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The Members of MAHE Trust, Board of Management, Academic Council,
Faculty, Staff and Students of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)

cordially invite you to the

33rd *Convocation*

Friday, 15 May 2026 | 3.00 pm

Dr TMA Pai International Convention Centre, M G Road, Mangaluru

Chief Guest

Prof. (Dr) Sudeep Gupta

Director

Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai

Guest of Honour

Dr M Shantharam Shetty

Pro Chancellor

Nitte (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru

Dr Sharath K Rao
Vice Chancellor

Dr H S Ballal
Pro Chancellor

Dr Ranjan R Pai
President, MAHE Trust

Dr Ramdas M Pai
Chancellor

Program

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University Anthem



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शान्ता उदन्वतीरापः शान्ता नः सन्त्वोषधीः ॥

शान्तानि पूर्वरूपाणि शान्तं नो अस्तु कृताकृतम् ।
शान्तं भूतञ्च भव्यञ्च सर्वमेव शमस्तु नः ॥

इयं या परमेष्ठिः वाग्देवी ब्रह्म संशिता ।
ययैव ससृजे घोरं तयैव शान्तिरस्तु नः ॥

इदं यत्परमेष्ठिनं मनोवाङ्ब्रह्मसंशितम् ।
येनैव ससृजे घोरं तेनैव शान्तिरस्तु नः ॥

इमानि यानि पञ्चेन्द्रियाणि मनः षष्ठानि मे हृदिः
ब्रह्मणा संशितानि ।
यैरेव ससृजे घोरं तैरेव शान्तिरस्तु नः ॥

**Dr H S Ballal, Pro Chancellor, MAHE
Declares the Convocation Open**



Welcome Address



Dr Dilip G Naik, Pro Vice Chancellor, MAHE, Mangaluru Campus, delivered the welcome address

Chief guest of this evening Dr Sudeep Gupta, Director, Tata Memorial Center Mumbai, Guest of Honour, Dr M Shantaram Shetty, Pro Chancellor, NITTE Deemed to be University; Dr H S Ballal, Pro Chancellor, Dr Sharath K Rao, Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, Chief Operating Officer, Registrar, Registrar Evaluation, Heads of Constituent Institutions of MAHE, Administrators, Faculty members, distinguished invitees, parents of degree awardees, graduates and postgraduates,

online viewers, members of the print and electronic media, ladies and gentlemen. A very Good Afternoon to each one of you.

I extend a warm welcome and express my heartfelt gratitude for accepting our invitation to celebrate the 33rd Convocation of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE).

MAHE stands tall in its glory today, a testament to the vision and pioneering spirit of Dr TMA Pai, the esteemed founder of the



Manipal group of institutions. Building on this illustrious legacy, our beloved Chancellor, Dr Ramdas M Pai, carried forward his father's dream with unwavering dedication, transforming a local university into a global hub of education and excellence.

Dr Ranjan R Pai, President - MAHE Trust and Chairman MEMG is guiding the university with his innovative ideas for transforming our university to one of global standards and introducing the best practices, which are internationally acknowledged.

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome the graduates to their momentous convocation ceremony. This day marks a significant milestone in your lives, one that embodies the culmination of your dedication, perseverance, and countless hours of hard work. It is a day to reflect upon your achievements and celebrate the success that you have rightfully earned. As you step forward from MAHE, I encourage you to carry with you the values that have been instilled in you during your time here.

A convocation ceremony is the most important event on the academic calendar of the university. To add lustre to this solemn function, we have a leader who is an academician, researcher, mentor and administrator of repute.

It is a great honour and privilege to extend a warm welcome to our esteemed Chief Guest, Dr Sudeep Gupta, Director of the Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai. An internationally acclaimed medical oncologist, Dr Gupta has made significant contributions in the field of breast, gynaecological, and paediatric cancers through his exemplary clinical expertise, research, and leadership. As a visionary leader, he has been a strong

proponent of the hub-and-spoke model to enhance accessibility to comprehensive cancer care across India. We are truly privileged and deeply honoured to have him with us today, and we look forward to his valuable insights and inspiring words.

I request Dr H S Ballal, Pro Chancellor, MAHE, to do the honours.

Today's guest of honour, Dr M Shantaram Shetty, is a legendary orthopaedic surgeon and medical educator based in Mangalore. He is widely recognized as one of India's most eminent orthopaedic professionals. He is currently serving as the Pro Chancellor of NITTE deemed to be a university. We are highly honoured to have you with us, sir.

I request our Vice Chancellor, Dr Sharath Rao, to do the honours.

We are happy to have among us today Dr H S Ballal, Pro Chancellor of our University, and the guiding force behind the growth of this University. To you, Sir, I extend a delightful welcome.

I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to our esteemed Vice Chancellor, Dr Sharath Rao. His extensive experience and unwavering commitment to the university's growth are truly commendable. Sir, we are honoured to have you here.

I am delighted to welcome the Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr Narayana Sabhahit; the Chief Operating Officer, Dr Anand Venugopal; the Registrar, Dr Giridhar Kini; and the Registrar Evaluation, Dr Vinod Thomas. We also recognize the presence of our Former Vice Chancellor, Dr K Ramnaryan, Former Pro Vice Chancellors, Dr V Surendra Shetty and Dr M V Prabhu.



