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Press Note**

**“Always respect mother, motherland and mother tongue”:** Vice President  
**M.Venkaiah Naidu** tells students at SRHU convocation

**Governor, CM and Higher Education Minister were also present there**

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Vice President M.Venkaiah Naidu said today that one should always remember and respect mother, motherland and mother tongue . He said mother tongue was like our eyes while a foreign language was like spectacles. . While there is no harm in learning other languages, one should always respect one’s mother tongue which can help us express ourselves in a way in which other languages cannot.He said primary education should be given to children in their mother tongue.

The Vice President was speaking as the chief guest at the second convocation of the Swami Rama Himalayan University. Congratuating those who received degrees and medals , he said that there was no alternative to hard work and discipline . He said we should be proud of our traditions and culture which had at its heart the concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam(the whole world is a family) .

He said that the aim of education was not just to help us find employment .Education enlightens our minds and makes us aware of our culture and values .He said the medical profession was indeed noble. He said that for building a new India , skill India, Beti bachao-Beti Padhao, Swachh Bharat ,make in India, Digital India and other such missions had been started by the government. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had given the mantra of Reform, Perform and Transform.

Governor Dr.K.K.Paul said that we are living in an era of knowledge and universities must become centres of knowledge creation. For this, original research must be encouraged .Our youth must become aware, skilled and progressive while being creative and confident. He said youth must contribute to nation building.

He said that when he was doing his graduation, India was counted as part of the third world but now, it had emerged as a powerful country .He said the bright future of the country depended on the youth . He said that Uttarakhand faced the problem of migration from the hills.The government was taking measures to check this. He congratulated the SRHU for having adopted more than 1200 villages.

The Governor said that Uttarakhand had a great tradition of Yoga and Ayurveda .This tradition has to be conserved and used to contribute towards alternative medicine. He said Swami Rama linked our ancient wisdom to modern technique. He said special focus on skill development was needed so that the PM’s vision of making youth job providers than job seekers could be realized.

Chief minister Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat said that alongwith good education, we should have positive thoughts ,creativity and confidence. He said Swami Rama had been born in a small village and on the basis of his talent and ability had set up such a great institution which was serving the state. He said people came here for treatment and students from various parts of the country came here to study. He called upon young doctors to adopt a human approach to their profession and show warmth towards patients .The CM said that total literacy was important and educated people can contribute towards achieving this. He appreciated that the university had made a beginning in having Indian attire for the convocation ceremony.

Higher education minister Dr.Dhan Singh Rawat said that the state government was making many efforts to improve the standard of higher education in the state .He said that soon, an umbrella act would be made for the 31 state universities. VC of SRHU Dr.Vijay Dhasmana threw light on the courses and activities of the university.Around 400 students received degrees.

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