

PRESS NOTE

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SRM AP Empowers Innovation at the 2nd Research Scholars' Summit – 18 Gold, 14 Silver medals awarded for Best Research Papers

SRM University-AP concluded the second edition of its distinguished Research Scholars' Summit. This two-day summit witnessed the participation of 27 universities from the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, resulting in a total of 243 abstract submissions.

The summit delved into four major thematic areas namely: Engineering and Technology; Medicine, Life Sciences, Agriculture and Fisheries; Management, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Applied Sciences, including Computational Physics. Each thematic area encompassed a variety of subtopics.

The academic colloquium featured the esteemed presence of Shri Mannava Mohan Krishna, Honourable Chairman of Andhra Pradesh Technology Services, who graced the occasion as the chief guest. He expressed his vision for collaborative efforts with the researchers, stating, "We want to work with you, partner with you to serve the people better." Shri Mohan Krishna also highlighted the Chief Minister, Shri N Chadraababu Naidu's ambition to transform Andhra Pradesh into a technological hub, asserting that summits of this nature represent a commendable starting point. He also referred to the 153 services set to be launched under the WhatsApp governance initiative by the government of Andhra Pradesh, stating that ideas such as these demonstrate how technological advancements benefit governance and thereby the society.

Prof. Manoj K. Arora, Vice Chancellor, SRM University-AP in his address, reminded the students that this summit serves as a platform for the exchange of ideas and offers a significant opportunity to the researchers for career progression. He emphasised SRM AP's impressive research trajectory, stating, "in just seven and a half years since its inception, the university has established its presence on the scientific landscape." While acknowledging the rise in research fervour, he urged attendees to prioritise the societal impact of their work stating that their PhD should symbolise Passion, Hard Work, and Dedication rather than a simple Doctor of Philosophy.

He encouraged students to meticulously frame their professional futures, he said "During your five years at the university, you should aspire to discern the path you wish to pursue—whether as educators, researchers, or entrepreneurs and the university will facilitate all the necessary resources to support your professional journey." He also extended invitation to the scholars from other universities to come forward and use the infrastructure and facilities that SRMAP has invested in for Research.

The summit showcased a myriad of multidisciplinary research presentations from scholars culminating in the awarding of 18 gold medals, 14 silver medals and several special mention awards across various categories for their exemplary contribution. The success of the summit was further supported by the efforts of the convenors, Dr Sibendu Samanta, Dr Jatis Kumar Dash, and Mr Manikanta Bandlamudi, whose guidance and organisation were instrumental in creating a platform for scholarly exchange and collaboration.

Prof. Ranjit Thapa, Dean - Research, delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants, organisers, and attendees. The summit culminated in a fruitful and awe-inspiring work showcasing dedication and perseverance and a promise to keep inspiring, igniting and innovating.