I welcome the members of the Board of Management, Academic Council, and Finance Committee, who monitor and ensure constant and consistent progress in the activities of MAHE.

The well-knit Manipal team, consisting of heads of constituent institutions, faculty members, officers of MAHE, and the support staff, has played a dynamic role in carrying forward the vision of MAHE. A hearty welcome to all.

It is a great day for the parents of graduates and postgraduates to see their wards receive their degrees today. I extend a warm welcome to all of you. To the online viewers, a special welcome to you.

The press and media members have been projecting our accomplishments and community services to the public, showcasing

the progress of MAHE. Hearty welcome to all those who have responded to our invitation.

My dear students, as young graduates, it will be your challenge to imbibe the latest developments in the field of healthcare and technology and combine your knowledge with empathy and sympathy towards the less privileged in our society. Life may throw challenges at you, but remember that every challenge comes with rainbows and lights to conquer it.

Once again, my heartiest congratulations on your success, and the very best wishes to all of you.

Ladies and gentlemen, once again, I extend a gracious welcome to all of you to this occasion.

Thank you. Jai Hind.



Overview of MAHE



Dr Sharath K Rao, Vice Chancellor, MAHE, presented an overview of the University

Chief Guest of the 33rd Convocation of MAHE, Prof Dr Sudeep Gupta, Director TATA Memorial Centre Mumbai, Guest of Honour Dr M Shantharam Shetty, Pro Chancellor – NITTE Deemed-to-be-University, Mangaluru, Dr H S Ballal, Pro Chancellor MAHE, Pro Vice Chancellors, Dignitaries on the dais, University Officials, Heads of Constituent Units of MAHE, faculty members, Members

of MAHE Trust, Board of Management, Academic Council, Finance Committee, administrators, staff, invitees, parents, and, most importantly, my dear graduating students. It is with great honour that I stand before you today to provide an overview of the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE).

Founder



Founder and Builder of Manipal

Architect of modern Manipal was a pioneer in starting Public Partnerships in 1953.

Established some of the first professional Education institutions in the non-government, non-missionary, self-financing sector.

Padma Shri Awardee
Dr Tonse Madhav Ananth Pai
1898-1979



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The visionary who founded Manipal, the late Dr TMA Pai, pioneered the concept of public-private partnerships in education back in 1953. His conviction that education is a powerful, transformative force led to the establishment of our early professional educational institutions, ensuring quality education accessible to all. Dr Pai's contributions have indelibly shaped the educational landscape of our nation.

Dr Ramdas M Pai, son of Dr TMA Pai and Chancellor of MAHE, has been instrumental in elevating MAHE into an International University Town, with campuses across India and abroad. His exceptional leadership has been honoured with prestigious awards such as the Padma Bhushan from the Government of India and the Datuk Award from the Government of Malaysia.

MAHE Leadership



Padma Bhushan
Government of India
April 2011

Datuk Award
Government of Malacca, Malaysia
December 2011

Dr Ramdas M Pai and Mrs Vasanti R Pai
Chancellor, MAHE

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Vision, Mission, and Values

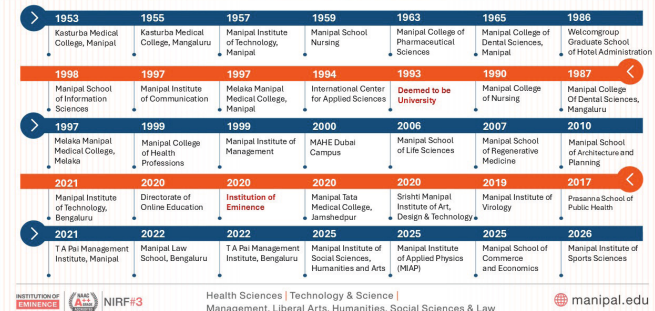


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Our vision is to achieve “Global leadership in human development, excellence in education, and healthcare.” We aspire to be counted among the world’s leading educational institutions across the domains of Health Sciences, Technology, Humanities, Management, Liberal Arts, and Social Sciences. Our core values—Teamwork, Execution with Passion, Humane Touch, Quality, Transparency, and Integrity will continue to guide us toward this goal.

MAHE’s journey began in 1953, rooted in the principles and vision of Dr TMA Pai. From a single medical college, MAHE has evolved into a comprehensive, multidisciplinary university. Over the years, numerous academic units have been added across various disciplines. In 1993, MAHE was granted Deemed University status under UGC regulations, and in 2020, it was recognized as an Institution of Eminence by the Government of India in acknowledgement of its significant contributions to higher education.

Timeline



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MAHE Campuses

Manipal Mangaluru Dubai

Jamshedpur Bengaluru

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Today, MAHE comprises its main campus in Manipal; off-campus centres in Mangaluru, Bengaluru, and Jamshedpur; alongside offshore campus in Dubai.

