

# **22<sup>nd</sup> Foundation Day Celebrations –Dravidian University**

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22<sup>nd</sup> Foundations Day Celebrations in a grand manner at Dravidian University. Dravidian University, the brain child of former chief minister Mr.N.T.Ramarao and academicians – administrators like Dr.V.A.Subramaniam, Kasipandian, IAS, and Chellappa IAS., was established on 20<sup>th</sup> October 1997, celebrated its 22<sup>nd</sup> foundation day with grandeur and pomp involving legislators, administrators, academicians and elite from different parts of south India.

Inviting the guests the **Vice-Chancellor Prof.G.Lokanadha Reddy** gave a brief introduction about Dravidian University. He stressed the need for inclusive administration and wanted to make the socio economic backwardness of the region as an advantage, as it gives an opportunity for integrated development. Henceforth, immediate goal of the university would be good governance and attaining a better place at national level.

The **Chief Guest of the Programme Mr.Reddeppa**, Member of Parliament, Chittoor said that he is very much impressed by the Dravidian University campus and he stated that he pleaded in the parliament house for teacher recruitment and proper implementation of reservation policy in the Universities. He also directed the students not to follow political leaders but to concentrate on studies to get employment and to serve the country in different capacities. He also promise to help the university with sufficient fund MHRD, Govt. of India.

The **Guest of Eminence, Prof.K.S.Chalam**, Former Vice-Chancellor, Dravidian University and former member of UPSC, gave a special lecture on “The Identity and Future of Dravidian Culture and Language”. He traced the origins of Dravidian culture from archeological findings, DNA analysis and also the linguistic formations of south India. He mentioned the latest archeological excavation of Keezadi from Tamilnadu to prove the great ancestry of Dravidian culture. He also explored about the origins of ‘Bull’ and ‘Mahisha’ to prove the Dravidian identity. He clarified that this country belongs to the Moolavasis – the original inhabitants like Bahujans, Dalits, Adivasis and not the other way. Keeping in view of growing right wing intolerance – in contemporary India, he stressed the need for assertion for Dravidian identity. He also pleaded the academic fraternity to protect languages, culture and food habits of Dravidian south by conducting more research an these aspects and to spread the research findings among general public, so that the people would protect cultural identity. He also aimed that the Dravidian University shall become the right platform for the socio cultural and political fraternity of south Indian states.

**Prof.B.Ramakrishna Reddy**, the Founder Registrar and well known linguist delivered foundation day lecture on “Sociocultural Dimensions of Address and Reference in Telugu”. He traced the history of evolution of Dravidian University and explained how it is established for the regional development of erstwhile Kuppam taluk. He gave a clear description of Telugu language, it structure and syntax. He also referred to 27 Dravidian languages spread across India from Kerala to borders of Pakistan and Afghanistan. He also stated that in India formal education is not required for learning a language but any layman can learn any Indian language through diversity of cultures.

Another guest of eminence **Prof.S.Rathna Kumari**, SPMV former Vice-Chancellor gave a motivation lecture on occasion. She stressed for the need of quality education with skill sets. She inspired the students to improve the resources by utilizing the opportunity provided by the university and to grow up to compete at the global level. She also aims at the holistic development of the student community with active participation of teachers, administrators and supporting staff of the university.

**Mr.Bharath**, Emerging youth leader of Kuppam also spoke on the occasion and stressed to bring back the glory of Dravidian University. Concluding the programme Prof.T.Anuradha, Registrar of Dravidian University thanks the present government for making the first woman registrar for the university. She thanked all the guests for attending and delivering thought provoking. Faculty members, non-teaching staff, research scholars, student and elite from Chittoor district and Kuppam constituency attended and made programme grand success.







