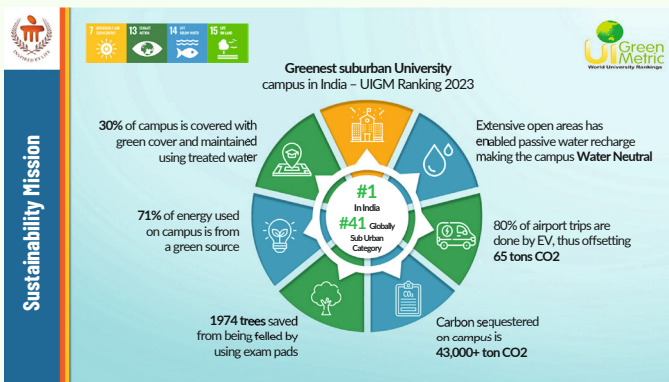




We are committed to providing world-class academic infrastructure to our students. We are delighted to inform you all that in the last financial year we have added and commissioned many new projects that are of global standards and sustainable. New buildings for the School of Architecture, a new building for Welcomegroup School of Hotel Administration, an Academic Block for MTMC, Jamshedpur, Academic block, a food court, and a convention centre at the

Bengaluru campus are some of the new facilities that are operational and open to students now.

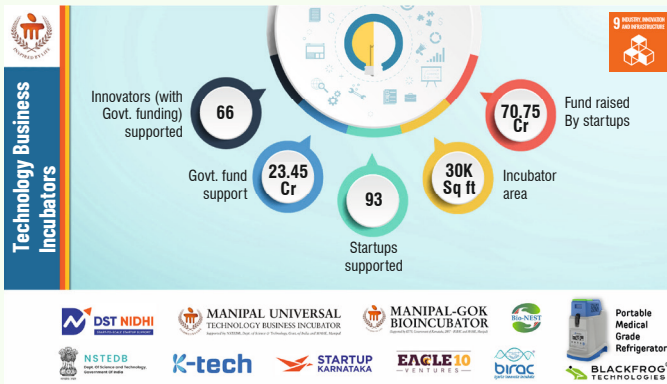
MAHE has already planned multiple infrastructure development projects for the year 2024, and the "MHRC-Hospice & Respite" is one of the key initiatives. Our new campus at Bengaluru being built at a cost of over 1,500 crore is emerging as an iconic world-class landmark at Bengaluru. Our New Health Sciences Campus at Jamshedpur being built at a cost of 500 crore is emerging as one of the finest facility in the eastern part of India.



MAHE is awarded the title of Greenest Suburban University Campus in India by the UIGM ranking, 2023. It affirms our commitment to environmental concerns. MAHE has taken effective steps in environmental preservation and sustainability. Resources are managed in a holistic way by implementing the best available technology on campus. 71% of the energy used in campus is from a green source. 30% of the campus is covered with green cover and maintained using

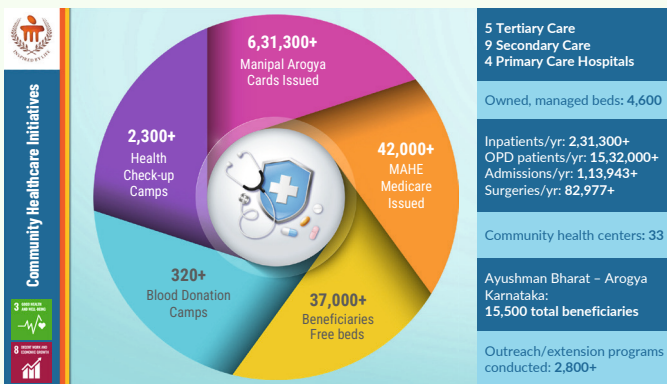
treated water. The use of EVs as the major mode of transport helped to reduce carbon emissions up to 65 metric tons. We are rapidly progressing towards carbon neutral campus and committed to being Net Zero by 2040.