MAHE Mangaluru is a vibrant 35-acre campus established in 1955, hosts two professional higher education institutions, supported by 530 faculty mentors. With 2,751 students, 27 student clubs, and 15 certificate programs, the campus fosters holistic growth. It is backed by six teaching hospitals, state-of-the-art facilities, and comfortable hostels accommodating 2,150 students, and has a strong network of 28,000 alumni.

MAHE Mangaluru Campus – a snapshot

35-acre campus started in 1955	27 Student club and communities	15 Certificate programs
Two Professional Higher Education Institutions	2,751 on roll Students and 28,000+ alumni	530 faculty Members as mentors
Six Teaching Hospitals	State-of-the-art infrastructure and facilities	Homely and Comfortable Hostels 2150+ seats

Administrative Block Marens Sports Complex Central Research Lab Knowledge Block

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MAHE Bengaluru Campus – a snapshot

80.74-acre campus started in 2020	75+ Student club and communities	65+ New Age Programs
Five Professional Higher Education Institutions	9,500+ on roll Students	500+ Faculty Members as mentors
Three University Teaching Departments	State-of-the-art infrastructure and facilities	Homely and Comfortable Hostels – 5,500+ seats

Academic Block Indoor Sports Complex Food Court with Auditorium Dr Ramdas M Pai Convention Hall

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MAHE Bengaluru Campus is a green sanctuary housing more than 9,500 students across five professional institutions and three teaching departments, guided by over 500 faculty mentors through 65 programs and 75 student clubs, supported by state-of-the-art infrastructure and over 5,500 capacity hostels.

The Jamshedpur Campus housing, a top-tier Medical College, a pioneering MAHE-Tata Steel private-private collaboration, offers cutting-edge infrastructure, state-of-the-art laboratories, and innovative teaching methods to foster optimal learning, teaching, and patient care.

MAHE Jamshedpur Campus – a snapshot

20-acre campus started in 2020	21+ Academic Departments	19+ Programs
327+ Qualified faculty	1,247+ on roll Students	1:4 Faculty Student Ratio
Family Adoption Initiatives	State-of-the-art infrastructure and facilities	Homely and Comfortable Hostels - 956+ Seats

Academic Block Canteen Autopsy Block Tennis Court

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MAHE National - Ranking

October 2020 – MoE, Govt. of India notified MAHE as an **Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University**

NIRF National Institutional Ranking Framework Rankings 2025

- 3rd in University
- 5th in SDG Institutions
- 14th in Overall
- 19th in Research Institutions
- 11-50 Innovation Ranking

Institutions' Ranking:

- 5th in Dental (MCODS, Manipal)
- 8th in Pharmacy (MCOPS, Manipal)
- 10th in Medical (KMC, Manipal)
- 11th in Dental (MCODS, Mangaluru)
- 27th in Architecture (MSAP, Manipal)
- 35th in Medical (KMC, Mangaluru)
- 39th in Management (TAPMI, Manipal)
- 59th in Engineering (MIT, Manipal)

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As an Institution of Eminence recognized by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, MAHE consistently advances its position in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). In 2025, it was ranked India's 3rd Best University, 5th in SDG Institutions with three constituent colleges ranked in the top 10 of their respective disciplines. MAHE ranks 14th overall, 19th for research contributions, and is placed in the 11–50 band for Innovation.

MAHE's steady progress is also reflected in international rankings. QS ranked MAHE in the 851–900 band for World University Rankings and 206 in the Asian University Rankings. Times Higher Education placed MAHE in the 601–800 band for World University Rankings and 197 in the Asian University Rankings. MAHE is also listed in the Shanghai Rankings placed it in the 801–900 band for World Rankings 2025. We have been featured in Shanghai subject ranking as well in two disciplines.

MAHE Global - Ranking

QS World University Rankings 2025
Asian University Rankings 2025: **206**
World University Rankings 2025: **851-900**

Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026
World University Rankings 2026: **601-800**
Asia University Rankings 2026: **197**

Shanghai Ranking 2025
World Ranking 2025: **801-900**
Public Health: **301-400**
Clinical Medicine: **401-500**
Overall 2025 worldwide: **101-200**

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Accreditations and Certifications

- ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management
- ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management
- ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management
- Indian Federation of Culinary Associations
- Association of MBAs (AMBA)
- Hotel Schools of Distinction, USA
- National Board of Accreditation (NBA)
- Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation (APHEA)
- 'A++' Grade (NAAC)
- National Accreditation Board for Hospital & Healthcare Providers (NABH)
- National Accreditation Board For Testing and Calibration Laboratories
- Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
- World Association of Chefs' Societies
- The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)
- The Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM)

