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A TUMKUR UNIVERSITY SPECIAL BULLETIN FOR YUVASAMBHRAMA-2014 (FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION ONLY)

30th Inter-University South Zone Youth Festival to take off today TU ALL SET FOR CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA

The months-long count-down is coming to an end today. Tumkur University is just before the momentous occasion. The university is all set for a grand cultural feast that will continue till December 12. The university is expecting over 700 participants from more than 20 universities belonging to Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Pondicherry, Telangana besides Karnataka.

The University is organizing this 30th Inter University South Zone Youth Festival under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi, with the sponsorship of the Central Ministry of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Youth Affairs and Sports. With all preparations at their culmination, a new kind of cultural breeze is flowing across the campus. Different hoardings set in various parts of the city are inviting the art connoisseurs to the campus, while hoardings with information on different events, their venues and timings which will be helpful for the participants from various states have been displayed at different corners of the campus.

“I am happy and satisfied about the preparations. I’m confident that the Yuva Sambhrama will certainly be a grand success,” Prof. A. H. Rajasab, Vice Chancellor of Tumkur University told Unifest Mirror, after he moved across the campus on Sunday evening, reviewing the preparations.

“The entire university fraternity has worked with great zeal and commitment for the past three months. There has been a coordinated and persistent effort by our teaching and non-teaching staff in different committees,” he added.

Speaking to the Mirror, Prof. D. Shivalingiah, Registrar of the university, said, “We are working as a team for several months. The



preparations have been done systematically in different phases.”

He made a special mention of the committed efforts by the university staff. “I should make a special note here that the entire credit should go to our faculty members whose contribution is more than that of the administration,” he



emphasized.

Hectic schedule: Conveners, co-conveners and members of different committees were seen busy in their final preparations. Dr. Sree Shivakumara Mahaswamiji Auditorium, the main venue of the Yuva Sambhrama, witnessed hectic activities throughout the day. By Sunday evening, the auditorium looked like a new groom with the majestic dais getting ready for the grand inaugural.

Students and faculty members of the Department of Fine Arts under the supervision of Dr. Siddalingaswamy Hiremath fine tuned even the minute aspects of the stage. “The stage has been designed with utmost care and attention that it should perfectly reflect the cultural flavor of the youth festival. The stage is simple but enjoys a royal appearance,” Dr. Hiremath explained. Seating arrangements for at least 1500 audience have been made at the auditorium. The members of Registration Committee were busy in getting the registration kits ready and finalizing the registration counters. The members of the Food committee, Transportation committee, Health & Hygiene Committee, Event Management Committee, Reception and Guest Committee, separate committees formed for the management of music, dance, literary, theatre and fine arts, Discipline Committee, Accommodation Committee, Committee for Referees and Juries were getting ready for the mega event in their own way.

The members of committees for Invitation, Souvenir, Correspondence, etc., who had almost finished with their works were seen assisting other committee members. Needless to say that the Media and Publicity Committee that had the responsibility of bringing out the Unifest Mirror worked till late night.

“We are almost done with the preparations. However, it is natural that preparations will continue until the actual event begins. Many teams have already reached the campus and

have occupied the places allotted for their accommodation. The picture will be more colourful by Monday morning,” said Dr. A. M. Manjunatha, the Cultural Coordinator of the Unifest, who has been coordinating the works of different committees all these days.

Preparations in full swing: The Food Committee under the leadership of Prof. Jayasheela and Sri B K Suresh have set seven food counters in different parts of the campus to see that there will be no rush and confusion at any stage. The food counter at the University Guest House has been reserved for VIPs, juries and guests, while three counters near Dr. Sadananda Maiya Block will serve food to participants while the other three on the opposite side will serve food to teaching and non-teaching staff and the volunteers. It has been estimated that the event requires about 1000 cans of purified water, which have already been arranged by the committee.

The Accommodation Committee under the leadership of Prof. D. V. Paramashivamurthy and Sri B Kriyanna has got six places ready for the accommodation of participants from various states. The SIT Hostel, UG Women’s Hostel and PG Women’s Hostel on the railway station road have been arranged for women participants, while the UG Men’s Hostel, University College of Science have been arranged for male participants. Yatri Nivas at Sree Siddaganga Mutt has been reserved for the team managers. At least 3-4 staff members are in charge of each place of accommodation to see that no participant should experience any kind of inconvenience. The committee has also arranged for hot water in all places since Tumkur is experiencing heavy winter.