MAHE has active Technology Business Incubators, including MUTBI and Bioincubator supported by the Government of India and Government of Karnataka. Our incubators house startups initiated by students, faculty, alumni, and others. In the 30,000 sq ft incubator facility, we currently accommodate 93 startups, with 66 of them receiving government funding. The total government support amounts to INR 23.45 crore, while the collective revenue generated by the startups is about INR 70.75 crore.

During India's G20 Presidency, MAHE proactively organised a series of events to support the G20 initiatives. This included hosting the W20 Women Vice Chancellors and Leaders Conclave, organizing the Y20 Youth National Conference, the T20 Public Health Event, and hosting multiple G20 University Connect Events.



MAHE is one of the leading healthcare service providers through its teaching hospitals. The hospitals provide services using various health schemes, both private and government. Its Manipal Arogya Suraksha insurance scheme covered more than 6,31,300 beneficiaries with an annual coverage of INR 50,000. The Kasturba Hospital treated 15,500+ patients under the Ayushman Bharath Scheme. In addition to these schemes, hospitals helped 37,000+ poor patients through their free bed scheme. More than 320

blood donation drives were held in the region. The 2,300+ health check-up camps have greatly benefited thousands of patients from rural areas.

MAHE is a vibrant campus hosting multiple sports and cultural events for the staff and students.





MAHE has been committed to serving the interests of the communities around the university. Volunteer Services Organization (VSO) was created at MAHE in 2007 to channelize this idea in a more organized fashion. It operates as a wholly student-led social unit within MAHE. Operating under the VSO banner, students, faculty, staff, and their spouses enthusiastically embrace volunteerism to contribute to society. Today, VSO has emerged as India's largest student-led voluntary organisation. MAHE also

has National Service Scheme (NSS) units across its campuses, organizing blood donation camps, as well as engaging in the preservation and planting of trees.



In conclusion, I thank all our stakeholders for their unwavering commitment, dedication, and support. Together, we will continue to inspire and empower the next generation students and innovators.



## INTRODUCTION OF CHIEF GUEST



### Introduction of Chief Guest by Dr Sharath Rao Pro Vice Chancellor – Health Sciences

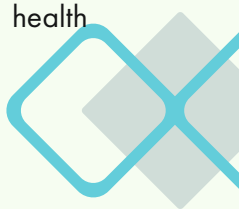
Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, and esteemed faculty, proud parents and brilliant students, it is with great honour and privilege that I introduce our esteemed Chief Guest for today's event, Dr M K Ramesh, MS, FRCS, FACS, FICS.

Dr Ramesh's journey is a testament to dedication, excellence, and service to the medical profession. Born in the quaint town of Mayakonda in Davanagere Taluk, he embarked on a remarkable educational journey that has left an indelible mark on the field of surgery.

After completing his schooling in his hometown, Dr Ramesh pursued his MBBS and MS in General

Surgery from the prestigious Mysore Medical College, Mysore. His academic prowess and commitment to the field led him to join Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bangalore, where he ascended to the position of Professor and Head of the Department of Surgery.

His contributions extend beyond the realms of academia. Dr Ramesh served twice in the Senate of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka, and held pivotal roles such as Vice Chancellor, Registrar (Evaluation), and Board Studies Chairman. As Vice Chancellor, he spearheaded the Divine Mother Child program, a groundbreaking initiative in the school health



survey in Chikballapur district, impacting the lives of thousands of students.

Dr Ramesh's leadership extends to various professional associations, where he championed the rights and welfare of the teaching community. He has mentored numerous MS students, authored prolifically in esteemed journals, and chaired academic events worldwide. His expertise in clinical trials as Principal Investigator has furthered medical research on an international scale.

Recognized for his scholarly contributions, Dr Ramesh has been bestowed with Fellowships by prestigious institutions, including the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, UK, the American College of Surgeons, USA, and the International College of Surgeons. His accolades also include the esteemed "Nada Prabhu Kempegowda Award" by BBMP, Karnataka,

and an honorary doctorate from Davanagere University.