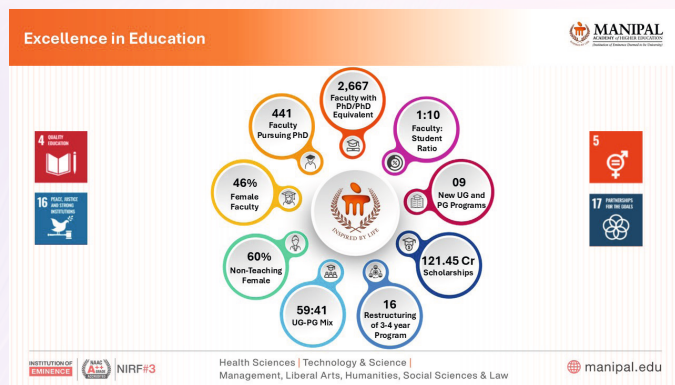
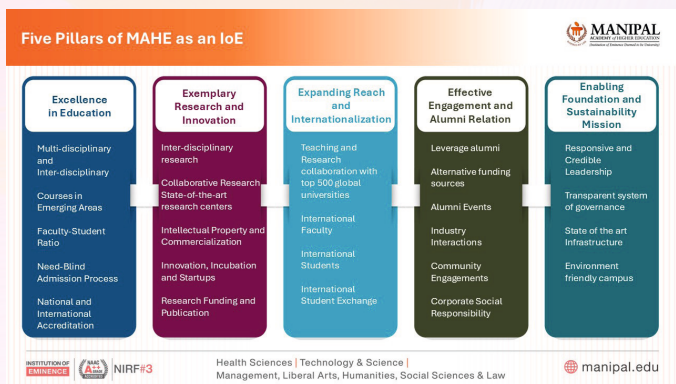
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Quality assurance remains a top priority at MAHE, demonstrated by numerous accreditations from renowned bodies. The institution has been reaccredited by NAAC with the highest grade of A++ and a CGPA score of 3.65 out of 4, valid through 30 May 2027. Other accreditation agencies recognizing our commitment include ISO, the National Board of Accreditation (NBA), the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, the Association of MBAs, and the Indian Federation of Culinary Associations.

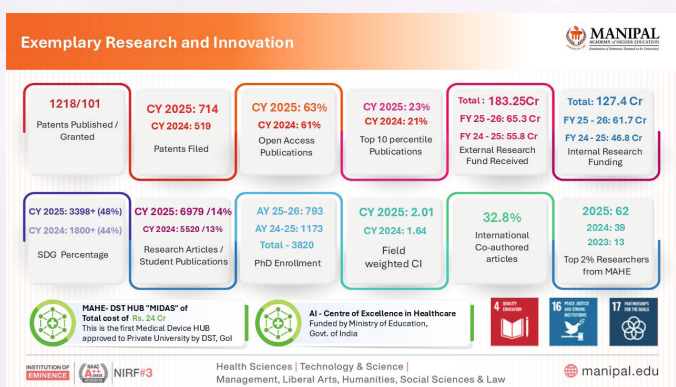
The latest addition to this list is accreditation from the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET).

MAHE's roadmap as an Institution of Eminence is built on five pillars: Excellence in Education, Exemplary Research and Innovation, Expanding Reach and Internationalization, Effective Engagement and Alumni Relations, and Enabling Foundation and Sustainability Mission. Significant efforts have been made in each of these areas to ensure continuous growth and global recognition.



We prioritize educational quality, maintaining a faculty-student ratio of 1:10, with over 2,667 faculty members holding PhDs. Women comprise 46% of our faculty and 60% of our non-teaching staff, which shows our commitment towards gender equality. In this academic year, nine new programs were introduced, and scholarships totalling approximately ₹121.45 crore were awarded to deserving students.

In terms of research, the scholarly output of MAHE has increased manifold. MAHE researchers publish extensively in high-quality journals, with 23% of the articles in Top 10 percentile journals and 63% in open-access publications. The field-weighted citation impact stands at 2.01. Additionally, 32.8% of the articles involve international co-authors, indicating that more than a quarter of the published articles are an outcome of international collaborative projects. MAHE researchers are extensively working on over ₹183 crore extramural funded projects and over ₹127 crore internally funded projects. A total of 1,218 patents have been filed, and over 3,800 students are currently pursuing doctoral studies. MAHE has been recognized as an AI Centre of Excellence in Healthcare by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. I am happy to inform you that MAHE has recently invested in various cutting edge research related to Quantum Computing, Semiconductor Technology and Space Technology.





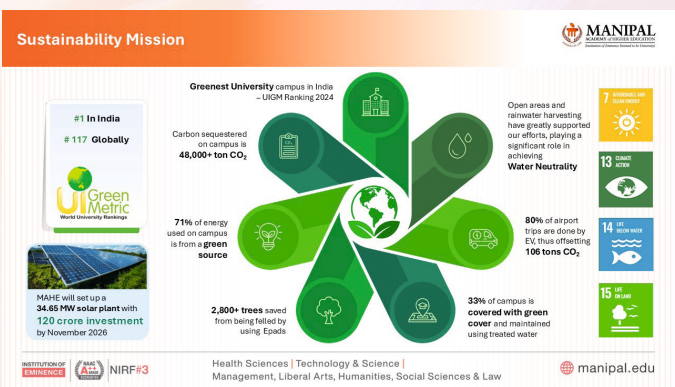
Expanding Reach and Internationalization continues to be one of the thrust areas of MAHE. The university has 255 active collaborations with international universities that facilitate semester exchange and internships to promote mobility of students. Partnership agreements with 80 Top-500 ranked universities have been signed to promote internationalization at MAHE. It is heartening to observe that MAHE welcomed

almost 3,500 students from diverse nationalities and hosted numerous delegations from global universities on its campus.