The discipline committee under the supervision of Sri B L Mukundappa and Dr Arun Kumar has formed 8 teams of NCC volunteers from University Colleges of Arts and Science. There will also be NSS volunteers assisting var-

ious committees. The district administration and police departments are also cooperating with the university to maintain law and order during the five-day event. The Fire Department has arranged a fire brigade on the campus, while the Health Department has allotted five doctors to the campus. An ambulance will also be there on the campus round the clock to look into any emergency requirements. The Health and Hygiene Committee has arranged temporary toilets in addition to the existing ones on the campus. The City Corporation has assured the University of timely help for maintaining cleanliness on the campus.

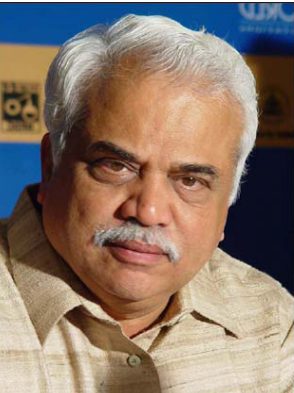
Events & venues: The students of Bharatratna Dr. M. S. Subbulakshmi Department of Fine Arts along with their teachers have transformed their department and art gallery into a new cultural abode. Both the places have got ready for welcoming the participants of various competitions such spot photography, spot painting, collage and installation, poster making, clay modeling, cartooning and rangoli. One act play competition has been arranged at Gubbi Veeranna Kalakshetra in the heart of the city with a special intention of making it convenient to the theatre lovers to attend the event. The competition will continue for two days (Dec 9 and 10). Competitions like elocution, debate, and quiz will be held at University College of Arts, while the events like group song – Indian & western, classical instrumental solo – percussion and non-percussion will be held at Sir M Visvesvaraya Auditorium in the University College of Science.

Dr. Shivakumara Mahaswamiji auditorium is expected to attract more audience where competitions such as mimicry and folk orchestra will be held. Classical dance competition has been planned at the amphitheatre in between



5pm and 9.30pm for the convenience of the members of the public. Competitions like classical vocal solo, classical instrumental solo, light vocal (Indian), western vocal (solo) will be held at Dr. Sadananda Maiya Block. Totally, as many as 35 competitions will be held in seven different venues during Yuva Sambhrama. A band of 27 juries of national repute, selected by the Association of Indian Universities, will be judging different events.

Nagathihalli Chandrashekhar to inaugurate Yuva Sambhrama - 2014



Sri R V Deshpande
Minister for Higher Education



Nagathihalli Chandrashekhar
Writer and film maker



Sri T. B. Jayachandra
District In-charge Minister



Sri Duniya Vijay
Cine Actor



Prof. A. H. Rajasab
Vice Chancellor



Prof. D. Shivalingiah
Registrar



Prof. Furqan Qamar
Secretary General, AIU



Sri Sampson David
Joint Secretary AIU

The inaugural function of Yuva Sambhrama 2014, the 30th Inter University South Zone Youth Festival will be held at 4pm today at Dr Sree Shivakumara Swamiji Auditorium. Writer and film maker Prof. Nagathihalli Chandrashekhar will inaugurate the ceremony.

Sri R. V Deshpande, Hon’ble Pro-Chancellor of Tumkur University and Minister for Higher Education and Tourism, Govt. of Karnataka and Sri T. B. Jayachandra, Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights, Parliamentary Affairs and Legislation, Animal Husbandry and the District In-charge Minister will be chief guests.

Sri Vijay (Duniya Vijay), cine actor, will be the guest of honour. Prof. Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, Association

of Indian Universities, Sri Sampson David, Joint Secretary, AIU, will be the special invitees. Vice Chancellor Prof. A. H. Rajasab will preside.

Prior to the inaugural ceremony, there will be a cultural procession by the art troupes coming from various universities. Sri K. S. Satyamurthy, Deputy Commissioner, Tumakuru district, will flag off the procession at MG Stadium at 3pm. As the procession continues, the troupes will perform, so that the members of the public will have an opportunity to have a glimpse of the south Indian culture.

The University is bringing out a souvenir on the occasion of the youth festival, which will be released during the inaugural ceremony. The souvenir contains messages from vari-

ous dignitaries and articles reflecting the special features, art and cultural heritage of Tumakuru district.