Currently serving as the President of the Postgraduate Medical Education Board, National Medical Commission, New Delhi, Dr Ramesh assumed the role of Vice Chancellor of RGUHS on 11 February 2022. His tireless dedication to advancing medical education and research continues to inspire generations of medical professionals.

On a personal note, he is my classmate in Mysore Medical College, a good academician, an able administrator, an avid researcher, and above all an excellent human being.

Please join me in welcoming Dr M K Ramesh, a visionary leader and a beacon of excellence in the field of medicine.





## CONVOCAATION ADDRESS BY GUEST OF HONOUR

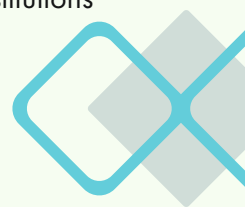


**Dr M K Ramesh, MBBS, MS (General Surgery), FRCS (England), who is the current Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), Bengaluru.**

It is my honour and privilege to be here on this momentous occasion of convocation ceremony at the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE). Today marks a significant milestone in your lives as you transit from being graduates to professionals who will shape the future of the world.

First and foremost, let me extend my heartfelt congratulations to each one of you for your remarkable achievement. Your hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment have brought you to this defining moment. I am sanguine to the fact that you have endured endless hours of studying, sleepless nights, and vigorous training. Today, all your efforts and sacrifices are being celebrated and all of you should be proud of yourselves.

MAHE has truly created for itself a legacy of excellence. From its humble beginnings as the Academy of General Education in 1942, founded by the great visionary late Dr TMA Pai, who rightly identified illiteracy, ill health, and poverty as three major ills plaguing Indian society, MAHE today epitomises quality and holistic education in every sense of the word. The outstanding infrastructure, training facilities, and dedicated faculty have placed the university amongst the finest in the country today, as evidenced by its ratings by various national and global ranking agencies like the NAAC, IET, and QS World. It is not surprising that MAHE was accorded the status of an Institution of Eminence by the Government of India in October 2020, a status very few higher education institutions



in the country can boast of. Reiterating these facts, which all of you are aware of, is to remind all those of you who are graduating this morning how fortunate and privileged you are to have studied and trained at this great institution. It is a moment for you to celebrate your achievement and success, and I congratulate you for the same. I also wish to remind you that as graduates of MAHE, you now bear the onerous responsibility of living up to the expectations that your loved ones, your teachers, and society have from you as you embark upon your chosen professional careers.

As you look back on your time at MAHE, I hope you cherish the memories, the friendships forged, and the invaluable lessons learned both inside and outside the classroom. MAHE has provided you with not just an education, but a holistic learning experience that has prepared you to navigate the complexities of the world beyond these walls.

As you are aware, we are witnessing a period of great transformation, both within our country and across the globe. India's position and image within the global order today is one of a nation which is proud of its heritage, confident of its capabilities, and certain of its aspirations and goals. For our nation to achieve its aspirations and goals, it is incumbent upon each one of us to commit to the philosophy of 'Nation First'. Sometimes we tend to feel that we are very small and insignificant to have any impact on the progress of our nation. This is not true. As the educated elite of the country, it is we who are the primary drivers of growth, change, and transformation. Each one of us, through small actions in our daily lives, has the power to make a very significant difference to society. What is important is to take the right decisions, even though they may not be the convenient or easy options to choose. Many of us, despite being aware of the negative impact of some of our actions on the environment, continue to do so since changing our habits and practice is inconvenient and requires effort. Likewise, technology today has become an

indispensable part of our lives.

However, while technology has great potential for bringing about positive changes in society, its misuse can be equally catastrophic. As responsible professionals, you must not only make the right choices but should also propagate the same in your areas of influence.