MAHE cherishes the achievements of its alumni, actively nurturing connections within our base of over 2,90,000 individuals. We organized 70+ alumni reunion events, hosted over 500 guest lectures, facilitated 30+ alumni-initiated Academy-Industry Partnership events, and conducted more than 50 sessions for the Alumni Student Connect Series.

MAHE is recognized as the Greenest Suburban University Campus in India by UIGM Rankings in 2025, affirming our commitment to sustainability. We manage resources holistically, with 71% of campus energy sourced from renewable sources. Additionally, green cover accounts for 33% of the campus area and over 4,500 trees were saved by conducting over 5.5 lakh exams using Epads in the last 10 years. The increasing use of electric vehicles on campus also helps to reduce carbon emissions, driving progress toward a carbon-neutral campus. I am happy to inform you that MAHE is set to invest ₹120 crore in developing a 34.65 MW solar plant, which is expected to be operational by November 2026.





MAHE actively supports technology business incubators like MUTBI and Bioincubator, backed by the Government of India and the Government of Karnataka. Our incubators currently host 180 start-ups, 108 of which have received government funding. The total government support amounts to ₹61.53 crore, while the collective revenue generated by these start-ups is approximately ₹86.85 crore.



MAHE serves as a leading healthcare provider through its teaching hospitals, offering a range of healthcare services. The Manipal Arogya card scheme has benefited over 6,73,000 beneficiaries with a 25% discount on the total hospital IP and OP bills. Moreover, our hospitals have supported over 19,500 underprivileged patients through free bed schemes and conducted more than 330 blood donation

drives, as well as 2,750+ health checkup camps benefiting thousands from rural areas.

MAHE has been committed to serving the interests of the communities around the university. Volunteer Services Organization (VSO) was created at MAHE in 2007 to channelize this idea in a more organized fashion. MAHE also has National Service Scheme (NSS) units across its campuses, organizing blood donation camps as well as engaging in the preservation and planting of trees and contributing to a better and greener environment.

MAHE supports Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and local cultures. We are documenting and preserving Tulunadu's living traditions, including folk forms such as Yakshagana, Kambala, and Pilivesha. An online course on these local cultures is offered to students and the public. Our documentaries on these traditions have earned global recognition with 23 of them being screened at various international film festivals.





Sports and Culture

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Our campus thrives as a vibrant hub of diverse sports and cultural activities that engage both students and staff, enriching campus life and fostering character-building. These experiences play a key role in shaping our students into well-rounded global citizens.

Taking the legacy forward
Dr Ranjan R Pai
 President - MAHE Trust
 Chairman - MEMG, Bengaluru

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Dr Ranjan R Pai, President, MAHE Trust and Chairman of the Manipal Education and Medical Group (MEMG), is at the forefront of the Manipal Group's initiatives in education, healthcare, and research. With a commitment to advancing the legacy of over seven decades, his visionary leadership continues to drive MAHE's sustained expansion, nationally and internationally, as we progress further on this path of excellence.

As I conclude, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our graduating students for their remarkable achievements. I also express my sincere gratitude to the parents for placing their trust in MAHE. May this Convocation mark the beginning of a bright and successful future for all of you.

As a clinician, academician, researcher and vice chancellor, my message to all the graduates here. Be nice to people when you meet them in society, because you may not know when you need them, either on your way up in your career or when you have a nasty fall. Thank you and wish you all the best.

Thank you

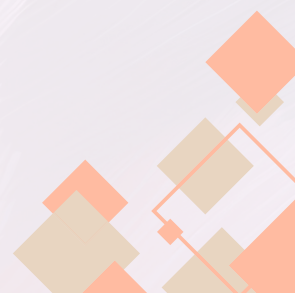
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“ Manipal Academy of Higher Education is a highly reputed institution for research and innovation around the world. Manipal's group of educational institutes succeeds and reflects Dr TMA Pai's values. -Shri Rajnath Singh ”

“ Manipal is like the Nalanda of Yore. -Dr APJ Abdul Kalam ”

“ Manipal, which is the Harvard of India. -Shri Nanyana Murthy ”

“ MAHE is a highly reputed institution for research and innovation around the globe. -Dr S Jaishankar ”



Introduction of the Guest of Honour



Introduction of the Guest of Honour by Dr Anil K Bhat, Dean, KMC, Manipal

On a day that celebrates achievement, it is fitting that we have someone respectable amongst us who reminds us why that achievement must always be anchored in purpose.

Distinguished guests on the dais, university officials and faculty, proud parents and families, and dear graduating students. A convocation is not merely about degrees conferred—it is about values reaffirmed. It is, therefore, especially meaningful that our Guest of Honour today is someone whose life reflects the quiet consistency of values lived, not just proclaimed.

Dr Molahalli Shantharam Shetty began his journey in medicine with an MBBS in 1965, followed by an MS in Orthopaedics in 1970, at a time when orthopaedics was still emerging as a distinct speciality in India.

