

## UNIVERSITY DAY AND SPORTS DAY

# Vellore Institute of Technology

Vellore, Tamil Nadu

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**Namaskar,**

**Warm greetings to:**

- Founder & Chancellor Dr. G. Viswanathan
- Vice President Sankar Viswanathan, Dr. Sekar Viswanathan and Dr. G V Selvam
- Vice Chancellor Dr. V. S. Kanchana Bhaaskaran
- Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Partha Sharathi Mallick
- Registrar Dr. (Ms.) T. Jayabarathi
- Dean, Esteemed Faculty Members and Dear Students of Vellore Institute

I am very glad to attend the University Day and Sports Day celebration at VIT, Vellore campus. Vellore Institute of Technology has a grand stature for being a leading educational powerhouse. The university has always remained steadfast in its commitment to academic excellence and holistic development. VIT has carved a niche for itself in the realm of academia, not just nationally but globally. Your commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and holistic development is truly

commendable and serves as an inspiration to educational institutions worldwide.

The VIT Group of Institutions impart education to more than 87,000 students from 67 countries and have 3400+ faculty members in the four campuses. I congratulate the leadership of the University for making Vellore a brand in education fraternity. Established with an aim of providing quality higher education on par with international standards, the University has ranked as the 8th best University, 11th best in Research and 11th best in engineering Institution of India in the 2023 NIRF Ranking. Apart from this, the 58 esteemed professors of the University have been identified among the top 2% scientists in the world as per Stanford University, USA in 2023.

I extend my warm congratulations to the University for achieving these milestones. The global standards set at VIT in the field of teaching and research is par excellence. The MoUs with various International Universities are termed to be major strength of the University, thereby providing an exchange of students and faculty and encourage joint research projects for the mutual benefit.

To the faculty members present here today, I extend my deepest appreciation for your dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to shaping the minds of tomorrow's leaders. Your role goes beyond the confines of a classroom; you are mentors, guides, and catalysts for change. Your relentless pursuit of knowledge and your willingness to impart wisdom are invaluable assets to this university and its students. On this graduation day, I praise you for tirelessly guiding and inspiring the students.

I also congratulate the leadership of the University who ensure the smooth functioning of university, and of course, to the students, the heartbeat of this university, I say this—today marks not only a celebration of your academic achievements but also a testament to your resilience, determination, and spirit. You are the architects of your destiny, the pioneers of tomorrow, and the torchbearers of change. As you stand on the threshold of a new chapter in your lives, remember that the journey ahead may be fraught with challenges, but it is also brimming with endless possibilities and opportunities.

I also thank the proud parents who have entrusted their children to the care of this institution, I salute you for your unwavering support, encouragement, and sacrifices.

Your belief in the power of education and your commitment to nurturing the talents and aspirations of your children are the cornerstones of their success.

Friends, the University Day serves as a poignant reminder of the collective journey towards knowledge and enlightenment. It holds a special significance in the life of any academic institution. It is a day where we come together to reflect upon the journey we have undertaken, the milestones we have achieved, and the countless memories we have created along the way. It is a day to celebrate the collective efforts of students, faculty, and staff in nurturing an environment conducive to learning, growth, and excellence.

Similarly, Sports Day embodies the indomitable spirit of athleticism and sportsmanship that permeates within VIT campus. Through sports, a student gets the ability to learn the value of discipline, the importance of fair play, and the joy of camaraderie. To all VIT students, I urge you to seize every opportunity that comes your way, to embrace the challenges that lie ahead, and to never stop pursuing your dreams. Remember that your time at VIT Vellore is not just about acquiring knowledge but also about discovering your passions, honing your skills, and becoming the best version of yourself.





Do not limit yourself to just gaining book knowledge, try to indulge in the physical and mental activities as well. The curriculum must be designed for the holistic development of the student. The more creativity a student will have, the more innovation will take place in the country, leading to new startups and entrepreneurial journey.

The youth of our country has a lot of potential to make India a global power in all fields and sectors. The only thing we need is the urge to do something. I always convey young graduates that never stop the passion of learning. Never miss a chance to upskill and reskill yourself.

With the introduction of disruptive innovations like AI tools such as ChatGPT, which can actually replace humans from many jobs, it becomes important for future generations to be upgraded and equipped with the emerging and advanced technologies. Continuous learning is critical, therefore it is important that education should not only provide students with the skills they need to succeed in life, but also inspire them to strive for greatness and to make a positive difference in the world.

To succeed in the transformative world, we have to be highly capable of being job givers rather than job seekers. And for that

innovation is the key. I strongly believe that investing in research and innovation is investing in a country's future. Just like Innovation, Research is also a very important aspect to create new solutions to maintain and improve our way of life. R&D and innovation are interlinked to each other and their parallel collaboration helps in overall development. Innovation fuels economic growth, and R&D fuels innovation, allowing researchers to develop new knowledge, techniques, and technologies.

I urge the young minds of VIT Vellore to invest your precious time in research also. Do not rush to get a job, try to work on developing and researching something new and different, which can lead to a positive impact in the social world.

Friends, University Day is not only a day of celebration but also a day of reflection, introspection, and recommitment to the values and ideals that define VIT Vellore as an institution. Once again, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to VIT Vellore on this momentous occasion. May you continue to shine as a beacon of excellence in the field of education and may your legacy endure for generations to come.

Best wishes to all the students taking part in the sports day event.

**Thank you.**