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About Dhimsa

The newsletter of Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh (CTUAP) is named "Dhimsa" to symbolize unity, tradition, and the vibrant cultural heritage of the tribal communities. Dhimsa is a traditional folk dance performed by tribal groups in the region, known for its graceful movements and collective spirit. By naming our newsletter "Dhimsa," we aim to reflect the university's commitment to embracing diversity, fostering community connections, and celebrating the rich cultural traditions that form the essence of tribal life. Just as the dance brings people together, our newsletter strives to connect the university's activities, achievements, and aspirations with the wider community.

About CTUAP

The Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh established in 2019, is a prominent Central University located in Kondakarakam, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh. It was set up to fulfill the long-standing aspiration of the tribal communities for access to higher education. The University operates under the Central Universities Act, 2009, with jurisdiction extending across the state of Andhra Pradesh, and is fully funded by the Central Government through the University Grants Commission (UGC). CTUAP's permanent campus is currently under construction in Kuntinavalasa and Chinamedapalli Village, spread across the Mentada and Dattirajeru mandals of Vizianagaram.

CTUAP offers a wide range of programs including Undergraduate, Postgraduate etc., in regular mode. Admissions are conducted via the Central Universities Entrance Test (CUET), organized by the National Testing Agency (NTA). The university's academic structure is designed to provide quality education and cater to the diverse needs of its students, particularly from tribal background. The establishment of the permanent campus is expected to significantly enhance its infrastructure and academic environment.

The university is governed by a robust administrative framework with the President of India as its Visitor and a Chancellor serving as the ceremonial head. The Vice-Chancellor holds the executive powers, supported by administrative bodies like the Executive Council, Finance Committee, Academic Council, Board of Studies, and which oversee the smooth functioning and growth of the institution. The upcoming permanent campus will further the mission of the university in providing top-notch education and facilities for students.



Vice-Chancellor's Message

Dear Members of the University Community,

It gives me immense pleasure to present this edition of DHIMSA, the newsletter of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, highlighting the university's academic, research, outreach, and community engagement activities undertaken during January-March 2026.

The initiatives featured in this issue reflect the university's continuing commitment to empowering tribal communities through education, research, innovation, health awareness, and sustainable development. Alongside seminars, workshops, conferences and research activities, the university has actively expanded its outreach programmes in remote tribal areas to promote awareness on higher education, the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) and the educational opportunities available at CTUAP. These programmes are helping first-generation learners and tribal youth gain access to quality higher education and build confidence towards pursuing academic and professional aspirations.



Our collaborations with institutions such as ICAR-IIRR, ASPIRE BioNEST, healthcare organizations and scientific agencies demonstrate our vision of integrating academic excellence with grassroots development. Activities related to biofortified agriculture, sickle cell disease awareness, entrepreneurship, natural resource management, gender equity and skill development are aligned with the objectives of the National Education Policy, sustainable development goals, and the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

At CTUAP, we firmly believe that education must reach the most underserved communities and become a transformative force for social inclusion and national progress. The university remains dedicated to preserving tribal heritage while equipping students and communities with scientific knowledge, professional skills and leadership capabilities necessary for building an inclusive and developed India.

I appreciate the dedicated contributions of our faculty members, staff, students, collaborators, and community stakeholders in strengthening the mission of the university. I am confident that CTUAP will continue to emerge as a leading centre for tribal education, research, innovation and community empowerment.

Prof. Tantravahi Srinivasan



CTUAP Marks International Women's Day



Marking International Women's Day, the Women Cell of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh organized a special programme on the theme "Rights, Equality and Empowerment for All Women and Girls" at the university campus. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, staff, and students, reflecting a strong commitment to gender equality and women's empowerment. The programme was graced by Prof. Sonajharia Minz, Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University and former Vice-Chancellor of Sido Kanhu Murmu University, who attended as Chief Guest. In her address, she emphasized that empowering women is essential for societal progress and called for equal opportunities in education, research, leadership, and public life, while stressing the collective responsibility of ensuring women's dignity and safety. The Guest of Honour, Dr. B. Devi Madhavi of Government Medical College Vizianagaram, highlighted the importance of women's health, education, and self-reliance in achieving holistic development and urged society to foster respect and equality among the youth.

Addressing the gathering, T. Srinivasan, In-Charge Vice-Chancellor, reiterated that women's empowerment is fundamental to inclusive growth and national development, emphasizing equal participation in education, employment, and leadership. Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, In-Charge Registrar, underscored that dignity, safety, and equality for women must be upheld in every institution, noting the pivotal role of educational spaces in promoting these values. The programme featured cultural performances by women students, including dances and skits conveying messages on gender equality and challenging social stereotypes, which captivated the audience. Organized under the leadership of Dr. Parikipandla Sridevi and coordinated by Dr. Kusum, Dr. Prama Chatterjee, Dr. Divya K., Dr. P. S. Latha Kalyampudi, and J. Sumalatha, the event was attended by Prof. M. Saratchandra Babu, Heads of Departments, faculty members, non-teaching staff, and a large number of students, making it a meaningful celebration of women's rights and empowerment only reflected the achievements of the past seven years but also reaffirmed the university's vision to become a center of excellence in tribal education and research.

University Participates in Post-Budget Webinar on Education and Skill Development



Faculty members, research scholars, and students of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh participated in the Post Budget Webinar on "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas – Fulfilling Aspirations of People" (Education, Skills and University Townships) held on March 9, 2026. The session was attended by Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, Registrar, along with faculty members including Dr. Parikipandla Sridevi, Dr. Anirudh Kumar, Dr. Bonthu Kotaiah, Dr. Prasad M., and Dr. Tarakeswara Rao Ippili, who joined the programme alongside students. The webinar focused on policy priorities in education, skill development, digital learning, and the concept of university townships, highlighting the need to align higher education with industry demands, promote innovation and entrepreneurship, and enhance employability through skill-based learning, thereby offering participants valuable insights into the government's vision for strengthening academic infrastructure and fostering inclusive national development.

CTUAP Celebrates Republic Day with Patriotic Fervour



The Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh celebrated the 77th Republic Day with patriotic enthusiasm on the university campus, where Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, In-Charge Registrar, unfurled the National Flag and addressed the gathering. In his speech, he highlighted the significance of the Constitution and the importance of upholding democratic values, unity, and integrity of the nation. He urged students and staff to contribute towards nation-building through dedication, responsibility, and service. The programme witnessed the participation of faculty members, staff, and students, reflecting a spirit of patriotism and collective commitment to the ideals of the nation.