There is something profoundly instructive about a young surgeon who had the option to build a life abroad but chose instead to return, serve, teach, and build—here in his own place.

At an age when many were still finding their feet, he became first a teacher, then a mentor, and then a leader, shaping generations of

orthopaedic surgeons who today practise across India and the world.

Yet, it is not only what he built that engages us—it is how he did it.

Even after decades in clinical practice, he has been known to work late into the night—not out of compulsion, but conviction. In his own words, there were days he continued well past midnight simply because he could not bring himself to turn away a patient unheard, especially when they had travelled far, often in pain and hope. That instinct—to place responsibility before convenience—shaped him early and remained unchanged over time.

There is a Sanskrit verse that captures this approach to life with remarkable clarity:

Karmaṇyevādhikāraṣṭe, mā phaleṣu kadācana.

One is entitled only to work, never to its fruits. This is not a verse he often recites—it is one he has consistently lived.

These are the same values that resonate deeply with the ethos of Manipal Academy of Higher Education, where rigorous scholarship, institutional responsibility, and service to society are understood not as aspirations but as obligations.

Within a few years of joining academic medicine, Sir became Head of the Department of Orthopaedics, a role he went on to hold for over two decades, during which he trained several hundred postgraduate students who are today spread across India and the world. Many of them recall not only what he taught, but also how he taught—with discipline, clarity, and an insistence that sound

judgement matters as much as technical skill.

In our orthopaedic circles, he is aptly known as “Teacher of Teachers,” and personally, for me, he has always been a great source of inspiration to do better each day.

As an academic leader—first as Dean, later as Vice Chancellor, and since 2012 as Pro Chancellor of Nitte (Deemed to be University)—he demonstrated that leadership in education is not about authority but stewardship; not only about institutions but about people.

He has often reflected that no recognition has given him greater satisfaction than a former student approaching him simply to say, “Sir, I was your student.”

Beyond classrooms and operating theatres, his life has also been marked by sustained service to the community, particularly for those living with disability—service undertaken steadily, quietly, and as a matter of responsibility rather than charity.

Dear graduates—if there is one lesson his life offers today, it is this: choose your work with integrity, do it wholeheartedly, and let purpose—not applause—be your goal.

Ladies and gentlemen, Manipal Academy of Higher Education is privileged to welcome a surgeon who relieved suffering, a teacher who shaped generations, and a leader who strengthened institutions, all while remaining firmly grounded in humility and purpose.

Please join me in welcoming our Guest of Honour, Dr M Shantharam Shetty.

Address by the Guest of Honour



Prof (Dr) M Shantharam Shetty, Pro Chancellor, NITTE (Deemed to be University) Mangaluru

Addressing the students, he said, “The success story you have scripted so far will be your guiding light henceforth. I urge you to be responsible citizens of our nation and carry forward the rich legacy of MAHE that you have

inherited. I must also thank MAHE for its tireless efforts to churn out rich talents year after year so that not only as an individual, but also our society as a whole benefits from the cutting-edge knowledge.”

Presentation of Mementos



Introduction of the Chief Guest



Introduction of the Chief Guest by Dr B Unnikrishnan, Dean, KMC, Mangaluru

Respected Dignitaries on and off the stage, Dear Graduates, Proud Parents, Ladies and Gentlemen, a very warm good evening to everyone.

It is both a great honour and a pleasure to introduce our esteemed Chief Guest, Prof Dr Sudeep Gupta, MD, DM, Professor of Medical Oncology and Director of the Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai.

Prof Dr Gupta is a highly accomplished medical oncologist with an illustrious career spanning over thirty years. He earned his MBBS, MD, and DM in Medical Oncology from the prestigious All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

Since June 2001, he has been a faculty member in the Department of Medical Oncology at the Tata Memorial Centre. He is internationally renowned for his expertise in breast and gynaecological cancers.

Prof Dr Gupta is a prolific clinical researcher actively involved in the planning, organization, conduct, and analysis of Phase 1, 2, 3, and 4 clinical trials. He has served as principal investigator, co-principal investigator, and co-investigator in more than 500 trials. His research interests include Implementation Science—focusing on Medication Access, Guideline Development, Testing Concepts and Technology in Clinical Trials, Innovative

Therapeutic Strategies, Toxicity and Quality of life studies, Pharmacokinetics, and Translational research involving next-generation sequencing technology. An avid researcher, he has published over 380 papers in peer-reviewed journals. His extensive portfolio of publications has significantly contributed to the advancement of Medical Knowledge.

Prof Dr Gupta is a member of numerous National and International committees and task forces, including those of DBT, DST, DAE, ICMR, NITI Aayog, ESMO, and others.

In addition to his scholarly work, he has delivered a wide range of guest lectures and talks at both national and international platforms, sharing his expertise and insights with the global medical community. His

contributions through these lectures have been instrumental in fostering knowledge exchange and inspiring future healthcare professionals.

Sir has received numerous accolades and honours throughout his illustrious career. What I have shared here is only a brief snapshot of his remarkable contributions and accomplishments.

His expertise, leadership qualities, and unwavering dedication to excellence serve as an inspiration to us all.