Valedictory: The valedictory function of Yuva Sambhrama will be held at 3.00pm on December 12, 2014. Sri Abhaychandra Jain, Minister for Youth Affairs, Sports and Fisheries, Dr. Rajaneesh Goel, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Dr. Shalini Rajaneesh, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Kannada and Culture, Information and Public Relations, and Backward Classes, Dr. Mohan Alva, artist and educationist will be the chief guests. Sri Devaraj, film actor, will be the guest of honour. Sri Yogaraj Bhat, film maker, Sri David Sampson, Joint Secretary, AIU will be the special invitee. Vice Chancellor Prof. A. H. Rajasab will preside.

Contact numbers of various committees

Events at a glance

Sl No	Committee	Convener/ Co-conve-ner	Contact number
1	Reception and Guest	Prof. U S Murhty	8861204204
		Dr. Sudarshana Reddy	9449520923
2	Invitation	Dr. Nityananda Shetyy	9901863961
		Dr. Nagaraju S	9481852923
3	Stage and seting arrangement	Prof. Paramashivaiah	9448533326
		Dr. Ramesh B	9448419939
4	Sovenir and report	Dr. Manohar Shinde	9449157975
5	Event management	Sri. Ramachandrappa K	9916063545
		Dr.Priya Thakur	9945818258
6	Competition management		
	Music	Sri Rajashekara	9481450943
		Bharat Shilpi	9886935343
	Dance	Sri Ravi C M	8951113063
		Dr. Nagaraju S	9972899901
	Literary	Dr. Shripad Bhat	9448683115
		Dr. Geetha Vasant	9663371013
	Theatre	Sri. Nagendra N	8970968688
		Dr. Nagabhushan Bag-ganadu	9964852518
	Fine Arts	Dr.Siddalingaswamy	9845464388
		Dr. Priya Thakur	9945818258
7	Registration Committee	Dr. Parashurama K G	9900412819
		Dr. Noor Afza	9449089075
8	Food Committee	Prof. Jayasheela	9449819282
		Sri B K Suresh	9845142321
9	Transportation Committee	Dr. Srinivasa S	9620230672
		Dr. L P Raju	9964502380
10	Discipline Committee	Sri.Mukundappa B L	9844321868
		Dr. D.B. Aruna Kumar	9036110380
11	Media and Publicity Committee	Dr. B.T.Sampath Kumar	9448320187
		Sri Padmanabha K V	9449525854
12	Accommodation Committee	Prof. D. V. Paramashiva	9448261860
		Murthy	
		Sri Kariyanna B	9448660632
13	Technical and Correspondence Committee	Dr. Gundur N S	9036564522
		Sri Rupesh Kumar A	9945689384
14	Committee for Referees and Juries	Dr. Shivalingaswamy H K	9845568961
15	Health and Hygiene Committee	Dr. Kotresh M	9448801569
		Dr. Basavaraju G	9916283637

Date	Event	Timings	Venue
09.10.2014	One Act Play	10.00 am to 09.00 pm	Gubbi Veeranna Kalakshetra
	Spot Photography and Spot Painting	10.00 am to 12.30 pm	Dr. M.S. Subbulakshmi Art Gallery
	Elocution	10.00 am to 1.30 pm	University College of Arts
	Group Songs (Indian)	10.00 am to 05.00 pm	Sir M Visvesvaraya Auditori-um
	Classical Vocal Solo (Hindustani/ Carnatic)	10.00 am to 05.00 pm	Sadananda Maiya Auditorium
	Classical Dance	05.00 pm to 9.30 pm	Amphi Theatre
	Collage and Installa-tion	02.00 pm to 04.30 pm	Dr. M.S. Subbulakshmi Art Gallery
10.12.2014	One Act Play contin-ues...	10.00 am to 09.00 pm	Gubbi Veeranna Kalakshetra
	Poster Making	10.00 am to 12.30 pm	Dr. M.S. Subbulakshmi Art Gallery
	Debate	10.00 am to 1.30 pm	University College of Arts
	Group Song (Western)	10.00 am to 05.00 pm	Sir M Visvesvaraya Auditori-um
	Classical Instrumental Solo (Percussion)	10.00 am to 05.00 pm	Sadananda Maiya Auditorium
	Classical Dance Con-tinues....	05.00 pm to 09.30 pm	Amphi Theatre
	Mimicry	05.00 pm On-wards	Dr. Shivakumaraswamiji Au-ditorium
	Clay Modeling	02.00 pm to 04.30 pm	Dr. M.S. Subbulakshmi Art Gallery
11.12.2014	Folk/ Tribal Dance	5.00 pm Onwards	Dr. Shivakumaraswamiji Au-ditorium
	Skit	9.00 am Onwards	Gubbi Veeranna Kalakshetra
	Mime	3.30 pm Onwards	Gubbi Veeranna Kalakshetra
	Cartooning	10.00 am to 12.30 pm	Dr. M.S. Subbulakshmi Art Gallery
	Classical Instrumental Solo (Non-Percussion)	10.00 am to 05.00 pm	Sri M Visvesvaraya Auditori-um
	Light Vocal (Indian)	10.00 am to 02.00 pm	Sadananda Maiya Auditorium
	Rangoli	02.00 pm to 04.30 pm	Dr. M.S. Subbulakshmi Art Gallery
	Quiz	10.00 am On-wards	University College of Arts
12.12.2014	Folk Orchestra	10.00 am On-wards	Dr. Shivakumaraswamiji Au-ditorium
	Western Vocal (Solo)	10.00 am to 02.00 pm	Sadananda Maiya Auditorium

