

Scientist urges students to serve nation

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IN view of enlightening the 614 graduands conferred with their degree certificates at the 23rd convocation of Bharathidasan University (BDU) on the significance of youth power of the country, N Valarmathi, Programme Director of Microwave Remote Sensing Satellite of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) advised all the graduands to stay back in India and serve the country.

Addressing the graduands, Valarmathi said, "In a country which is rich in natural resources and vast range of innovative ideas, students who complete degrees and move abroad for work and higher studies is a very bad sign of development. I really wonder why people prefer going abroad for education." She said that nation's service is the most expected thing from any gradu-

and leaving their college. "India has to see a huge development in the near future which is in the hands of people like you," she added.

Valarmathi further emphasised on the opportunities that are available for graduates in the country which most of the time go unused. "I am basically an engineering graduate who opted for space research. I longed to become a space scien-

tist since childhood and now I have become what I wanted to be."

Following this, Chancellor of the university and acting Governor of the State Ch Vidyasagar Rao conferred the degrees on 614 graduands. Among the 614, one of the graduands S Akilandeswari from Holy Cross College for Women, who is visually challenged, received her Doctorate in Philosophy (PhD).



Acting Governor of Tamil Nadu Ch Vidyasagar Rao awarding degree certificate to a graduate of BDU on Friday | **M K ASHOK KUMAR**