Campus Highlights

Journalists' Delegation from Uttarakhand Visits CTUAP, Engages in Academic Dialogue



A delegation of journalists from Uttarakhand visited the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh and participated in an interactive session with the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Librarian, Deans, and Heads of Departments. The discussions highlighted the university's commitment to academic excellence and its focused initiatives for the socio-economic development of tribal communities. The visit provided an opportunity to exchange regional perspectives and showcase the institution's academic, cultural, and developmental contributions. The delegation was also briefed on the university's on-going research activities, student support initiatives, and outreach programmes in tribal regions. Members of the visiting team appreciated the university's efforts in promoting inclusive education and preserving tribal knowledge systems. University authorities expressed hope for continued engagement and collaboration in the future.

CTUAP Launches Ambulance Service for Campus Emergency Care



The Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh has introduced a dedicated ambulance service as part of its efforts to enhance campus safety and student welfare. The facility was inaugurated by Prof. T. Srinivasan, In-Charge Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, In-Charge Registrar, and P. K. Das, Finance Officer, in the presence of Deans, Heads of Departments, and faculty and staff members. The newly launched service forms part of a structured emergency medical response system aimed at ensuring timely medical assistance on campus. University authorities stated that the initiative would provide rapid medical evacuation and facilitate immediate access to specialized healthcare institutions

during emergencies, thereby strengthening the overall safety and support system for the academic community.

Administrative Workshop at CTUAP Focuses on Office Procedures and Conduct Rules



In an effort to enhance administrative efficiency and institutional governance, the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh organized a workshop on "Office Procedures and Conduct Rules" for teaching and non-teaching staff on December 23, 2025. The session was led by Pradeep Kumar Ray, Registrar of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berhampur, who explained key aspects of official procedures, service conduct regulations, administrative responsibilities, and best practices in academic administration. He emphasized the importance of professionalism, accountability, and systematic office management in ensuring smooth institutional functioning. The programme was attended by Prof. T. Srinivasan, In-charge Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, In-charge Registrar, Pratap Keshari Dash, Finance Officer, and Prof. M. Saratchandra Babu, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, along with faculty and staff members. The workshop was appreciated for providing practical guidance aimed at improving administrative coordination, workplace discipline, and institutional effectiveness.

DST Sanctions Innovation Hub for Tribal Development at CTUAP

The Department of Science and Technology has sanctioned a project titled "Science and Technology Innovation Hub in Kuntinavalasa Village, Mentada Block, Vizianagaram/Parvathipuram Manyam District, Andhra Pradesh" under the SEED programme at the CTUAP. The three-year project, with an outlay of Rs. 99.61 lakhs, aims to promote sustainable livelihoods, scientific awareness, and technology-driven development among tribal communities. The initiative focuses on finger millet cultivation, farmer training, field demonstrations, soil and crop management, and community-oriented research in agriculture and rural entrepreneurship. Through collaboration with scientific institutions, local communities, and government agencies, the project seeks to integrate traditional knowledge with modern scientific practices. The initiative would strengthen agricultural productivity, skill development, and socio-economic progress in tribal regions.



Two-Day SCD Counselling Programme Held in ASR District PHCs



A two-day counselling and training programme on Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) was conducted on January 22 and 23, 2026, in two Primary Health Centres of Alluri Seetharama Raju district as part of an ICMR Task Force project on stigma, economic loss, and quality of life among tribal populations. The programme aimed at strengthening the counselling skills of Medical Officers and Community Health Officers (CHOs) to provide better support to individuals affected by SCD. The sessions were led by Dr. Pavani Upendran, who explained genetic counselling, inheritance patterns, and the importance of reducing stigma associated with the disease.

The training was held at Madagada PHC and Gannela PHC, where healthcare professionals and patients participated actively. Discussions focused on early diagnosis, patient management, and improving awareness about SCD among tribal communities. Officials stated that the programme would enhance the capacity of frontline healthcare providers and help improve disease management and follow-up care in the region.

NASCO Advocacy Visit Strengthens Sickle Cell Awareness in Araku Valley



As part of its ongoing ICMR Task Force research project on “Sickle Cell Disease-related to stigma, economic loss, and quality of life among tribal population of India, Vizianagaram district, Andhra Pradesh,” the Department of Biotechnology at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh organized an advocacy and awareness programme in collaboration with the National Alliance of Sickle Cell Organisations at Araku Valley in Alluri Seetharama Raju district on January 24, 2026. The initiative focused on peer advocacy and

community-based interventions to address the social stigma and health challenges associated with sickle cell disease among tribal populations. Representatives from NASCO, including Gautam Dongre and Nishant Wase, actively participated in the programme, engaging with local communities and beneficiaries. The interaction facilitated knowledge sharing, strengthened grassroots awareness, and promoted community participation in addressing the disease, thereby contributing significantly to the objectives of the research project and enhancing outreach efforts in tribal regions.

Awareness Programme on Sickle Cell Disease Conducted for Tribal Girls in Araku Valley



An awareness programme on Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) was organized on January 25, 2026, at the Tribal Girls Residential School and Degree College in Araku Valley, located in Alluri Seetharama Raju district, as part of the ongoing ICMR Task Force project on stigma, economic loss, and quality of life among tribal populations. The programme aimed to create awareness among tribal girl students about the genetic nature of SCD, its health implications, and the importance of early screening, diagnosis, and counselling. The session was conducted by Dr. Pavani Upendran, who explained the inheritance patterns of the disease and highlighted preventive measures to reduce its impact.

During the interactive session, students and faculty members actively engaged in discussions on reducing stigma, promoting informed health decisions, and the importance of premarital screening in high-prevalence areas. The programme emphasized the need for community awareness and encouraged students to share knowledge within their communities. Organizers noted that such initiatives play a crucial role in improving awareness among tribal youth and strengthening efforts to address health challenges associated with SCD in the region. The programme also highlighted the importance of regular health check-ups, nutritional support, and timely medical intervention for individuals affected by SCD. Educational materials on sickle cell disease prevention and management were distributed among the students to enhance awareness and encourage responsible health practices. Faculty members appreciated the initiative and emphasized continued health awareness programmes in tribal regions.