Participating Universities			
Sl. No.	University Name	State	No. of partici-pants
01	Sri Venkateshwara University, Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh	40
02	Acharya Nagarjuna University	Andra Pradesh	38
03	Central University of Karnataka	Karnataka	3
04	Vijayanagar Srikrishna De-varaya University, Bellary	Karnataka	35
05	Mangalore University, Manga-lore	Karnataka	40
06	KLE University, Belagavi	Karnataka	22
07	University of Mysore	Karnataka	40
08	Karnataka State Women Uni-versity	Karnataka	22
09	Gulbarga University, Gulbarga	Karnataka	40
10	Bangalore University	Karnataka	40
11	Tumkur University	Karnataka	40
12	Kuvempu University	Karnataka	40
13	University of Calicut	Kerala	40
14	University of Kerala	Kerala	40
15	Cochin University of Science and Technology	Kerala	40
16	Central university of Kerala Kasaragod	Kerala	25
17	Sankaracharya University San-skrit,	Kerala	20
18	Mahatma Gandhi University	Kerala	40
19	Amrutha Vishwavidya Peetham	Tamil Nadu	40
20	Vellure Institute of Technology, Vellure	Tamil Nadu	2
21	Krishna University	Telangana	40
	Total		687



(Above) The beautiful art works designed and arranged by the students and faculty members of Bharatratna Dr. M. S. Subbulakshmi Dept. of Fine Arts. (Below) The entrance of the Dept. of Fine Arts welcoming the delegates.

DECENNIAL FERVOUR AT TUMKUR UNIVERSITY

Varsity marches ahead towards overall development

Tumkur University is galloping towards its ambitious dream of transforming itself into a center of international excellence in terms of both physical and intellectual growth. Anybody can easily recognize the significant steps taken up by the university towards an all-round development in the recent times. The vibrant team of Tumkur University led by its Vice Chancellor Prof. A. H. Rajasab and Registrar Prof. D. Shivalingaiah has been working hard towards the realizing the vision of the varsity: “To create a generation of human resources to successfully meet the global challenges”. Tumkur University has got this golden opportunity of organizing the 30th Inter University South Zone Youth Festival during its decennial year, i.e., 2014.

Tumkur University was established in 2004, carving out of Bangalore University to accommodate the needs of the students from Tumakuru district. Established under the Karnataka State Universities Act, 2000, as a multi-faculty university, it has 12 postgraduate departments, 2 constituent colleges and more than 90 affiliated colleges. It has established various research centers to promote advanced multi-disciplinary research and academic collaborations.

In 2012, the University was recognized under section 12(b) of the UGC Act, 1956. In the same year, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), an inter-university council of the UGC, accredited the University with “B” Grade in the three-grade rating scale. Besides, the UGC has recognized Tumkur University as “an educational institution of national eminence” and has recommended that the donations made to the university can be exempted from income tax u/s



The majestic Pandit Madan Mohana Malaviya Bhavan.

80G (3)(a)(i) of Income Tax Act 1961. Aiming to achieve human potential development through committed and dedicated efforts, the University is ensuring an effective application of integrated and interdisciplinary approaches in its dissemination of knowledge with its motto ‘Sevastu Me Jnana Vijnana Dhara’.

