

## **VICE CHANCELLOR'S APPEAL TO STUDENTS (28th March 2016)**

Dear Students,

University of Hyderabad is one of the prestigious universities in this country & has a legacy of excellence. It is because of the students like you, teachers & non-teaching staff. It couldn't be possible otherwise all these years. The recent incidents at the University Campus are painful not just for us in the administration but also to thousands of students on the campus & many more thousands of university alumni across the world. Universities are drivers of academic leadership, entrepreneurship, professionalism and hence add great value to the Gross Domestic Product [GDP] of a nation directly & indirectly. You will agree that India is one of the greatest nations in the world. I humbly believe that the time tested democracy, inherent tolerance, unity in diversity are what we should be proud of. While every nation has its challenges, our country has its own & we must support whoever are trying to overcome these challenges and make India a better place than ever. I request you to rise above anger and confrontational attitude as students of higher education in this university. I and my team wish to lead by example in this area, with our willingness to be always open for a dialogue with all students, which we have always been. Let's work towards resolution, instead of confrontation. Let's together build bridges than walls in this university. It's very painful to see some of our students and couple of faculty members from campus spend time in jail. While I wanted to intervene, legal system is beyond our control and jurisdiction. I request the students to resist any temptation for violence on campus or anywhere else, as it would not yield any productive outcomes. Please restrain yourself from causing pain to yourself, your parents and the university. You have all other avenues to express yourself. I humbly wish all students & student unions to sit together and resolve issues. I & my team will wholeheartedly support you in this endeavor. Let's move ahead into a promising future for you & this great country. I look forward for your cooperation.

Thank you very much.

Vice Chancellor