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GITAM to Honour Vice President of India

GITAM University, Hyderabad will honour Hon'ble Vice President of India during its eighth convocation slated for 18th November 2017. Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.Siva Prasad announced on Saturday at GITAM City Center, Khairatabad that the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters would be conferred on Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu. He will be the Chief Guest on the occasion and will deliver the Convocation Address. A total of 1053 students will be receiving their degrees during this convocation including three doctorates.

Shri T. Harish Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Irrigation, Marketing & Legislative Affairs, Government of Telangana will be the Distinguished Guest at the eighth Convocation. Prof. K. Ramakrishna Rao, Hon'ble Chancellor, GITAM University will preside over the function.

About Chief Guest

A student leader and a vociferous orator, Shri Venkaiah Naidu is a prominent personality in Indian politics. He has been interested in politics since childhood. The plight of the common man, the poor and the downtrodden are very well understood by Shri Naidu. He has worked hard for the upliftment of such people and launched several schemes and a social service organization, '*Swarna Bharath Trust*', to serve the poor and the down trodden of his home town Nellore, subsequently Krishna District and Hyderabad as well. The trust provides education to needy children. It also imparts employment training to women and youth.

He could deeply empathize with the problems of the common man especially the farmers and people belonging to backward classes, as he himself belonged to a lower class family. He encouraged his party to adopt the slogan '*Back to Villages*'. Because of his outspoken nature and great communication skills Shri Naidu gained immense popularity.

During his tenure as Union Cabinet Minister for Rural Development, he launched many reforms and schemes for the development of rural classes. One such scheme was '*Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana*'. He also tried to rope in multinational companies for the various projects related to rural development.

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