Prof. O. Anantha Ramaiah (2005 – 2009) and Prof. S. C. Sharma (2009 – 2013) are the previous Vice Chancellors of the University, who have considerable share in the development of the university.

The academic structure of the University is divided into four different faculties, namely, Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science and Technology, Faculty of Commerce and Management, and Faculty of Education. The postgraduate departments include Kannada, English, Economics, History and Archaeology, Political Science, Sociology, Social Work, Commerce, Business Administration, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Library and Information Science, Mathematics, and Physics. The University has two constituent colleges, namely, University College of Arts and University College of Science, both re-accredited with A grade by NAAC.

The university has evolved PhD programmes as per 2009 UGC regulations. The university offers PhD programmes in Kannada, English, Hindi, Sanskrit, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, History, Buddhist Studies,



The entrance of the Open Sculpture Gallery at Tumkur University.

Fine Arts (Music), Commerce, Business Management, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Electronics, Food Science, Library and Information Science, Mathematics, Microbiology, Material Science, Physics and Zoology. The university has submitted more than 250 research proposals to various funding agencies across the country. As many as 60 research projects worth Rs 4 crore have already been sanctioned. Prestigious institutions like UGC, DRDO, DST, ICSSR, ICHR, CSIR etc have sanctioned the projects. At least 25 teaching staff of Tumkur University have received UGC major projects.

Tumkur University publishes two international journals, viz., International Journal of Science Research (IJSR) and International Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (IJSSH). IJSR is a quarterly journal reporting on publication of original research contributions in fundamental and applied areas of science.

IJSSH is published to provide a forum to share knowledge related to broad range of topics including political science, sociology, history, archaeology, social work, geography, international studies, women's studies, children's learning and health, economics, business ethics, cities, intellectual property rights, language acquisition, privacy, the aging population, quality of life, technology in aboriginal communities, information communication technology, library and information science, physical education and sports sciences, dispute resolution, environment, sustainable development and subjects related to commerce and management. The University also publishes Lokajana, a quarterly journal of research, published in Kannada.

The University has recognised 61 independent academic institutions from all over India as research centres for doctoral and advanced study in various areas of academic research. It has appointed world-renowned eminent personalities as its Honorary Distinguished Professors. They include Nobel laureates Prof. Richard R. Ernst, Prof. Kurt Wüthrich, Prof. Rudolph Marcus, Prof. Eric S. Maskin, and His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and Prof. Anthony Cheetham, Prof. Azeddine Driouch, Dr. Sudha Murthy, and Prof. Tara Chandra.

The University has also established various chairs like Sree Kumaravyasa Peetha, Sree

Ramana Maharshi Peetha, Sree Dharmapal Peetha, Centre for Pali and Buddhism and Basavatatva Adhyayana Kendra. The State government has announced that a Centre for Integrated Human Studies and Research will be established at Tumkur University at a cost of Rs. 15.77 crore. Tumkur University has signed MoUs with prestigious institutions like Intel, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, National Law School of India University, Institute of Economic and Social Change, etc. for educational and research purposes. The university has been organizing a number of national and international seminars, conferences and workshops in order to keep the teachers and students abreast with the latest happenings in their respective disciplines. At least 150 national/international events of this nature have been conducted so far.

Through its various research projects, the university has acquired the most advanced scientific equipments for its laboratories which will be a boon for its researchers. The university has more than 50 unique equipments such as the advanced XRD equipment worth Rs 60 lakh, remote sensing and GIS software worth Rs 20 lakh and FFIR spectrometer worth Rs 15 lakh. The university has the credit of successfully utilizing the Rs 1 crore fund released by



The lush green park in front of the administrative block.

the State government under Kannada Bhashabhivruddhi Yojane. The varsity has published 40 scholarly books under the scheme.

The varsity has completed more than 40 new construction projects in a very short span after its campus was shifted to the constituent colleges' campus. Dr P Sadananda Maiya Block, Dr V S Acharya Memorial Block, Prof CNR Rao Centre for Advanced Materials, Guest House, Jnana Taranga Building, Instrumentation Training Centre, Bharatratna Dr M S Subbalakshmi Art Gallery, Amphitheatre, Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya Bhavan, Pariksha Bhavan, PG Women's Hostel, separate hostels of UG and PG boys, Dr Jagadamba Chivukula Block and Dr P Sadananda Maiya Block, SMB Block of Arts College, Central East Block of Science College, canteens, etc. have been the latest additions to the infrastructural facilities of Tumkur University.