Your professional journey, which begins from this point onwards, will throw multiple challenges at you. You could choose to look at these as obstacles and impediments and get frustrated or look upon them as opportunities to learn. Remember, 'sometimes we are tested not to show our weakness but to discover our strengths'. I am confident that your training at MAHE would have provided you with the right mix of knowledge, skills, and attitude to help you navigate such tight corners whenever you encounter them.

As future professionals of this country, I urge you to focus on certain key values which I honestly believe is the need of the hour. One of the most essential values is 'trust'. Trust is that one basic tenant which forms the bedrock of all human interactions, be they between individuals or within organisations or within society at large. Without trust, there can be no progress or growth, either personal or professional or of societies. Ask yourself this question, 'Do people trust me?' or 'Can I be trusted?' Be honest with yourself about the answer. So why do we trust people or who are the people we trust? The answer is simple. Trust comes from 'character' and 'competence'.

If you have the core values of integrity, honesty, humility, and good intent, your actions will speak for themselves. Once these values become an integral part of you, your character, and you display them consistently, you will gain credibility. Credibility coupled with technical competence, will invariably translate to great outcomes and results. Your credentials will speak for themselves and this is when people will begin to trust you. When there is

trust between individuals and within organisations great things can be achieved and when there is trust within societies, cynicism, and suspicion die down and growth and prosperity follow.

Another mantra that I wish to share with you is to be passionate about whatever you do. Remember, that 'successful and unsuccessful people often do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desire and passion to achieve their true potential.' Successful people find ways to do things, unsuccessful people find excuses! Never stop believing in your dreams. If you believe it will work out, you will see opportunities. If you believe it won't, you will see obstacles!

Please become life-long learners. It is never too late to start something new. Each day is a great opportunity to learn something new. Develop a hobby. It is a great stress buster. Do not shy away from hard work. You do not always get what you wish for. But you always get what you work for! Believe in yourselves and do not take life too seriously. Love yourselves for who you are and do not get into comparisons with others. Look into the mirror, that is your competition! Invest in friends and human relationships. It pays the best dividends in the long run.

Today, you join a community of alumni who have made significant contributions to society in various

fields, from healthcare and engineering to business and the arts. As you embark on your respective paths, I urge you to uphold the values of integrity, excellence, and compassion that define the ethos of MAHE.

As we celebrate the success of the graduating students today, I think their parents and loved ones deserve equal credit. Proud parents, today is a day when we not only congratulate you for the outstanding achievements of your children, but we also salute your efforts, your sacrifices, your love, support, encouragement, and values that you have inculcated in your dear ones that have made them stand tall and confident, raring to embark on a challenging career path. I am confident that you will watch them blossom into outstanding professionals and exceptional human beings in the days and years to come.

To the faculty of MAHE, I would say that you define this university, its ethos, its values, its achievements, and its excellence. It is your dedication, zeal, and professionalism that serve as a catalyst in the transformation of young minds into smart, competent professionals who will form the backbone of our society in the times to come. Today is a day when you need to feel proud of yourselves and celebrate the success of your efforts that are so plainly evident for all to see.





## PRESENTATION OF MEMENTO





## FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT GRADUATES

University facts and figures presented by Dr Vinod V Thomas,  
Registrar Evaluation, MAHE, Manipal

Convocation - MAY 2024 - MAHE - Manipal			
Particulars	Convocation	Speed Post/Absentia	Total
Undergraduates	282	502	784
Postgraduates	42	118	160
PHD	62	55	117
Grand Total	386	675	1,061



## CONFERRING THE DEGREES



I, Dr H S Ballal, Pro Chancellor, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Manipal Academy of Higher Education, admit these candidates to the rank, privileges and responsibilities of the degrees severally set out and confer the said degrees on them.



## ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Dr P Giridhar Kini, Registrar, MAHE, Manipal administering oath to the students



### Common Oath by Graduates

"As a graduating student at MAHE,  
I shall follow the code of Scientific  
professional ethics,  
Maintain integrity in research  
Uphold the course of science  
Respect the dignity of the human  
being  
Endeavour to be objective in my  
judgement and  
Strive for the enrichment of human  
values and thoughts".