Please join me in warmly welcoming our esteemed Chief Guest, Prof Dr Sudeep Gupta.

I request you, Sir, to kindly deliver the Convocation Address.



Convocation Address by the Chief Guest



Prof (Dr) Sudeep Gupta, Director, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai

Delivering the convocation address, Prof Dr Gupta highlighted India's rapid transformation into "Viksit Bharat". With life expectancy more than doubling since independence to 72 years today, he projected a future where India's GDP and per capita income will quadruple by 2047. "What institutions like MAHE and Tata Memorial do today will determine what India will be in 2050," he noted, urging graduates to drive a new "Wealth of Nations" built not on gold but on the mastery of quantum computing, artificial intelligence, and innovative healthcare delivery.

Beyond economic growth, his address focused on the unique, irreplaceable virtues of human healers in an era increasingly dominated by technology. Prof Dr Gupta called on graduates to embrace "epistemic humility"—the moral commitment to truth and the courage to admit "I know not" when facing the inherent uncertainties of medicine. Contrasting human empathy with AI algorithms that may provide "imaginary" explanations. He reminded the Class of 2026 that their true power lies in the ability to connect with patients' fears and their hopes.

Presentation of Mementos



Facts and Figures About Graduates



University facts and figures presented by Dr Vinod V Thomas,
Registrar Evaluation, MAHE, Manipal

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Particulars	Convocation	Speed Post/Absentia	Total
Undergraduates	261	513	774
Postgraduates	293	157	450
PHD	22	12	34
Grand Total	576	682	1258

Conferring Degrees



I, Dr H S Ballal, Pro Chancellor, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Manipal Academy of Higher Education, admit these candidates to the rank, privileges, and responsibilities of the degrees severally set out and confer the said degrees on them.

Administration of Oath

Dr P Giridhar Kini, Registrar, MAHE, Manipal
administering oath to the students



Common Oath by Graduates

"As a graduating student at
MAHE,

I shall follow the code of
scientific professional ethics,
Maintain integrity in research,
Uphold the course of science,
Respect the dignity of the human
being,

Endeavour to be objective in my
judgement and

Strive for the enrichment of
human values and thoughts."



Dr TMA Pai Gold Medals



Sl No	Name of the Student	Institution
1	Mr Navallpreet Singh Bhamra	MCO DS, Manipal
2	Ms Adeeba Ali	MCO DS, Mangaluru
3	Ms Chaitra Shenoy U	KMC, Mangaluru

Award of PhD to Scholars



Attended

Sl No	Name	Institution
1	Dr Dessai Teja Deepak	B N Gupta Research Centre, Bengaluru
2	Dr Sharini D L	Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal
3	Dr Yasodha Lakshmi T	Palamur Biosciences, Mahabubnagar
4	Dr Kalyani Rajendra Aswale	National Institute of Animal Biotechnology, Hyderabad
5	Dr K Kavitha Vishal	Manipal College of Health Professions, Manipal
6	Dr Shyamala Nayak	Kasturba Medical College, Mangaluru
7	Dr D Souza Arnold Fredrick	Manipal College of Health Professions, Manipal
8	Dr Vasavi Kumblekar	Kasturba Medical College, Mangaluru

Sl No	Name	Institution
9	Dr Dimple Acharya	Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology, Bengaluru
10	Dr Henita Joshna Menezes	Manipal College of Nursing, Manipal
11	Dr Preetiparna Parida	Kasturba Medical College, Manipal
12	Dr Manasa K R	Manipal College of Health Professions, Manipal
13	Dr Anjali Warriar	Manipal School of Life Sciences, Manipal
14	Dr Chethan Kumar	T A Pai Management Institute, Manipal
15	Dr Vidhya V	Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal
16	Dr Manjunath R	Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal
17	Dr Navya K T	Manipal School of Information Sciences, Manipal
18	Dr Padmini Pai B	Manipal School of Life Sciences, Manipal
19	Dr Navaneeth	Kasturba Medical College, Manipal
20	Dr Sunitha Benedicta Lasrado	Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal
21	Dr Musica Supriya	Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal
22	Dr Sowndarya K	Kasturba Medical College, Mangaluru

Absentia

Sl No	Name	Institution
1	Dr Keerthana K Poojary	Kasturba Medical College, Manipal
2	Dr Neena George	Manipal School of Life Sciences, Manipal
3	Dr Sindhu Kashyap	St Johns Research Institute, Bengaluru
4	Dr Serin Peter	Manipal School of Commerce and Economics , Manipal
5	Dr Bonney Lee James	Mazumdar Shaw Medical Centre, Bengaluru
6	Dr Ganisha	Manipal College of Health Professions, Manipal
7	Dr Abhijit Kudva	Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal
8	Dr Megha Vilas Naik	Manipal Institute of Applied Physics, Manipal
9	Dr Suhridam Roy	Nature Conservation Foundation, Mysuru
10	Dr Tijo George	T A Pai Management Institute, Manipal
11	Dr Anmi Jose	Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Manipal

Vote of Thanks



Dr Ashita Uppoor, Dean, MCOADS, Mangaluru, delivered the Vote of Thanks

Distinguished dignitaries, esteemed guests, faculty members, proud parents, dear graduates, ladies and gentlemen.