CTUAP Spreads Higher Education Awareness in Tribal Regions



The Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh conducted a series of awareness campaigns in tribal villages and educational institutions across Parvathipuram Manyam district to promote higher education opportunities and create awareness about the Common University Entrance Test (CUET). The outreach programmes were aimed at guiding tribal students on admission procedures, academic programmes, scholarships, skill development initiatives, and career opportunities available at the university. Faculty members and university officials interacted directly with students, parents, teachers, and local communities, emphasizing the importance of higher education in achieving socio-economic empowerment and inclusive development.

During the awareness sessions, participants were informed about CUET registration procedures, eligibility criteria, examination patterns, and the advantages of pursuing higher education in Central Universities. Special emphasis was laid on encouraging students from remote tribal regions to access quality education and explore diverse academic and career pathways. The programmes witnessed enthusiastic participation from tribal youth and community members, reflecting increasing interest in higher education and reinforcing the university's commitment towards tribal welfare, educational inclusion, and expanding access to higher learning opportunities in underserved areas.

Biofortified Rice Initiative Promotes Nutritional Security Among Tribal Farmers

A field-level farmers' interaction, training, and seed distribution programme on biofortified rice cultivation was organized on March 17, 2026, at Jaggudoravalasa village in Makkuva Mandal under the ICAR-CRP Biofortification Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) project. The programme was jointly conducted by the ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research and the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh with support from the Tribal Sub-Plan initiative. The outreach programme focused on promoting zinc-rich and low glycemic index biofortified rice varieties among tribal farmers with the objective of improving nutritional security, agricultural productivity, and overall health outcomes in tribal regions.



As part of the initiative, DRR Dhan 48 biofortified rice seeds were distributed to 60 tribal farmers for pilot-scale cultivation. Scientists from ICAR-IIRR provided practical training and technical guidance on soil health management, nutrient assessment, and scientific crop monitoring using MITTI-MITTRA soil testing kits, the NAPSRI mobile application, and Leaf Colour Chart (LCC) techniques. The programme facilitated meaningful interaction between scientists and farmers, enhanced awareness about sustainable agricultural practices, and encouraged the adoption of nutrient-rich crop varieties in tribal farming systems.

CTUAP Trains Tribal Farmers in Eco-Friendly Farming Practices



A hands-on training programme on the preparation and application of biopesticides and biofertilizers was organized on February 26, 2026, for 25 tribal farmers from Jagadaravalasa village under the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) project titled "Enhancing the Nutritional Status of Tribal Farmers in Parvathipuram Manyam District: Practices, Constraints and Capacity Building for Sustainable Livelihoods." The programme was conducted by CTUAP with technical support from experts associated with the Agricultural Research Station. The training focused on promoting sustainable and low-cost agricultural practices through the use of locally available materials for preparing eco-friendly biopesticides and biofertilizers. Farmers were given practical demonstrations on preparation methods, application techniques, dosage, and the benefits of these organic inputs in improving soil fertility and reducing dependence on chemical fertilizers and pesticides. The interactive programme enabled participants to gain scientific knowledge and practical skills for adopting sustainable farming practices aimed at safer crop production, improved productivity, reduced cultivation costs, and enhanced nutritional and livelihood security among tribal farming communities in the region.



BIONEXT 2026 Showcases Research-Driven Innovation in Biotechnology



Emphasizing the growing need to translate scientific research into practical solutions, the Department of Biotechnology at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh organized a one-day seminar titled “BIONEXT 2026: From Lab to Life – Accelerating Academic Innovation in Biotechnology.” The programme brought together leading scientists, academicians, and students to discuss how academic research can be effectively transformed into societal and industrial applications. In his address, Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, In-Charge Registrar, underlined the importance of biotechnology in addressing key challenges in health, agriculture, and environmental sustainability, while reaffirming the university’s focus on interdisciplinary innovation and rural development.

Delivering the keynote insights, Dr. D. Yogeswara Rao of the University of Hyderabad highlighted the need for stronger linkages between research institutions and industry to foster innovation-led growth. Prof. Rajagopal Subramanyam and Dr. Kondreddy Anil spoke on incubation support, start-up ecosystems, and commercialization strategies in biotechnology. Presiding over the programme, T. Srinivasan, Vice-Chancellor (In-Charge), stressed that universities must ensure that innovation reaches the grassroots and benefits society at large. Coordinated by Dr. Parikipandla Sridevi, the seminar saw enthusiastic participation from faculty, staff, and students, marking it as a significant step towards promoting research-driven innovation and entrepreneurship in biotechnology.

Scholars Discuss Changing Tribal Realities at CTUAP Seminar

Bringing focus to the evolving dimensions of tribal societies, the Department of Tribal Studies at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh conducted a two-day National Seminar on “Revisiting Tribal Life: Prospects and Problems” on February 5–6, 2026. The seminar created a platform for constructive dialogue among scholars, administrators, and development practitioners to reflect on the socio-economic conditions, cultural dynamics, and policy challenges affecting tribal communities across India. Discussions during the sessions highlighted the need to balance development



initiatives with the preservation of indigenous knowledge systems and traditional ways of life.

A wide range of eminent speakers, including Dr. Ajay Kumar Mandavi, V. Chinaveerabhadru, Vikas Balaraju, Dr. Badri Kurma Rao, M. Kiran Kumar, Dr. K. R. Palsaniya, Dr. D. James Narendra Bondla, Dr. Rajesh Ranjan, Prof. Sudhakar Babu, Prof. Prasanna Samal, Dr. Vijay Korra, and Dr. K. Sarada, contributed to the deliberations, offering insights on development policies, health, governance, and grassroots realities. The speakers emphasized the importance of inclusive strategies, community participation, and evidence-based policymaking to address the complex challenges faced by tribal populations. The seminar concluded with active participation from faculty, scholars, and students, reinforcing the need for continued academic engagement and collaborative efforts in tribal studies.

