

# UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

Press note

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## **Good education needs inspiration - Dr. Balakrishna Pisupati**

### **1, 46, 248 Degrees Conferred**

### **Along with 271 PhD and 36 M.Phil Degrees, 61 Gold medals awarded**

**Mumbai-** Standard education needs inspiration, focusing on inspiring minds is the need of an hour. Education is a set of teachers who can inspire the students. Inspiration to students could come from their teachers in various ways, said Dr. Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, Biodiversity, Land & Governance Programme, Division of Environmental Law & Conventions, UNEP, Nairobi, Kenya. Further he added that teachers should be able to enthuse & transfer their qualities & connect with students, addressing the students in the Annual Convocation ceremony of University of Mumbai holds in the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Hall as the Chair to the Convocation Shri.CH.Vidyasagar Rao, Governor of Maharashtra and Chancellor of University and I presence of Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh, Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai.

Further Dr. BalaKrishna Pisupati said, Knowledge for a degree is different from Knowledge for life. Modern education is to encourage students to read & appreciate issues beyond the regular realms. Learning should be based on the interest of the individual than prescribed merely syllabus. If we have to compete the ranking of Indian Universities at regional and Global levels with several anxious we need a revolution in the way teaching & research is done & students are mentored.

While reading the Introductory Report Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of University of Mumbai Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh said, Since 158 years, University of Mumbai has always given its best to the country in general & to the city of Mumbai by shouldering an ever- growing load of social values & opportunities. More than 7 lacs students are receiving education from 749 affiliated colleges of MU. With 58 post graduate Departments, 749 affiliated colleges & 3 constituent colleges along with 105 affiliated institutes the University of Mumbai is also one of the largest Universities in the country & conducts more than 725 examinations with over 26,000 different papers for various programmes leading to certifications, diplomas & Degrees at under graduate & Post graduate as well as Doctoral Degrees throughout the year. It prides itself on its academic achievements, academic, examination & financial reforms & infrastructure development over the years.

In a significant development, Department of Science & Technology (DST) in the second phase of PURSE programme has sanctioned INR 15 crores for research & Development in Science Departments of the University, He added. Under RUSA project, HRD ministry has been sanctioned INR 26 crores to University of Mumbai.

At national Level, the University has excelled in sports as well as cultural and outreach activities. In the last five years the University has witnessed 107% increase in under graduate students, 118% increase in post graduate students and 162 % increase in distance –education students. There is 171% increase in the number of research papers published n International journals. More than 100 teachers belonging to our post graduate departments are on various profession bodies. More than 20 National/International awards are won by teachers in the last five years. Every year about 50 teachers of the University visit abroad for academic activities. Recently more than 25 self supporting courses have been started by the University.

To commemorate Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasheb Ambedkar on the occasion of his 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary, MU has undertaken several initiatives which include and oration series with 12 lectures beginning with oration by Dr. Sukhdeo Thorat, Chairman, ICSSR on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2016, Film Festival & Illocution Competition on Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar’s Life and teachings, Exhibition of books by and on Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

In 2015 MoUs were signed between University of Mumbai and University of Osaka, Universities in Israel, Universities in Russia, Indian Railways, Kaivalyadham at Lonavala as well as Ajivasan Music Academy, Mumbai. New initiatives and set up centers focuses on niche areas to harness ecosystem & in our continuous journey of pursuing academic excellence :Digital University initiative, Skill Development initiative, Centre for Development of Innovative Entrepreneurship to nurture start-up villages building on the experiences of Bio-villages Centre for Behavioral & Experimental Social Sciences & Initiative to execute the concept of “Inclusive Leadership”.

Total 1, 46, 248 Degrees were conferred in today’s annual convocation.1, 21,829 degrees were under graduate and 24419 degrees were Post graduate. In these Faculty wise degrees conferred:

Faculty of Arts- 25310 Degrees

Faculty of Science- 17207 Degrees

Faculty of Commerce- 64738

Faculty of Technology- 21358

Faculty f Management- 12174

Faculty of Law- 5461

271 PhD & 36 M.Phil degrees were conferred and 61 Gold Medals, 1 Silver Medal, 3 Bronze Medal & 2 Chancellor Prize and 1 Chancellor Medal were awarded in the presence of Dr.

M.A khan, Registrar, University of Mumbai, COE Deepak Vasave and BCUD Director Dr. Anil Patil.

( Note- Kindly go through 5 pages Excel Sheet which includes Bar Chart and Pie Chart)

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