It is both a privilege and a profound honour to extend the vote of thanks on this remarkable occasion — the 33rd Convocation Ceremony of the Manipal Academy of Higher Education.

As we come to the close of this grand and inspiring ceremony, it is my pleasant duty to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those whose presence, guidance, and contributions made this occasion truly special and memorable.

First and foremost, we offer our sincere gratitude to our esteemed Chief Guest, Dr Sudeep Gupta, Director of Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai, for gracing this convocation

with his distinguished presence. Sir, your inspiring address, remarkable achievements in the field of oncology, and words of wisdom have deeply motivated our graduates as they prepare to embark upon their professional journeys. Thank you very much, Sir.

We also express our deep sense of appreciation to our Guest of Honour, Dr M Shantaram Shetty, Pro Chancellor NITTE Deemed to be University, for honouring us with his gracious presence. Sir, your extraordinary contributions to orthopaedics and medical education continue to inspire generations of healthcare professionals. We are truly privileged to have you with us today.

Our heartfelt gratitude to our beloved Chancellor, Dr Ramdas M Pai, whose visionary



leadership and unwavering commitment continue to guide MAHE towards excellence and global recognition.

We are deeply grateful to Mrs Vasanti R Pai, Trustee, MAHE, for her gracious presence, encouragement, and continued support to the institution.

A sincere note of appreciation to Dr Ranjan R Pai, President of MAHE Trust and Chairman of the Manipal Education and Medical Group, for his innovative vision, dynamic leadership, and relentless efforts in transforming MAHE into an institution of global standards.

We acknowledge with great admiration our esteemed Pro Chancellor, Dr H S Ballal, whose wisdom, guidance, and unwavering support continue to inspire the MAHE fraternity. A special word of appreciation to our dynamic Vice Chancellor, Dr Sharath K Rao, for his inspiring leadership and for presenting a comprehensive overview of the remarkable growth and achievements of the university.

We also profoundly thank Dr Dilip G Naik, Pro Vice Chancellor, Mangalore Campus, for his warm welcome address and also thank Mrs Sandhya Nayak for her gracious presence.

We express our sincere gratitude to the Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr Narayana Sabhahit, for his continued support.

We convey our appreciation to Dr Anand Venugopal, Chief Operating Officer, for his constant support.

We are grateful to the Registrar, Dr Giridhar Kini, for his valuable administrative support, and to our Registrar Evaluation, Dr Vinod Thomas, for effectively presenting the

academic achievements of the university and administering the oath to our graduating students.

We also gratefully acknowledge the presence of our Former Vice Chancellor, Dr K Ramnarayan, and Former Pro Vice Chancellors, Dr PLNG Rao, Dr V Surendra Shetty, and Dr M V Prabhu. We are honoured by their esteemed presence today.

A special note of appreciation to Dr Unnikrishnan B, Dean KMC Mangalore, for introducing our esteemed Chief Guest and also to Dr Anil Bhat, Dean KMC Manipal, for the introduction of our Guest of Honour.

We sincerely thank Dr Poornima Kundapur for announcing the Gold Medal Awardees and Dr Giridhar Kini for presenting the PhD awardees.

We extend our gratitude to the members of the Board of Management, Academic Council, and Finance Committee for their continued guidance and commitment to the progress and excellence of MAHE.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to the Heads of Constituent Institutions, administrators, faculty members, officers of MAHE, and support staff whose tireless dedication and teamwork ensured the successful conduct of this Convocation Ceremony.

We also gratefully acknowledge the support of donors, alumni, well-wishers, and associated hospitals of the Manipal Group for their enduring contributions to the growth and excellence of the university.

A special mention and sincere thanks to our friends from the print and electronic media for



their valuable coverage and for showcasing the accomplishments and milestones of MAHE to the wider community.

To our online viewers joining us from different parts of the world, thank you for being part of this joyous celebration.

We also thank the technical and logistic teams, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to efficiently manage the webcast, photography, videography, stage arrangements, and all the finer details that made today's event seamless and memorable.

Our appreciation also goes to the Master of the Ceremony, Dr Gagan Bajaj, Additional Professor, Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, for ensuring that the proceedings flow with efficiency and ease.

To the proud parents and families, thank you for your esteemed presence. Today, as they stand tall in achievement, we celebrate not only their accomplishments but also yours, for their triumphs are a reflection of your love, guidance, and faith in their journey.

And finally, to our dear graduates, across every level of learning, today is truly your day. As you embark on the next chapter of your journey, may you carry forward the values of integrity, compassion, excellence, and service that MAHE has instilled in you.

Let me once again extend my sincere appreciation to all who have joined and enriched this gathering, making it a day to cherish.

Thank you.



Dr H S Ballal, Pro Chancellor, MAHE declared the convocation closed.

Master of Ceremony



Dr Gagan Bajaj, Additional Professor, Audiology & Speech Language Pathology, KMC, Mangaluru



“Educated and enlightened children
are an asset not only to the family
but to the whole nation.”

Dr TMA Pai



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