

## **PRESS NOTE**

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## New Chapter Begins: Over 3000 Students Start Their Journey at SRM AP's UDAAN 2024

SRM University-AP extends a warm welcome to its newest cohort of students as it kicks off the much-anticipated "UDAAN 2024" orientation programme. This 10-day event, running from August 12 to August 23, is meticulously crafted to seamlessly integrate more than 3000 freshers from more than 20 states of India into the vibrant campus life and academic environment.

The event began with the traditional lighting of the lamp and an invocation ceremony, setting a tone of reverence and inspiration. During the inaugural session, students were given an overview of the university's various directorates, schools, and the academic ecosystem, providing them with essential knowledge about their new environment. Deans and directors from all departments were present, underscoring the importance of this milestone in the student's academic journey.

Pro-Chancellor, SRM University-AP Dr P Sathyanarayanan, extended his warmest wishes to the students, stating "At SRM University-AP, we are dedicated to shaping the next generation of leaders, innovators, and change-makers. With UDAAN 2024, we are excited to empower our students as they embark on this transformative educational journey. It is our hope that this experience inspires each of you to achieve excellence and make a meaningful impact on the world. Welcome to a vibrant community where your future truly begins."

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SRM University-AP, Prof. Manoj K Arora, addressed the new students, encouraging them to embrace self-reliance and to make the most of every opportunity during their time at the university. He motivated the students and said that they have an opportunity to learn new things, acquire new knowledge, grow new competencies, develop new skills and enhance their personal attributes in profound ways that will shape their character for the rest of their lives. Prof. Arora further added that the students have an opportunity to weave new friendships that will impact their lives in incredible ways and that education is not only about acquiring knowledge and skills, but it also prepares us for life.

The programme was honoured by the presence of Indian Ambassador Deepak Vohra ji, Special Advisor to Prime Minister in Africa and Ladakh, who was the chief guest for the event. His address to the students motivated them on how to attain great heights in their careers even in adverse situations through relentless goal setting, hard work, dedication and determination. He further told the students that if we are divided, we can go fast, but if we are united, we can go far. Deepak Vohra concluded his speech with this line, "The future of India is the future of the world. The whole world trusts India because we are intrinsically good people. You are the hope for the future of a safe and secure world."

Throughout this 10-day programme, students will participate in a series of sessions designed to familiarise them with the university's offerings. These include introductions to the academic departments, faculty, and administrative staff, as well as insights into the various clubs and associations that contribute to a holistic educational experience at SRM University-AP.