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## THIRU R.N.RAVI, HON'BLE GOVERNOR AND CHANCELLOR OF STATE UNIVERSITIES OF TAMIL NADU HAS ENSURED TIMELY CONDUCT OF ANNUAL CONVOCATIONS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITIES FOR THE WELFARE OF THE STUDENTS AND TO ENSURE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN OUR STATE

Thiru R. N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor and Chancellor of the 20 State Universities of Tamil Nadu, is resolutely committed to elevating the quality and standards of higher education in our state. In a committed effort to ensure the timely advancement of our students' academic and professional pursuits, the Hon'ble Governor has mandated all Vice-Chancellors to schedule the annual convocations by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2024.

Beginning with Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (Coimbatore), where the convocation was held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, the Hon'ble presided convocations for Tamil Governor has over Nadu Dr. J Jayalalithaa Fisheries University (Nagapattinam), University of Madras (Chennai), Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University (Chennai), Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University (Chennai), Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (Chennai), Thiruvalluvar University (Vellore), Bharathiar University (Coimbatore), Periyar University (Salem), Annamalai University (Chidambaram), Tamil University (Thanjavur), Tamil Nadu Open University (Chennai), Madurai Kamaraj University (Madurai), Mother Teresa Women's University (Kodaikanal), Tamil Nadu Dr. M. G. R. Medical University (Chennai), Manonmaniam Sundaranar University (Tirunelveli), Anna University (Chennai), Alagappa University (Karaikudi) and Bharathidasan University (Tiruchirapalli) conferring degrees and medals to the graduates of 19 State Universities. The Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor has awarded degrees to 7,918 students

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in person, while 8,20,072 students received their degrees (which includes undergraduate, postgraduate, doctoral degrees and Doctor of Science) in absentia. Overall 8,27,990 graduates received their degrees across the 19 State Universities.

The only remaining institution is Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (Chennai), where, due to academic considerations at the University's request, the convocation has been scheduled for 20th November, 2024.

Timely academic activities, including convocations, are crucial for our graduates in today's competitive environment, where official credentials are essential for securing opportunities. By prioritizing these initiatives, we are fostering an academic culture that promotes both academic excellence and personal growth, ensuring our students are well-prepared to meet future challenges.

The Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor has directed Vice-Chancellors to ensure that convocations for all State Universities are held in August, September and October in the coming years. This proactive approach facilitates graduates in promptly receiving their degree certificates after examination results, allowing them to seize opportunities without delay. Notably, this is the first time convocations for 19 State Universities have been completed before the end of October, highlighting Raj Bhavan's commitment to empowering students as they transition into their careers.

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