

## Learn from life, students told

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KOCHI: The activities of the new academic year 2009-10 of the Amrita School of Arts and Sciences under the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham was inaugurated on the Brahmasthanam campus on Wednesday.

Blessing the students, general secretary of the Amritanandamayi Math, Kochi, Swami Poornamritananda Puri, asked them to be like butterflies who add immense beauty to every flower they visit. "There is music in silence, dance in stillness, beauty in ugliness, happiness in sadness." He said that such things cannot be taught in any university.

These are lessons that one learns from life.

In his inaugural address Venugopal C Govind, chairman, Varma & Varma, said all outstanding institutions grew from the good work done by their students, teachers and alumni. He said that the world was looking to the East for its values systems. "You live in a country that is the best in the world and we should not forget that this was the country that had some of the best-known ancient centres of learning like Nalanda and Takshashila." He said Amrita institutions were in line with teaching excellence in education and value systems.

In his presidential address, Vice-Chancellor of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, P Venkat Rangan, said that the university was the only multi-campus, multi-disciplinary one offering more than 100 degrees and having around 13,000 students and 1,500 faculty. He said it had distinguished lecturers from universities all over the world. "We even have Nobel laureates taking class for our students. Though they cannot come here, they use the electronic medium.

Speaking at the function after releasing the academic handbook, Associate Director, Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL), A Unnikrishnan, said that quality education was important than acquiring mere literacy.

He emphasised the need to take along those who lag behind when one was growing in life.

"When you specialise in a particular field, you should also interact with other disciplines so that you know many things that do not pertain to your field of specialisation." He asked the teachers not to take it easy till they had cleared the doubts especially in instances where they do not know. Dr S K Ramachandran, senior medical administrator also spoke. U Krishna Kumar, director, Amrita School of Arts and Sciences welcomed the gathering and introduced the guests to the audience.



Swami Poornamritananda Puri, general secretary of the Amritanandamayi Math, Kochi, blessing the new students of the Amrita School of Arts and Sciences

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