CTUAP Hosts National Conference on Sustainable Chemistry



A three-day National Conference on “Sustainable Chemistry for Health, Energy & Environment (SCHEE-2026)” commenced at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday, bringing together leading scientists, researchers, and academicians from across the country. Organized by the Department of Chemistry, the conference aims to explore innovative solutions in green chemistry and sustainable technologies. In his welcome address, Prof. M. Saratchandra Babu highlighted the growing relevance of sustainable chemical research in addressing environmental concerns and promoting eco-friendly practices. Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, Registrar, lauded the department’s efforts and underscored the role of universities in fostering research that benefits both society and the environment. Eminent speakers



including Prof. Anbarasan P. and Prof. Ramakrishna G. Bhat shared insights on recent developments in catalytic transformations and organic synthesis, encouraging young scholars to pursue sustainable innovations in chemistry.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. L. Giribabu from CSIR–Indian Institute of Chemical Technology spoke on advancements in photovoltaic technologies and their significance in achieving clean and renewable energy solutions. Presiding over the inaugural session, T. Srinivasan, Vice-Chancellor, emphasized the need for interdisciplinary research to tackle pressing challenges related to health, energy, and environmental sustainability. The conference features keynote lectures, invited talks, oral presentations, and poster sessions with participation from premier institutions such as IIT Madras, IISER Pune, and CSIR laboratories. Coordinated by the Department of Chemistry faculty, the event has attracted active participation from researchers, faculty members, and students, serving as an important platform for advancing sustainable scientific research.

National Seminar on Sustainable Resource Management Held at CTUAP



Reinforcing the importance of sustainable practices in the management of natural resources, the Department of Geology at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh organized a two-day National Seminar on “Natural Resources Management for Sustainable Development (NRMSD-2026)” on February 26 and 27, 2026. The seminar witnessed participation from a wide spectrum of scholars, scientists, academicians, and students representing various institutions across the country. The deliberations focused on contemporary challenges in resource utilization, environmental conservation, and the role of geosciences in ensuring long-term sustainability. Participants engaged in insightful discussions, research presentations, and knowledge-sharing sessions, making the seminar a significant academic platform addressing pressing environmental concerns.

Delivering key addresses, eminent experts including Prof. M. Ramakrishna Reddy, former Vice-Chancellor of Sri Krishnadevaraya University, and Ch. Tata Babu of the Andhra Pradesh Space Applications Centre highlighted the urgent need for integrating scientific research with policy frameworks to address environmental challenges. Other distinguished speakers,

including Prof. S. M. Hussain, Prof. Yammani Srinivasa Rao, Prof. V. Sunitha, and Dr. Sangaraju Siddi Raju, underscored the importance of collaborative research, technological innovation, and community engagement in achieving sustainable development goals. The programme drew active participation from faculty members, research scholars, and students, and concluded with a strong call for continued interdisciplinary efforts towards responsible natural resource management.

CTUAP Conference Focuses on Sustainable Growth in Tribal Areas



The Department of Business Management at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh successfully organized a two-day National Conference on “Entrepreneurship & Sustainable Development in Tribal Geographies (NCESDTG 2026)” on February 12–13, 2026. The conference witnessed an enthusiastic response from across the country, with over 80 research papers submitted by academicians, researchers, and practitioners. The event served as a vibrant platform for intellectual exchange, enabling participants to present innovative ideas, share field-based insights, and deliberate on strategies for promoting entrepreneurship and sustainable development in tribal regions. The sessions reflected a strong interdisciplinary approach, focusing on inclusive growth, indigenous enterprise models, and policy interventions tailored to tribal contexts.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. T. Srinivasan, In-Charge Vice-Chancellor of the university, emphasized the importance of fostering entrepreneurship in tribal geographies as a pathway to sustainable and inclusive development. He highlighted the need to integrate traditional knowledge systems with modern business practices to empower tribal communities economically. Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, Registrar, noted that such academic platforms play a crucial role in bridging research and practice, encouraging evidence-based policymaking and innovation. He also appreciated the active participation of scholars from across the country. The conference concluded with meaningful deliberations and collaborative insights, reinforcing the university’s commitment to advancing research and development in tribal studies and sustainable entrepreneurship.



CTUAP Organizes Workshop on Careers in Geology



In an effort to prepare students for emerging opportunities in Earth Sciences, the Department of Geology at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh conducted a Lecture Workshop on “Career Guidance in Geology.” The programme provided an interactive platform for students to gain a clearer understanding of academic pathways, research prospects, and career options within the discipline. Faculty members and students participated actively, making the session both informative and engaging.

The workshop was led by Prof. M. Jayananda, Adjunct Professor at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, who delivered insightful sessions on academic planning and professional growth in geology. He highlighted the importance of early preparation, skill development, and a research-oriented approach in building a successful career in Earth Sciences. The workshop concluded with an encouraging note, motivating students to pursue their goals with clarity and strategic planning.

CTUAP Hosts National Seminar on Gender and Tribal Issues



Focusing on the intersection of gender and tribal realities, the Department of Sociology at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh conducted a two-day National Seminar on “Gender and Tribe in Contemporary India: Issues, Realities and Emerging Perspectives” on March 17–18, 2026. The programme began with a traditional Dhimsa dance by students, symbolizing the rich cultural heritage of tribal communities. The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. Damayanti Besra, Dr. A. Krishna Prasad, and Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, Registrar (I/c), who collectively emphasized the importance of

promoting gender equity, preserving tribal identity, and enhancing legal awareness among marginalized groups. The presence of Saheera Hussain and Bidika Uma, along with members of the Helping Hand Hijra Association, added an important dimension of inclusivity, bringing forward perspectives from transgender communities.

The seminar featured 14 technical sessions conducted in both online and offline modes, addressing diverse themes such as gender inequality, tribal livelihoods, education, health, legal frameworks, digital inclusion, and the challenges faced by tribal women and transgender individuals. Eminent academicians including Prof. Soubhagya Ranjan Padhi, Dr. Jayant Kumar Behera, Dr. Vijay Korra, and Dr. P. Sridevi contributed as resource persons, enriching the academic discourse. Around 200 participants from universities and organizations across India attended the seminar, both virtually and in person. The valedictory session was addressed by Prof. C. Nilima Srivastava, who called for sustained research and policy attention to gender and tribal concerns. The seminar was chaired by Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra and organized by Dr. Prama Chatterjee, with coordination support from Dr. Divya K, Dr. Tarakeswara Rao Ippili, Dr. P. S. Latha, and Dr. N. V. S. Suryanarayana, marking it as a meaningful platform for critical dialogue and collaborative engagement.

