

# ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY

(Accredited with "A+" Grade by NAAC (CGPA:3.64) in the Third Cycle & Graded as Category-I University and  
Granted Autonomy by MHRD-UGC)

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## Press Release by Prof. N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor

The 31<sup>st</sup> Convocation of Alagappa University will be held on Thursday, the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 1.15 p.m. in the University Convocation Hall.



Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Alagappa University Thiru.Banwarilal Purohit will preside over the function.

Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu and Pro-Chancellor of Alagappa University Thiru.K.P.Anbalagan graces the occasion and offers felicitation.

Eminent Physicist Padma Vibhushan Dr.R.Chidambaram, Former Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai, delivers the Convocation Address.

Prof.N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University welcomes the gathering and recounts the activities, achievements and programmes of the University.

2,435 regular students from the University Departments, 10,290 students from the Affiliated Colleges, 843 students from the Collaborative Programmes and 15,318 students from the Distance Education stream would receive their degrees during this convocation. In total, 28,886 students would be conferred with the degrees, of which 10,178 graduates are male while 18,708 are female.

In this convocation, 272 candidates including 129 Ph.D., research scholars from the University Departments & Affiliated Colleges would receive their degrees in person.

Among 272 candidates, 33 gold medallists (M.Phil - 8, Post Graduate - 22, UG - Constituent College - 2, UG - Affiliated Colleges-1) and 110 graduates (University Rank holders) would receive their Degrees from the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu.

### **Quaequarelli Symonds - (QS) - ASIA Rankings**

Alagappa University has secured the 216<sup>th</sup> position in QS Asia Rankings. Of the 505 Universities ranked from 17 Asian Countries Alagappa University has secured this place. It may be recalled that earlier Alagappa University won the 20<sup>th</sup> place in QS India University Rankings and 104<sup>th</sup> place in QS BRICS Rankings. BRICS Universities denote Institutions of Higher Learning from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The British agency Quaequarelli Symonds has assessed the performance of Alagappa University on the parameters such as 1.Academic reputation, 2.Employer Reputation, 3.Faculty Student Ratio, 4.International Students, 5.Faculty Staff with Ph.D, 6.Papers per Faculty 7.Citations per Paper 8.International Faculty 9.Inbound Exchange 10.Outbound Exchange and 11.International Research Network.

### **Establishment of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Chair**

The University Grants Commission has approved the establishment of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Chair at Alagappa University and has sanctioned Rs.1.25 Crores. The objectives of instituting this Chair is to carry out research in Social Science with Pt. Deen Dayal's perception on Nation Building and to disseminate social, political and economic dimensions of Upadhyay's philosophy of Integral Humanism. The tenure of this Chair would be for a period of 5 years and can be extended for another 2 more years. The amount sanctioned will be utilized for appointing a Professor, conducting conferences, purchasing books and office and travel expenditure.

## **Accorded Permission to conduct Distance Education Programmes by UGC-DEB**

The Directorate of Distance Education of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, has been accorded permission to conduct various programmes of study under distance and open learning modes. In a notification dt.18.10.2018 from the University Grants Commission (UGC) and Distance Education Bureau (DEB) have listed out 15 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) granting sanction to design and offer various courses of study through Open and Distance Learning mode, (ODL) without the approval of the Commission as the University has fulfilled all the conditions laid down under the UGC ODL Regulations 2017 of the UGC.

It is to be noted that among the fifteen Universities in India, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, is the only State University in Tamil Nadu that has been given this permission on account of it being assessed as a Category-I Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) with the CGPA of 3.64 in NAAC Accreditation and the consequent autonomous status given to it by the MHRD-UGC.

## **ALUTES - 2018**

Alagappa University Inter Department Talent Exhibit Show (ALUTES) - 2018 was conducted during 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

1335 students from 35 departments participated in various Cultural events. The Department of Biotechnology won the overall Championship.

It was suggested to establish a Department of Theatrical Arts in the future.