

## Report on Convocation Ceremony 2021-22

The Convocation ceremony for Degree Distribution of undergraduate, postgraduate and Ph. D. students of K. J. Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce was held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11:30 am in Kalidas Sabhagruha. All the qualified students from Arts and Commerce were present for the ceremony.

The Convocation ceremony started with the compere's welcome address by Dr. Gaurav Gadgil. Inauguration of the ceremony began with University Song and Campus Prayer followed by lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. Dr. Mrunal Bhatt presented the Sanskrit invocation which marked the beginning of the ceremony. The welcome speech was delivered by the in-charge Principal, Dr. Veena Sanekar, to the dignitaries, students and parents. The Chief Guest for the event, Dr. Raghunath Shevgaonkar, Provost, Somaiya Vidyavihar, was formally introduced by the Vice- Principal, Dr. Satyawan Hanegave. It was followed by the felicitation of the chief guest. The College Annual Report highlighting the events, activities and achievements of the college and the students was presented by Dr. Hemali Sanghavi, Dean of Academic Affairs.

The Degree Distribution Ceremony was then declared open by the chief guest. Dr. Abhinaya Kamble and Dr. Deelip Palsapure from the senior faculty of Arts and Commerce presented a formal request for the award of degrees to the qualified candidates of undergraduate, post graduate and Ph.D. degrees in Arts and Commerce. The honorable chief guest granted the request and the dignitaries presented the degree certificates to the qualified candidates.

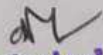
After the conferral of degrees, the honorable chief guest addressed the audience about learning aspects in life through achieving high human values, being good citizens and being professionals. He further emphasized on importance of three 'I's - Integrity, Involvement and Innovation and 'E' - Excellence, Ethics and Social Environment

Integrity is the foundation of trust and honesty, and the speaker urged graduates to uphold their values and principles in all aspects of their lives. Involvement means actively engaging in one's community, pursuing passions, and seeking opportunities to make a positive impact on society. Innovation means embracing creativity and taking risks to find new and better solutions to problems.

The speaker also emphasized the importance of excellence, which means striving for the highest quality in all endeavors. Ethics, on the other hand, means behaving with integrity and taking responsibility for one's actions. Lastly, the speaker highlighted the importance of considering the social environment in all decisions, including the impact of one's actions on others and the environment.

The three 'I's and one 'E' are essential qualities for graduates to possess as they enter the workforce and contribute to society. The speaker reminded graduates that they have a responsibility to use their education and skills to make a positive difference in the world, and encouraged them to always strive for excellence and uphold ethical principles in all aspects of their lives.

His address was followed by the formal oath taking ceremony. The principal administered the oath to the students who repeated it solemnly. As the formal event came to an end, the chief guest declared the ceremony closed. Dr. Mangala Deshpande, chairperson, Degree Distribution Ceremony Committee gave vote of thanks. National Anthem was played to mark the end of the ceremony.

  
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