Seminar on Expanding Horizons of Social Work Held at CTUAP



The Department of Social Work at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh organized a one-day seminar on “Fields of Social Work” on Tuesday, highlighting the growing scope and interdisciplinary relevance of the profession. Delivering the keynote address, Prof. N. Janardhana, Professor in the Department of Psychiatric Social Work at National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru, emphasized the significance of mental health as a state of holistic well-being that enables individuals to cope with stress, work efficiently, and contribute to society. He explained that mental health goes beyond the absence of illness and includes psychological and social dimensions. Prof. Janardhana elaborated on common mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and substance use disorders, outlining their characteristics and impact on individuals and families. He also highlighted the crucial



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role of social workers in psychiatric care, particularly in counselling, rehabilitation, and community support.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sharath Chandra T, Manager–HR at Bharat Electronics Limited, Bengaluru, discussed the expanding role of Human Resource Management (HRM) in modern organizations. He noted that HRM extends beyond recruitment and administrative tasks to include employee engagement, training, performance appraisal, conflict resolution, and welfare measures. He pointed out that social workers possess a unique advantage in HR roles due to their training in empathy, counselling, and understanding human behaviour, which helps in addressing workplace issues effectively. Comparing social work graduates with MBA professionals, he observed that while MBAs bring technical and managerial expertise, social workers contribute a human-centered and ethical approach to organizational functioning. The seminar was attended by faculty and students, and was graced by Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, Registrar (I/c) of the university, who emphasized the importance of social workers in managing human resources and promoting inclusive work environments.

CTUAP Hosts National Seminar on Nomadic Tribes and Cultural Heritage



The Department of Social Work at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh organized a One Day National Level Seminar on “Cultural Knowledge and Livelihood Sustainability of Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes: A Social Work Approach.” The seminar brought together academicians, activists, and policy experts to discuss the cultural heritage and livelihood challenges of these communities. Padma Shri awardee Girish Prabhune, who attended as Chief Guest, highlighted that nomadic and de-notified tribes possess rich traditions, indigenous knowledge, and nature-based lifestyles. However, he noted that many still face social and economic marginalization, stressing the need for better access to education, skill development, and employment opportunities to ensure sustainable development.

Speaking on the occasion, T. Srinivasan, In-Charge Vice-Chancellor, emphasized that modernization and changing livelihood patterns are posing challenges to the traditional lifestyles of these communities. He called for a balanced approach to preserve cultural knowledge

while creating sustainable livelihoods through research and policy support. The seminar also featured addresses by Dasari Srinivasulu (IAS, Retd.), Suvarna Rawal, Aekka Chandrasekhar, Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, and Prof. M. Saratchandra Babu, who collectively stressed the need for coordinated efforts among government, academia, and civil society. Coordinated by Nagesh M, Assistant Professor, the programme witnessed active participation from faculty and students, making it a meaningful platform for dialogue on tribal cultural preservation and sustainable livelihoods.

Dhimsa Celebrated as Living Tribal Heritage at Academic Interaction



Showcasing the cultural richness of tribal traditions, the Department of Tribal Studies at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh organized a lecture-cum-interaction under its 4th Special Lecture Series on February 27, 2026. The session focused on the cultural, social, and academic dimensions of Dhimsa dance, a prominent tribal tradition of the region. Dr. K. Maalyada, Associate Professor at GITAM Deemed to be University and Principal Investigator of an ICSSR-funded project, interacted with Dr. Divya K., emphasizing that Dhimsa is not merely a dance form but an integral part of tribal life and identity. The discussion also highlighted the objectives of the ICSSR research project on women’s role in preserving Dhimsa in North Coastal Andhra.

The interactive session witnessed thoughtful contributions from Dr. Anirudh Kumar, Dr. Prama Chatterjee, and Dr. Nagesh M, who discussed the diversity and regional variations of Dhimsa across Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Jharkhand. Students actively engaged in the deliberations, making the programme academically enriching. The event, convened by Dr. Divya K., concluded on a cultural note with a lively Dhimsa performance by students, faculty, and members of the ICSSR project team, celebrating the spirit and continuity of tribal heritage.

Workshop Sheds Light on Emerging Trends in Aviation Sector

In an effort to familiarise students with the dynamic developments in the aviation industry, the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh conducted a workshop titled “Transforming Skies: Current



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Trends and Innovations in the Aviation Sector” on March 11, 2026 at the University Conference Hall. The session focused on providing practical insights into airport operations, technological advancements, safety management, and the evolving challenges faced by the aviation sector. Students were introduced to real-time operational environments, enabling them to better understand the complexities of modern aviation systems.

The workshop was led by Rajesh Reddy Bora, Duty Manager – Airport Operations at Air India, Visakhapatnam Airport, who elaborated on coordination among airlines, airport authorities, ground handling agencies, and Air Traffic Control. He highlighted critical aspects such as passenger flow management, aircraft turnaround efficiency, Airport Operational Database (AODB), A-SMGCS systems, emergency response protocols, and Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting services. Emphasizing safety compliance and service quality, he noted their importance in ensuring smooth airport functioning. The interactive session enabled students to gain a comprehensive understanding of aviation operations and emerging career opportunities, thereby enhancing their industry readiness.

Three-Day Workshop Trains Students in Global Travel Systems



Strengthening industry-oriented learning, the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh conducted a three-day workshop titled “GRN Expert Virtual Program” from March 23 to 25, 2026, in collaboration with GRN Expert and DTORR. The programme was designed as a certification initiative aimed at equipping undergraduate and postgraduate students with practical knowledge of global travel booking systems. Participants were trained in handling accommodation bookings, sightseeing

packages, and transfer services through simulation-based modules that replicated real-time industry operations.

The workshop focused on enhancing technical competencies and improving employability by providing hands-on experience in digital travel platforms widely used in the tourism sector. Students actively engaged in the sessions and completed an MCQ-based assessment as part of the certification process, following which e-certificates were awarded. Faculty members noted that such collaborative initiatives play a vital role in bridging the gap between academic learning and industry requirements, reinforcing the importance of practice-oriented education in tourism and hospitality management.