Automated Weather Station, Remote Sensing Centre, Sri Ramana Maharshi Dhyana Kendra, Buddhavana, Dhanvantarivana, Monuments Park, Open Sculpture Gallery are some of the special attractions of the Tumkur University campus. The University that has blended both tradition and modernity in its approach, has honored the luminaries from the fields of art, culture and literature by installing their busts on the campus. The busts of Bharatratna Dr M S Subbalakshmi, Bharatratna Ustad Bis-

millah Khan, Sree Basaveshwara, Dr D V Gundappa, Kumaravyasa have enhanced the dignity of the campus.

Automated Weather Station (AWS) is an initiative of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). Established in the University campus in May 2010, the AWS is an agriculture-support mechanism and also a tool for advanced research and education in agriculture, meteorology and environmental sciences. The AWS with its capacity for providing weather updates in a range of 80 km is monitored by a team of researchers from Tumkur University. Updates generated by the AWS on the climate and weather conditions are collected by researchers on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. The Centre also researches into the impact of humidity on rainfall. The Centre also facilitates a comparative analysis of similar information available at the 111 AWSs already functioning across the State. This is a valuable resource for rain-dependent agricultural ecologies as also a database for advanced research and surveys conducted by ISRO, DRDO, Airport Authority, Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Media and Agriculture Universities.

Remote Sensing Centre was established in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in Tumkur University campus at a cost of Rs 34 lakhs. The Centre collects data on the availability of ground water, bio-diversity, green cover, fisheries and mineral availability in Tumkur district. The data will contribute to research in geological and geographical studies and serve as information and service kiosk for farmers of this region.

Sri Ramana Maharshi Dhyana Kendra is a place for Yoga and Meditation. A statue of Sri Ramana Maharshi has been established at the platform of the Dhyana Kendra. Buddhavana is a park whose centerpiece is a statue of the Buddha in pink stone sheltered under a bandstand-like canopy. The park contains aphorisms and epithets from the Buddhists sutras. Dhanvantarivana features many medicinal plants. The center of attraction here is a life-sized statue of Sri Dhanvantari, located in front of the University College of Science. Dhanvantarivana is planned to be a full-fledged botanical garden.

The Monuments Park in Tumkur University is a unique experiment in installation archeology. Ancient stone monuments, inscriptions, war memorials, idols and statues, found in different degrees of decay and degradation across Tumkur District have been collected, curated, conserved and installed in a landscaped park. The Monuments Park was developed as part of the Kannada Bhashabhivruddhi Yojane. The park also contains inscriptions and epithets



Rare artifacts and installations at the Monuments Park of Tumkur University.

Academic freedom vital for university: Prof. A. H. Rajasab

Prof. A. H. Rajasab, the Vice Chancellor of Tumkur University, is known for his down-to-earth nature and a noble academic vision. After he took charge as the Vice Chancellor of the university in mid-2013, he has been on his mission to build a fresh academic atmosphere on the campus. He has a commendable role in bringing Yuva Sambhrama – 2014 to Tumkur University. He spent his valuable time with the UNIFEST MIRROR team amidst his busy schedule. Excerpts of his interview are here:

The University is all set for the cultural feast. How do you assess the preparations?

The entire university fraternity has worked with great zeal and commitment for the past three months. There has been a coordinated and persistent effort by our teaching and non-teaching staff in different committees. I am happy and satisfied about the preparations. I'm confident that the Yuva Sambhrama will certainly be a grand success.

How do you visualize the objectives of the youth festival?
I'm proud that the university has got this rare opportunity of organizing the south zone youth festival during its decennial year. According to me, a university's duty is not just to impart knowledge but to nurture cultural values. Tumkur is a unique district being the cradle of art and culture. The main objective of the youth festival is to create a cultural fervor in the campus, which will in turn inspire our students. The fest is also intended to identify younger talents. I am sure Yuva Sambhrama is going to be a milestone in the history of Tumkur University.

What made you to accept the challenge of organizing an event of this scale?

I have actively participated in the organization of zonal, national and SAARC level youth festivals during my service in Gulbarga University. I have personally come across the vibrancy a youth festival creates among the enthusiastic youth. I have also worked with Mr David Sampson, the Joint Secretary of the Association of Indian Universities and we have a great coordination. Above all, I believe in the commitment and capacity of our staff at Tumkur University. Though the university is young, I found no reason to reject this golden opportunity.

