

# Mother Receives Degree Alongside Her Daughter at Vivekananda Global University's 9th Convocation, Inspires Thousands

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An extraordinary and deeply emotional moment unfolded at the **9th Convocation Ceremony of Vivekananda Global University (VGU)** when Smita walked onto the stage to receive her degree – accompanied by her six-year-old daughter. The moment became a powerful symbol of determination, lifelong learning, and women's empowerment, leaving the audience visibly moved.



## 9th Convocation Ceremony of Vivekananda Global University (VGU)

Addressing the gathering, Smita shared a message that resonated strongly with students and families alike. She emphasized that **there is no age limit for education** and that personal or family responsibilities should never become barriers to learning. She highlighted how discipline, family support, and perseverance can help balance education, responsibilities, and personal growth. Her journey emerged as a source of inspiration, especially for women who discontinue their studies due to social or personal challenges.

### **Education as the Foundation of Nation Building**

The convocation ceremony was graced by the Union Minister of Law and Justice, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, as the Chief Guest. In his address, he stated that education is not merely about

earning degrees, but about character building and nation building. He encouraged students to carry forward knowledge with values, responsibility, and integrity.

Shri Meghwal described today's youth as India's greatest strength and urged them to contribute to national development through innovation, self-reliance, and ethical leadership. Quoting the teachings of Swami Vivekananda, he advised students to transform challenges into opportunities and remain fearless in the pursuit of excellence.

### **1,983 Degrees Conferred in a Historic Convocation**

The 9th Convocation held special significance as it marked the **first joint convocation** of Vivekananda Global University, its Centre for Distance Education, and the Online VGU platform.

During the ceremony:

- **1,942 students** from undergraduate, postgraduate, and diploma programs were awarded degrees
- **41 research scholars** received their PhD degrees
- A total of **1,983 degrees** were conferred

The event reflected years of hard work, perseverance, and academic dedication, making it a proud and emotional moment for students, parents, and faculty members alike.

### **109 Meritorious Students Honored with Medals**

Recognizing academic excellence, the university awarded **109 medals** to outstanding students:

- **47 Gold Medals**
- **32 Silver Medals**
- **30 Bronze Medals**

University officials stated that these students exemplify commitment, discipline, and academic brilliance, serving as role models for society and the nation.

### **From Financial Struggles to Success: Palak Poonia's Journey**

One of the most inspiring stories of the convocation was that of **BCA student Palak Poonia**. Despite financial challenges, Palak shared that the university consistently supported and encouraged her. She credited Vivekananda Global University not just for her degree, but for giving her confidence, courage, and a platform to showcase her talent.

Today, Palak has successfully established herself as a **professional supermodel**, and she acknowledged the university's role in standing by her during her most difficult times.

### **Final-Year Student Builds a Rs. 50 Crore Company**

Adding to the inspirational narratives, final-year student Vishal drew attention for establishing a startup valued at Rs. 50 crore while still pursuing his studies. He attributed his success to the university's strong innovation and

entrepreneurship ecosystem, mentorship, and encouragement.

Vishal emphasized that with the right guidance, resources, and motivation, students can become job creators instead of job seekers, even before completing their degrees.

### **A Message of Inclusion, Innovation, and Self-Reliance**

The convocation went beyond academic recognition and delivered a powerful message of **inclusion, inspiration, and self-reliance**. Stories like Smita's determination, Palak's resilience, and Vishal's entrepreneurial success demonstrated how the university nurtures not only academic excellence but also confidence, leadership, and social responsibility.

### **Oath Ceremony Emphasizes Values and Responsibility**

During the ceremony, **Registrar Dr. Praveen Chaudhary** administered the oath to graduating students. The oath included commitments to:

- Uphold honesty and integrity
- Respect human values
- Use knowledge for the service of society and the nation
- Protect the dignity and reputation of the university

Dr. Chaudhary reminded students that with a degree comes greater responsibility toward society. He urged them to reflect university values through their conduct, work ethic, and mindset wherever life takes them.

## **A Call to Lead with Humility and Purpose**

Concluding the ceremony, the Registrar encouraged students to remain humble, disciplined, and socially sensitive even as they achieve success. He emphasized that by effectively utilizing the education, values, and opportunities provided by the university, graduates can inspire future generations and contribute meaningfully to nation-building.