Anaemia Awareness Poster Released at University Campus



An awareness programme on anaemia was organised by the Department of Biotechnology at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, where a poster on the subject was unveiled by T. Srinivasan, In-charge Vice-Chancellor, on the campus. Addressing the gathering, he said anaemia has become a serious public health issue, particularly among women, adolescent girls and pregnant women, with higher prevalence in tribal areas, and stressed the need for proper nutrition and awareness to prevent the condition. Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, Registrar (In-charge), observed that universities should actively promote public health awareness and urged students to play a role in spreading awareness in society. The programme was led by Dr. Parikipandla Sridevi, who explained the causes, symptoms and preventive measures of anaemia, while Prof. M. Saratchandra Babu, faculty members, researchers and students were present on the occasion.

BBA Students Gain Practical Exposure During Airport Visit

In a move to strengthen practical learning, the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh arranged an industrial visit for BBA students to Visakhapatnam Airport on March 17, 2026. The visit formed part of the curriculum’s experiential learning component, aimed at familiarizing students with real-time aviation and tourism operations. During the visit, students observed key functional areas of the airport, including passenger



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handling processes, apron activities, and coordination mechanisms involved in air traffic management.

The session was guided by industry expert Mr. Sandeep (HR), who explained operational procedures and shared insights into day-to-day airport management practices. The interaction enabled students to relate classroom concepts to actual industry scenarios, enhancing their understanding of aviation systems. Faculty members noted that such initiatives are essential in building industry-ready skills and exposing students to professional environments, thereby contributing to their overall academic and career development in the tourism and hospitality sector.

Workshop Focuses on Quality Research and Effective Mentorship



Emphasizing the importance of structured research and academic integrity, the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh conducted a workshop on “Mentorship and Scholarship in Doctoral Studies: Designing an Ideal PhD” on January 5, 2026 at the University Seminar Hall. The session was delivered by Prof. S. C. Bagri, former Vice-Chancellor of Himgiri Zee University and a noted academic in tourism studies. Addressing the participants, he stressed that doctoral research requires strong methodological rigour, ethical commitment, and a clear scholarly vision. He remarked that pursuing a PhD should be seen as an intellectual journey that nurtures critical thinking and contributes meaningfully to knowledge creation.

Highlighting the role of guidance in research, Prof. Bagri pointed out that a healthy mentor–mentee relationship is central to achieving academic excellence

and producing impactful research outcomes. He also emphasized the need to align doctoral research with societal concerns and policy relevance. The workshop saw active participation from faculty members, research scholars, and students, facilitating engaging discussions and exchange of ideas. Organized under the guidance of university authorities, the programme served as a valuable platform for strengthening research practices and promoting quality scholarship in doctoral studies.

Extensive Study Tour Offers Tourism Students Real-World Learning Experience



Third-year students of the BBA (Travel and Tourism Management) programme from the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh undertook an 18-day educational field visit to Tamil Nadu from January 14 to February 1, 2026, gaining valuable hands-on exposure to the state’s diverse tourism landscape. Covering major destinations including Chennai, Kanchipuram, Mahabalipuram, Puducherry, Chidambaram, Pichavaram, Tiruvannamalai, Coimbatore, Ooty, Madurai, Rameshwaram, Dhanushkodi, Tiruchirapalli, Thanjavur, Srirangam, and Vijayawada, the tour enabled students to explore historic temples, architectural landmarks, cultural traditions, and modern tourism practices. The visit offered practical insights into heritage conservation, hospitality management, local cuisine, and sustainable tourism initiatives, helping students connect classroom learning with real-world industry exposure. The programme was considered highly beneficial in enhancing their academic understanding and preparing them for future careers in the tourism sector.

Retail Industry Expert Shares Corporate Insights with Management Students

The Department of Business Management at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh organized an insightful session on “Real-World Retail Insights” on March 29, 2026, featuring Nirjogi Chandra Rao, Store Manager at Reliance Smart, as the resource person. Addressing the students, he shared practical perspectives on retail operations, customer relationship management, team coordination, and the evolving trends in the retail sector. He also highlighted the importance of communication skills, adaptability, and professional ethics in building successful corporate careers. The interactive session



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provided students with valuable industry exposure and enhanced their understanding of real-world business practices, reflecting the department's commitment to bridging academic learning with corporate expectations.

Expert Talk on Personal Branding Inspires Management Students



The Department of Business Management at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh organized an insightful talk on “Personal Branding” on March 26, 2026, featuring Dr. Meenakshi Verma from the Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies as the resource person. Addressing the students, she emphasized the growing importance of personal branding in today's competitive professional environment and highlighted how an individual's reputation, communication style, and professional identity play a crucial role in career growth. She also shared practical insights on building confidence, networking effectively, and creating a strong professional presence in both academic and corporate settings. The session proved highly engaging and informative, encouraging students to develop their unique strengths and prepare themselves for future professional opportunities.

Expert Talk Guides Students on Transition from Campus to Corporate World

The Department of Business Management at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh organized an expert talk on “Campus to Corporate Transition” on March 26, 2026, aimed at preparing students for professional careers. J. Chandramouli, Assistant General Manager & Lead HRPB at Amara Raja Energy & Mobility, interacted with students and shared insights on adapting to corporate culture, workplace expectations, professional ethics, and career growth strategies. He emphasized the importance of communication skills, teamwork, adaptability, and



continuous learning in achieving success in the corporate sector. The session provided students with practical exposure to industry expectations and helped them understand the challenges and opportunities involved in transitioning from academic life to the professional world.

Institutional Alliances

CTUAP Signs MoU with ASPIRE BioNEST for Student Innovation and Career Growth



The Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ASPIRE BioNEST at the University of Hyderabad on March 3, 2026, in a significant move aimed at strengthening academic-industry collaboration and promoting innovation-driven learning. The MoU was formalized in the presence of Prof. S. Rajagopal, Director of ASPIRE & ASPIRE-BioNEST, and Prof. T. Srinivasan, In-Charge Vice-Chancellor of CTUAP. The partnership seeks to create enhanced opportunities for students through structured training programmes, internships, placements, skill development initiatives, and exposure to startup and incubation ecosystems. University officials noted that the collaboration would help bridge the gap between academic learning and industry requirements by providing practical exposure to emerging technologies and innovation platforms.

Speaking on the occasion, representatives from both institutions emphasized the importance of fostering entrepreneurship, research collaboration, and experiential learning among students. The MoU is expected to facilitate interaction between academia and industry experts, encourage startup culture, and support students in developing industry-ready competencies.