What is your vision of a university?
This is profound question. I have seen excellent universities in foreign countries and have worked with them too. I have immensely felt that a university should completely be in coherence with the social fabric of the region. A university's goal should be preserving and upholding such values which are consistent with the social, economic, cultural and moral strata of the society. A university should produce and disseminate knowledge and create awareness among the common people against social evils. Teaching, research and extension should be the major objectives of any university. Its responsibility is not just producing graduates, but getting them ready for the modern employment world.

What is your vision for Tumkur University?
We have to raise Tumkur University to international standards. We should adopt at least 60% of the academic culture prevailing in foreign universities, while the remaining 40% should fulfill the local requirements. I feel a democratic system of free thinking and expression should develop here. Our graduates should not only fulfill the industry needs but they should acquire such skills which should enable them to lead an ideal life.

You often state that the students of Tumkur University are privileged. Can you please elaborate on this?
The students are indeed lucky to study here. They not only have a good academic and physical atmosphere but also enjoy some special status. Tumkur is very near to Bangalore, the State capital, and soon it is going to become a 'smart city'. In a few years it will undoubtedly be a part of Bangalore. The government has been acquiring large portions of land on the outskirts of Tumkur for industrial purposes. It is our students who will be enjoying the fruits of all these developments. However, we must be conscious that we should provide such stuff to the students which will be useful for their future.

How do you appraise your one-year tenure as the Vice Chancellor of Tumkur University? Before telling about my experience, I should acknowledge the contributions of my predecessors.



Prof. A. H. Rajasab, Vice Chancellor

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cessors. The contributions of two previous Vice Chancellors towards the development of this young university are extraordinary. Prof. Anantharamaiah was the founder VC, and he did his best amidst all limitations. Prof. S. C. Sharma, the previous VC, brought all possible infrastructures along with the present campus. Prof. D. Shivalingaiah, who has been the Registrar since 2009, worked hand-in-hand with Prof. Sharma and gave a firm physical structure to the university. I have been concentrating more on the academic development, like modernizing the curriculum, revising the syllabus, adopting the CBCS model etc. The new regulations for the undergraduate courses are awaiting government's approval. A number of eminent guests like Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, late Dr U R Ananthamurthy, Prof. Baraguru Ramachandrappa and Dr A. Sooryaprakash, have visited the varsity in the past one year. I want to see more and more thinkers visit the university and enhance our intellectual strength. Their visit in turn help our own students.

I feel that a university should have plans for the next 50 years. Accordingly I tried my level best to get a new campus for the university, and we are more or less successful in getting 240 acres of land near Bidarakatte, 18km away from the present campus. All local political leaders irrespective of their party have supported us in this venture. The State government is releasing Rs 10 crores as a step towards procuring the said land. If all goes well we can lay foundation stone for the new campus.

What new projects do you have in your mind for Tumkur University?
I do not think everything will be achieved during my tenure. Development is a continuous process. Now, we have to develop the new campus, phase by phase. Meanwhile, we have to increase the number of departments in the university. We have plans to open postgraduate departments in Botany, Zoology, Journalism and Mass Communication, Computer Applications, Psychology, Women Studies and Tribal Studies on a priority basis. We need to start new study chairs too. I also have plans to earmark a separate fund to send our faculty members to national and international conferences. We need to create environmental consciousness, communal harmony, and national integrity among our students.

Your final message...
I love and respect all my colleagues here – teaching and non-teaching, and all the students. The students are very sensitive and hard-working, and we can mould them according to noble ideals. I wish they attain a great future. In the meantime, I wish that our university should reach even the last person of the society, and help the public to identify themselves with the university.

Tumkur University is a synonym for team work: Prof. D. Shivalingaiah

Prof. D. Shivalingaiah, who has been the Registrar of Tumkur University for the past five years, is the one who has personally witnessed each phase of its development. His contribution towards the growth of the university is enormous. His commitment, vision, able leadership and administration have a great share in the status the university enjoys today. He has naturally played a decisive role in the organization of 'Yuva Sambhrama – 2014'. Amidst his busy schedule, Prof. Shivalingaiah spent a few minutes with the Bulletin team and shared his views on diverse issues. The excerpts of the interview are here:

The campus is awaiting the curtain to rise. What do you feel at this moment?

