

JNTU VC Dr K. Rajagopal felicitated



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DALLAS, TX: The Indian American Friendship Council (IAFC) and the newly formed Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University - Alumni of North Texas (JNTU-ANT) felicitated JNTU Vice Chancellor Dr K. Rajagopal on Sunday April 22 at Pasand Indian Cuisine in Richardson, TX.

Veena Nadella, alumni of JNTU has been nominated as Coordinator of the Ad-hoc committee by more than 30 JNTU graduates gathered for the first time to form the chapter. Veena thanked for the honor and requested everyone to help spreading the information among JNTU graduates about the chapter formation and actively participate to come up with a mission statement and formal bylaws of the chapter very soon.

Manohar Reddy, a graduate of JNTU Anantapur Campus, introduced VC Dr K. Rajagopal to the audience. "It was my good fortune to become a direct student of Dr Rajagopal when he was a professor at JNTU Anantapur. He was my best teacher, my role model as well as a mentor. He came from very humble beginnings and shows genu-

ine interest towards students' success and steers them in a right direction. I had benefited a lot from his guidance not only as a student but also as an entrepreneur." Manohar Reddy is President of Gallop Technologies.

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welcomed JNTU VC Dr K. Rajagopal to Texas and felicitated him with a shawl and a token of appreciation on behalf of the Indian American community and JNTU Alumni. Prasad wished best of luck to the chapter in carrying out its objectives and establishing a stronger bond with their mother institute JNTU.

Dr Rajagopal thanked IAFC and JNTU Alumni for the honor and felicitation and

expressed his joy in forming the JNTU ANT chapter. He stressed the need of more of these types of chapters all across the country and a coordinated effort to have ongoing dialogues with JNTU.

"Since 1972, the inception of JNTU, it has grown leaps and bounds. Today more than 300,000 students attend JNTU centers

technology, Aeronautical engineering and Biotech fields to compete well in this global market." Dr K. Rajagopal, VC, JNTU said

Responding to some fielded questions from the audience, VC Rajagopal said - Attracting and retaining the talented staff has become a challenge at JNTU. As per knowledge Commission Report, there is a need to have 1,500 Universities to meet the growing educational needs in India where as we have only 400 universities now. As it is highly impossible to start this many universities all of a sudden, we are establishing stronger ties with reputed universities like Carnegie-Mellon, Georgia tech etc. of USA, some more universities from Italy and South Korea to come and open universities in India on a full fledged basis. There is a bright future ahead for India not only in software but also in hardware areas. VC Rajagopal expressed his overall satisfaction about the students increasing interest to do well and maintain good discipline.

Manohar Reddy thanked VC Rajagopal for making a special trip to Dallas to launch the JNTU ANT chapter and all attendees for

across Andhra Pradesh to pursue their dreams in Engineering, Fine arts and Bio-Technological sciences. Hundreds of engineering colleges in AP are affiliated to JNTU and reaping benefits from JNTU's experience and advancement. Plans are well underway to complete a chip manufacturing industry at JNTU Hyderabad campus by December 2008. We are giving highest priority for Man-