Prof. T. Srinivasan
Professor, Dept. of Botany

Article in Journal

- ▶ Choudhary, H., Parshant, Saket, A., Singh S, T. **Srinivasan**, Shukla R, Sci Rep (2026). In silico assessment of 4 methoxypelargonidin and luteolinidin from *Parthenium hysterophorus* as acetylcholinesterase inhibitors of *Phlebotomus Papatasi*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-025-33591-6>. (IF-3.9)

Dr. Sridevi Parikipandla
Associate Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology

Article in Journal

- ▶ Sharma Y, Bhat D, **Sridevi P**, et al. Reproductive Health and Pregnancy Outcomes Among Women With Sickle Cell Disease in Tribal Communities of India: A Community-Based Retrospective Comparative Study. *Pediatr Blood Cancer*. Mar 2026. doi:10.1002/1545-5017.70229. IF:2.3
- ▶ Bhat D, Sharma Y, **Sridevi P**, Surti SB, Sarmah J, Bal M, Ranjit M, Jena RK, Babu BV. Pain in sickle cell disease: a prospective multicentre community-based cohort study in underserved Indian communities. *Expert Review of Hematology*. 2026 Feb 1;19(2):187-195. doi: 10.1080/17474086.2025.2597360. IF:2.1
- ▶ Sharma Y, Bhat D, Surti SB, **Sridevi P**, Sarmah J, Bal M, Ranjit M, Babu BV. Reproductive health in women with sickle cell disease: a cross-sectional study from endemic tribal regions of India. *Indian Journal of Hematology and Blood Transfusion*. 2026 Jan 10:1-6. doi: 10.1002/1545-5017.70229. IF:0.9

Invited Lecture

- ▶ Chaired a session chair on “Health and Nutrition” in Two-Day National Seminar on “Gender and Tribe in Contemporary India: Issues, Realities, and Emerging Perspectives” organized by the Department of Sociology on 17-18th March, 2026.
- ▶ Chaired a session chair on “Status of Tribal Health in Andhra Pradesh” in the Two-Day National seminar on Re-visiting Tribal Life: Prospects and Problems held organised by Department of Tribal Studies, CTUAP on 5-6th Feb 2026.
- ▶ Delivered a lecture on “Bridging the Cervical Cancer Prevention Gap in Rural and Tribal India: Insights from a Community Study on HPV Awareness, Screening and the Need for Vaccination Counselling” in Two-Day National Seminar on “Gender and Tribe in

Dr. Kishor Padala
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry

Article in Journal

- ▶ Desai Bhavyesh, Arti Ramani, Yash Dhaduk, Anilkumar Kommoju, Piyushkumar Satani, **Kishor Padala***, Togati Naveen* “One-pot synthesis of α -(OCH₂CF₃)-substituted pyridines using TFE as a dual solvent-reagent” *Org. Biomol. Chem.*, 2026, 24, 1268-1273.

Invited Lecture

- ▶ Invited as a Resource Person and delivered a lecture on “Sustainable Organic Synthesis: DMSO-Based Transformations and C–H Activation Strategies” in a Five-Day Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Pioneering Research Innovations of Smart Materials (PRISM-2026)”, organized by Lakireddy Bali Reddy College of Engineering (Autonomous), Mylavaram, A.P, India, March 23–27, 2026.
- ▶ Delivered an invited talk titled “Solvent Activation for Sustainable Heterocycle Synthesis” at the 8th National Conference on Recent Advancement in Material Sciences (RAIMS 2026), held at Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha, India, on March 7–8, 2026.
- ▶ Delivered an invited lecture titled “DMSO-Enabled One-Pot Synthesis of Bioactive Quinazolinones” at the International Conference on Chemical Biology as a Platform for Rational Drug Design (ICCB-2026), held at the Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh), India, from February 09–11, 2026.

Dr. Divya K.
Assistant Professor, Dept. Tribal Studies

Article in Journal

- ▶ **Divya K.**, Prama Chatterjee, and Nagesh M. Social Media Usage and Lifestyle Changes among Tribal Communities. *EPR International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research*, 2026; 12(1). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.36713/epira25677>.
- ▶ Mohammed Shamil Hussain U.P., **Divya Konickal**, and Neeraj M.S. Toxic Parenting: An Exploration of Issues and Consequences for Young Adults. *Journal of Family Issues*, 2026; 47(4). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X261423898>.
- ▶ Nagesh Maliyappa, **Divya K.**, and Prama Chatterjee. A Study on Evidence from Indigenous Market Systems: Empowering Tribal Women through Agricultural Entrepreneurship. *International Journal of Sociology and Humanities*, 2026; 8(1): 52–57.



Invited Lecture

- ▶ Chaired a session in One Day National Seminar on 'Reimagining Tribal Social Work: Rights, Resilience and Inclusive Development' organised by the Department of Social Work at Rajagiri College of Arts and Applied Sciences on 15th January 2026.
- ▶ Served as a Session Chair for the Two-Day National Conference on "Current Trends and Future Prospects of Literature and Language Teaching with the Advent of AI," organized by the Department of English, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh.
- ▶ Chaired a session at the National Conference on 'Entrepreneurship & Sustainable Development in Tribal Geographies' held on 12–13 February 2026 and organized by the Department of Business Management, School of Management Studies, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh.
- ▶ Served as Session Chair at the Two-Day National Seminar on 'Gender and Tribe in Contemporary India: Issues, Realities, and Emerging Perspectives', organized by the Department of Sociology, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh, during 17–18 March 2026.
- ▶ Served as Session Chair for the One-Day National Seminar on "Cultural Knowledge and Livelihood Sustainability of Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes: A Social Work Approach", organized by the Department of Social Work, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, held at the Seminar Hall, CTUAP, on 9 March 2026.
- ▶ Served as a Resource Person in the National Seminar on "Tradition Vs Modernity: Health Care Practices among Tribal Communities", held from 16–18 March 2026 in hybrid mode at the Department of Sociology, University of Kerala. She delivered a lecture titled 'Orality, Ritual and Recovery: Chattupattu as a Tribal Healing Tradition.'
- ▶ Served as Resource Person at the International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research & Innovation in Academia and Industry organized by Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai held on 5–6 February 2026 (Online).