We are before a mega event, and I am happy and satisfied about the preparations. We are working as a team for more than three months. The preparations have been done systematically in different phases. Nothing is instant here. However, I should make a special note here that the entire credit should go to our faculty members whose contribution is more than that of the administration. Tumkur University itself is a result of team-work.

The University has shown keen interest towards the event, and has taken it a mission. Is there any special reason behind this?

Certainly. The youth festival has coincided with our decennial celebrations. In fact we consider it an important event of our decennial year. We are indeed proud that the AIU has recognized the University's potential and has given this responsibility with a lot of faith and confidence.

The University is comparatively young. Haven't you found the task a difficult one?

The university is young in terms of the total years of educational service. Meanwhile, we have limited space compared to the older universities. But we have taken everything as a challenge and have faced it successfully. I must say that the challenge is not a newer one. We have successfully conducted many events of this stature in the past. The participants and the public have wholeheartedly appreciated the way in which we had prepared for the visit of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, former President of India Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, visits of Nobel laureates and many international conferences.

You have been the Registrar of the University since 2009 and recently completed 5 years of service. How do you visualize the developmental saga of this institution?

The university had to be raised from shackles. From infrastructure to the teaching and non-teaching staff, the university had to struggle in all spheres. When I was appointed as the Registrar for this university in 2009, I was the only regular staff here! For moments, I had felt I was deserted in a forest. But soon I realized my responsibilities and took everything a challenge. I and the then Vice Chancellor Dr. S. C. Sharma had to struggle in every stage of the university's development. There were a lot of legal constraints in the appointments of the teaching and non-teaching staff, but determination and commitment were the only answer in all hurdles. Despite all challenges, we successfully appointed the required staff in a swift and transparent manner, got buildings with the generous contributions of philanthropists, got the 12B recognition from the UGC and even NAAC accreditation. We have made the best use of the ICT; the entire campus is wi-fi enabled. We have brought the campus under CC camera surveillance for the purpose of the security of our students, especially the female students. Tumkur University stands first in the State in Sakala services. We have brought the highest number of services (62) under Sakala scheme. Our RUSA proposal has been adjudged the best document in the country. We are also one among the pioneers in introducing biometric in the campus.

You often mention that Tumkur University is a university with a difference. Can you please analyze your idea?

I still vouch for my statement. The commitment of our staff towards duty is something unique. They work day-and-night for the success of any project or event. They give personal care and attention to every aspect. We have diversified staff from all corners of the country. We are perhaps the only university that has announced the merit list of candidates on our website during appointments. Not even a single scandal has occurred on the campus in these years. We have a balanced approach to teaching, research and extension – the major pillars of any university. Equal importance has been given to all fields. Our staff members have got considerable number of research proj



Prof. D. Shivalingaiah, Registrar

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ects from premier funding agencies like UGC, CSIR, DST, ICSSR, etc. We have sent a few staff abroad for post-doctoral research too.

How the university has catered to the needs of the SC, ST, minorities and OBCs?

Majority of the students of Tumkur University are from the rural areas with a poor economic background. Majority of them belong to the SC, ST, minorities or the Other Backward Classes. The University has given special emphasis for their welfare. We are providing all available scholarships and government schemes to them. These rural students had to be accommodated in six rented buildings in the initial years. We were gradually able to procure own buildings and now they have good hostels with all modern amenities. We have spent around Rs. 6 crores for the construction of hostels. The grants of Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) have been successfully used for the skill development of the target group.

Will you please elaborate on your future plans for the university?

We are planning to start special coaching for competitive examinations like Civil Service exams. We are also introducing remedial coaching by experts. I am also thinking of introducing evaluation of teachers by students. It is also a requirement specified by the UGC. We are designing a special proforma which will be used for this evaluation. Certain codes will be used both for the teachers and students so that everything can be kept confidential. The performance of the teachers will be appraised on the basis of the analysis of the results by a team of external experts.

Your final message...

I have a personal bond with this University. It has become my family. I have given my entire time to the university in these five years, and I always feel that the university should become a centre of excellence at the global level. I appeal all the teaching and non-staff to strive hard and give their valuable time to take this university to the greater heights. The public of Tumkur district have given great support to the university, and I anticipate their continued backing and cooperation. I must thank the State government, and syndicate members for their great support.

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