## DR TMA PAI GOLD MEDAL



SL.NO	NAME	INSTITUTION
1	Ananya Jha	MCODS, Mangaluru
2	Diksha Chhaparia	MCODS, Manipal
3	Shreya R	KMC, Mangaluru
4	Harsh Sharma	KMC, Manipal

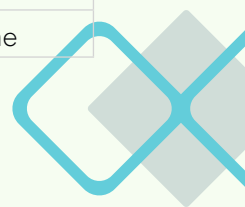
## PHD AWARDS

Sl No	Name	Institution
1	Shivakumara Reddy K	Kasturba Medical College
2	Ashish Prabhakar John	Kasturba Medical College
3	Massand Amit Balrambhai	Kasturba Medical College
4	Aparna P	Kasturba Medical College
5	Vishal Singh Guleria	Kasturba Medical College
6	Prathima Tholeti	Kasturba Medical College
7	S Sangthang	Kasturba Medical College
8	Parsekar Shradha Sadanand	Kasturba Medical College
9	Aiswarya Liz Varghese	Kasturba Medical College
10	Megha Gokul	Kasturba Medical College
11	Ameya Jijo	Kasturba Medical College
12	Divya Gopalan	Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences
13	J Gangadhar Naik	Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences
14	Pisay Muralidhar	Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences
15	Anna Mathew	Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences
16	Amala Maxwell	Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences
17	Patil Prajakta Harish Alka	Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences
18	Velagacherla Varalakshmi	Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences
19	Satarker Sairaj Rajendra	Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences
20	Bhim Bahadur Chaudhari	Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences
21	Magith Thambi	Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences
22	Ruchira Raychaudhuri	Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences
23	Meena Konsam	Manipal College of Nursing
24	Shree Kripa	Manipal College of Health Professions
25	Arunima Rajatkumar Biswas	Manipal College of Health Professions
26	Apoorva M S	Manipal College of Health Professions
27	R Vasanthan	Manipal College of Health Professions
28	Manoj Bhat K	Manipal School of Life Sciences
29	Ware Akshay Pramod	Manipal School of Life Sciences
30	Akheruz Zaman Ahmed	Melaka Manipal Medical College (Manipal Campus)
31	Arunima Chauhan	Melaka Manipal Medical College (Manipal Campus)
32	Tanuja Shailesh	Manipal Institute of Technology



Sl No	Name	Institution
33	Archana Praveen Kumar	Manipal Institute of Technology
34	Sridevi H	Manipal Institute of Technology
35	Prapti Behera	Manipal Institute of Technology
36	Y Shiriraj Rao	Manipal Institute of Technology
37	Nakul Sreedhar	Manipal Institute of Technology
38	Nisha P Shetty	Manipal Institute of Technology
39	Karthik B M	Manipal Institute of Technology
40	Om Prakash Kumar	Manipal Institute of Technology
41	Shahabaz S M	Manipal Institute of Technology
42	Nithesh K	Manipal Institute of Technology
43	Goutam Mohan Pawaskar	Manipal Institute of Technology
44	Ganesh Prasad	Manipal Institute of Technology
45	Vighnesh Shenoy	Manipal Institute of Technology
46	Akshatha K R	Manipal Institute of Technology
47	Arun Kumar	Manipal Institute of Technology
48	Gururaj	Manipal Institute of Technology
49	Pallavi M	Manipal Institute of Technology
50	John Valerian Corda	Manipal Institute of Technology
51	Aldrin Clatylus Vaz	Manipal Institute of Technology
52	Ramakrishna Nayak	Manipal Institute of Technology
53	Vinyas	Manipal Institute of Technology
54	Manisha	Manipal Institute of Technology
55	Ushakiran	Manipal Institute of Technology
56	Kashmitha Muthamma	Department of Sciences
57	Ayana A	Department of Sciences
58	Shreya Kanth	Department of Sciences
59	Asha Hind P	Department of Sciences
60	Ashwitha Nancy DSouza	Department of Sciences
61	Varsha	Department of Sciences
62	Sharanu	Department of Sciences
63	Reena V John	Department of Atomic and Molecular Physics
64	Prinston Melroy Lewis	Department of Atomic and Molecular Physics
65	Prajna N D	Department of Atomic and Molecular Physics
66	Adarsh U K	Department of Atomic and Molecular Physics
67	Monisha K	Department of Atomic and Molecular Physics
68	Elza D Cruz	Srishti School of Art, Design & Technology

