

## **ICFAI University holds 12<sup>th</sup> Convocation, 382 students receive degrees**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Convocation of The ICFAI University, Sikkim was held at Chintan Bhawan here today. The ceremony was declared open by university chancellor Ram Pal Kaushik.

A total of 382 graduating students were awarded degrees, including five gold and five gold and five silver medals.

Former Chief Justice Dipak Misra, Indian Red Cross Society Vice Chairman Avinash Rai Khanna and Indian Ambassador to the United States Harsh Vardhan Shringla were conferred D.Litt. (honoris causa), and former President of India Pranab Mukherjee was conferred D.Letters (honoris causa) by ICFAI in absentia.

Pranab Mukherjee, who was invited as the chief guest, could not attend the event due to health reasons. However, his message was delivered through live video from Delhi.

The former President congratulated the young graduating students for their achievement, and the teachers of ICFAI and their parents. The convocation marks the beginning of new journey, he said.

Education Minister Kunga Nima Lepcha stated that Sikkim is fortunate to have a good university like ICFAI. "ICFAI has always supported the State government by providing admission to students and we hope they will support us in future too," he said.

During the event, messages of the President of Nepal Bidya Devi Bhandari and Governor of Sikkim Ganga Prasad were also delivered. University Vice Chancellor J. Patnaik presented the annual report. SLA deputy Speaker Sangay Lepcha also congratulated the graduating students.

