

'World's hope rests on students'

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AMRITA Vishwa Vidyapeetham held its 15th convocation and graduation day ceremony in the presence of chancellor Mata Amritanandamayi at Amritapuri on Friday. Isro chairman K Sivan was the chief guest.

In his speech, Sivan said every student must contribute to the development of the nation and it was possible only when students take up tasks without any fear of failure.

Mata Amritanandamayi told the students, "In the present times, when the harmony of nature is getting more and more disturbed, the world's hope rests on students like you. The confluence of love, compassion and societal responsibility in students like you should lead the world towards peace. Rather than just thinking about your own needs, you should also think about what you can contribute towards the betterment of the world."

In all, 1,325 undergraduate, post-graduate and PhD students received their degrees. They belonged to Amrita School of Arts & Sciences, Amrita School of Ayurveda, Amrita School of Biotechnology, Amrita School



Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation, K Sivan handing over the degree at the ceremony held at Amritapuri on Friday

of Business and Amrita School of Engineering. The event was made colourful with students dressed in traditional attire.

The benedictory address was made by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham president Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri. The student community is the essence of society and gaining knowledge is a continuous process, he said, adding that every student should spend each moment of his/her life for the betterment of society.

Other faculty members who presided over the ceremony in-

cluded vice-chancellor P Venkat Rangan, registrar K Shankar, Amrita Ayurveda medical director Brahmachari Shankara Chaitanya, Amrita Center for Nanosciences director and dean of research Shantikumar Nair, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre medical director Dr Prem Nair, Amrita School of Arts & Sciences principal Nandakumar Nair, Amrita Engineering College principal S N Jyothi and Amrita Center for International Programs and Director dean Manesha V Ramesh.