SI No	Name	Institution
69	Apala Lahiri Chavan	Srishti School of Art, Design & Technology
70	Patcharaporn Lueraj	Srishti School of Art, Design & Technology
71	Savitha Heggede	T A Pai Management Institute (TAPMI)
72	Satyaki Datta	T A Pai Management Institute (TAPMI)
73	Aparna Bhat	T A Pai Management Institute (TAPMI)
74	Mahesh Prabhu H	T A Pai Management Institute (TAPMI)
75	Asha Albuquerque Pai	Prasanna School of Public Health
76	Lintu M K	Department of Statistics
77	Jevitha Lobo	Department of Statistics
78	Krishnapriya T K	Manipal Institute of Communication
79	Nadeem Ahmed Moonakal	Department of Geopolitics
80	Sharal T Correa	Manipal Centre for European Studies
81	Raghu Menon J	Manipal Centre for Philosophy and Humanities
82	Suvedha Suresh Naik	Manipal Centre for Natural Sciences
83	Deshpande Kadambari Vivek	Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE)
84	Anjan Katna	Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE)
85	Anoop N R	Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE)
86	Nobin Raja M	Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE)
87	Menedhal Manjunath Shankrappa	BVB Management Institute
88	Suchithra P	Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS)
89	Swathi S P	Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS)
90	Dincy Mariyam	Center for Wildlife Studies
91	S Pandu Ranga Prasad	Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics
92	Kausika Kumar Malik	Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics
93	Renuka	CIMR
94	Karthik V K	Centre for Stem Cell Research (CSCR)
95	Challa Naga Lakshmi	Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences
96	Rebecca Kristina Edwin	Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences
97	Sushmitha A	Gandhian Centre for Philosophical arts and Sciences
98	Vinay Kumar Dubey	Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine
99	Partha Sankar R P S	Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine
100	Gowtham T P	Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine





Sl No	Name	Institution
101	Dyuti Saha	Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine
102	Smrita Singh	Institute of Bioinformatics
103	Shivangi Sharma	Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology
104	Swatilekha Birendra Hazra	L V Prasad Eye Institute
105	Karche Amit Dattatraya	Lupin Research Park
106	Ansil B R	National Centre for Biological Sciences
107	Soumya Deep Das	National Institute of Advanced Studies
108	Subroto Dey	National Institute of Advanced Studies
109	V P Lavanya	National Institute of Advanced Studies
110	Meera Kumar	National Institute of Advanced Studies
111	Amrutha Mohan	Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology
112	Smrithi Krishnan R	Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology
113	Jayalekshmi V S	Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology
114	Midhunaraj K	Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology
115	Bhramari Shivaprakash	Regional Resources Centre for Folk Performing Arts (RRC)
116	E Bhargav	RERDS CPR
117	Aakriti Singh	Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History



## VOTE OF THANKS



### **Dr Unnikrishnan B, Dean, KMC, Mangaluru, delivered a Vote of Thanks**

Honourable Chief Guest, Dr M K Ramesh, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), esteemed dignitaries, faculty members, graduates, distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen. A very good evening to all of you.

On this momentous occasion of the 31st Convocation of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), I stand here with immense gratitude and pride to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to the success of this event.

First and foremost, I would like to express our deepest appreciation to our Chief Guest, Dr M K Ramesh, Vice Chancellor of RGUHS, Bengaluru, for gracing us with his presence as the Chief Guest and delivering an inspiring Convocation Address. Your insights and guidance will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on our graduates as they embark on their future endeavours.

Thank you very much, Sir.

I place on record our gratitude to our beloved Chancellor, Dr Ramdas M Pai for his dynamic leadership, unstinted support, and constant encouragement in all the activities of our university. I would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to Dr H S Ballal, Pro Chancellor, MAHE, for declaring the convocation open and for his unwavering support and leadership in shaping the future of our university. I also thank Mrs Indira Ballal for her presence.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Lt Gen (Dr) M D Venkatesh, Vice Chancellor, MAHE, for the exceptional support, visionary leadership, and for presenting the comprehensive overview of the university. Your dedication and commitment to excellence have been instrumental in shaping the future of MAHE and guiding us toward



success. Thank you, Sir. We also thank Mrs Kusuma Venkatesh for her presence.

I express my heartfelt thanks to Dr Dilip G Naik, Pro Vice Chancellor, MAHE, Mangaluru Campus, for delivering the welcome address.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Dr Sharath K Rao, Pro Vice Chancellor – Health Sciences, MAHE for introducing the Chief Guest.

We would like to acknowledge the gracious presence of Dr Narayana Sabhahit, Pro Vice Chancellor (Technology and Science), Dr Madhu Veeraraghavan, Pro Vice Chancellor (Management, Law, Humanities, and Social Sciences), Dr N N Sharma, Pro Vice Chancellor (Strategy and Planning).

I thank Dr P Giridhar Kini, Registrar, MAHE for administering the oath to the graduates, Dr Vinod V Thomas, Registrar Evaluation for presenting the facts and figures about graduates, Dr Geetha Maiya, Director, Student Affairs for presenting the Gold Medal Awardees and Dr Vasudha Devi, Deputy Director, Centre for Doctoral Studies for presenting the PhD Awardees. Thank you all immensely.

I wish to place on record our sincere thanks to all the heads of the institutions, university officials, and faculty members for their support.

We recognize the presence of Dr K Ramnarayan, Former Vice Chancellor, Dr PLNG Rao and Dr V Surendra Shetty, Former Pro Vice Chancellors, MAHE, and thank them for their unconditional support towards the growth of the university.

We are happy to express our gratitude to members of the Board of Management, the Academic Senate, officials from the Manipal Group of Institutions, and associated hospitals for their support in the university activities and for their presence today.

The media personnel, both the press and the electronic richly deserve our special thanks for covering this event.

Special thanks to our Master of Ceremony, Dr Nanditha Shenoy, Associate Professor, MCOODS, Mangaluru for taking us through this ceremony.

Our acknowledgments are also due to the team that has been working in the background to cover the function through live web streaming, videography, and photography.

We have been fortunate to have a team of motivated and dedicated colleagues at our university who were responsible for the logistic support in conducting this event successfully. I want to thank all our guests, families, and friends who have joined us today, whether in person or virtually, to celebrate the success of our graduates. Your presence has made this occasion even more special.

Although I have expressed THANKS to many today, I have still carefully hoarded the big chunk of THANKS to the special people of today's function, the endearing graduates and their loving parents. To all the graduates, congratulations on reaching this significant milestone in your academic journey. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have brought you to this momentous occasion, and we are incredibly proud of your achievements. May God shower the choicest blessings on each one of you graduates as you launch yourselves into the exciting orbit of your professional career.

Thank you once again to everyone who has made this convocation a grand success. May the future hold boundless opportunities and success for all of us.

Thank you and have a wonderful evening.

## MASTER OF CEREMONY



Dr Nandita Shenoy, Associate Professor  
MCOADS Mangaluru





“Educated and enlightened children  
are an asset not only to the family  
but to the whole nation”

**Dr TMA Pai**



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