Dr. Prasad M.
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geology

Article in Journal

- ▶ Badapalli, P. K., Nakkala, A. B., Pujari, P. S., Gugulothu, S., Kottala, R. B., **Mannala, P.**, Alkhuraji, W. S., Thamaga, K. H., & Zhran, M. (2026). Integration of geospatial techniques and

artificial neural networks for groundwater potential zonation in India. *Scientific Reports*, 16(1), 2437. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-025-31640-8>.

Dr. Nagesh M.
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Work

Article in Journal

- ▶ **Nagesh Maliyappa**, Divya K & Prama Chatterjee: "A Study on Evidence from Indigenous Market Systems - Empowering Tribal Women through Agricultural Entrepreneurship": DOI: <https://www.doi.org/10.33545/26648679.2026.v8.i1a.255> International Journal of Sociology and Humanities 2026; 8(1): 52-57. ISSN Print: 2664-8679, ISSN Online: 2664-8687 Impact Factor: RJIF 8.33.
- ▶ Dr. Divya K. Dr. Prama Chatterjee, **Dr. Nagesh M.** "Social Media Usage and Lifestyle Changes among Tribal Communities", DOI: <https://doi.org/10.36713/epra25677>, ISSN (Online): 2455-3662, EPRA International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research (IJMR) - Peer Reviewed Journal, Volume: 12, Issue: 1, January 2026.

Invited Lecture

- ▶ Delivered a talk on the topic "Drug Abuse in the Digital Age: Social Work Interventions for Youngsters" at RUSA2.0 sponsored one-week National Workshop on "India After 75 Years: Technological Development and Social Defence Issues" on 24th March 2026, organized by the Department of Sociology & Social Work, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.
- ▶ Chaired a session at the Two-Day National Seminar "Entrepreneurship & Sustainable Development in Tribal Geographies" organized by the Department of Management Studies, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, Vizianagaram, on 12th and 13th February 2026.
- ▶ Chaired a session at the Two-Day National Seminar on "Gender and Tribe in Contemporary India: Issues, Realities, and Emerging Perspectives." organized by the Department of Sociology, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, Vizianagaram, on 17th and 18th February 2026.
- ▶ Chaired a session at the One-Day National Seminar on "Tribal Issues" organized by the Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute, Mysuru, Karnataka in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Welfare, Government of India and Department of Tribal Welfare, Government of Karnataka held on March 2nd 2026.



Student Achievements

Prize Winners

- ▶ Students of the MBA programme of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh secured prizes along with cash awards at CHATHURA, a management fest organized by the Department of Management Studies, Aditya Institute of Technology and Management, held on February 27 and 28, 2026. In the event “Bull and Bear Arena,” students B. Ramu, R. Gowrunaidu, and Ramesh won the First Prize along with a cash award. In “HR Hustle,” P. Lisha and K. Vasukumar secured the Second Prize with a cash award, while E. Vamsi and M. Praveen won the Second Prize in the event “Marketing Mantra.” The achievements brought recognition to the university and reflected the students’ managerial skills, teamwork, and competitive spirit.
- ▶ Mr. J. Lakshmanudu, Mr. Y. Yogesh, and Mr. Ch. Ravi Teja, students of B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence II Semester at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, secured the Second Prize in the Startup Idea Hackathon competition held on March 17 and 18, 2026. The competition was organized by the Department of ECE at Centurion University.

Paper Presentation

- ▶ Mrs. Chandaka Chittimma, Ph.D. Scholar in the Department of Tribal Studies at CTUAP, presented a research paper titled “Reimagining Tribal Education: Issues and Barriers in Kondakarakam Village, Andhra Pradesh” at the One-Day National Seminar on “Reimagining Tribal Social Work: Rights, Resilience, and Inclusive Development” organized by the Department of Social Work, Rajagiri Viswajyothi College of Arts and Applied Sciences, Kerala, on January 15, 2026.
- ▶ Mr. P. Chakra Sekhar of the Department of Tribal Studies at CTUAP presented a paper titled “Gender and Livelihood Issues in Tribal Society in Araku” at the One-Day National Seminar KARTHAVYA 2.0, organized by the Department of Social Work, Rajagiri Viswajyothi College of Arts and Applied Sciences, Perumbavoor, on January 15, 2026.
- ▶ Ms. K. Rajasree of B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence VI Semester at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh participated in the Viksit Bharat Young Leader Dialogue programme held from January 9 to 14, 2026, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ▶ Mr. Y.C.S.P. Krishna of B.Sc. AI II Semester at the CTUAP participated in the E-Poster Presentation at Manipal Global SDG Convergence (MASCON 2026) held from March 24 to 26, 2026, organized by Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka

NET Qualifiers

- ▶ Ms. Sai Laxmi, a fourth semester student, and Ms. Bala Bhargavi, Ph.D. Scholar from the Department of Sociology at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, successfully qualified the UGC NET conducted in February 2026.

Outreach Activities



The Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh offers diverse programs under the School of Sciences, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the School of Management Studies. These programs equip students with essential knowledge in science, humanities, and management, fostering critical thinking and practical skills for academic and professional success.

Postgraduate Programmes:

S. No	Course/Programme	Duration
1	M.Sc. Biotechnology	2 Years
2	M.Sc. Chemistry	2 Years
3	Master of Business Administration	2 Years
4	MA English	2 Years
5	MA Journalism & Mass Communication	2 Years
6	Master of Social Work	2 Years
7	MA Sociology	2 Years
8	MA Tribal Studies	2 Years

Undergraduate Programmes:

S. No	Course/Programme	Duration
1	B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence (Hons./Hons. with Research)	4 Years
2	B.Sc. Botany (Hons. / Hons. with Research)	4 Years
3	B.Sc. Chemistry (Hons. / Hons. with Research)	4 Years
4	B.Sc. Geology (Hons. / Hons. with Research)	4 Years
5	BBA TTM (Hons. / Hons. with Research)	4 Years

Admission Process at CTUAP

The admission process at the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh is primarily based on the scores obtained in the Central University Entrance Test (CUET) for the respective programmes. If any seats remain vacant after CUET-based admissions, they will be filled through a university-conducted entrance test.



Ph.D. Programmes: CTUAP is offering Ph.D. programmes in all departments of the University as per UGC Regulations and University norms. Admissions are conducted through the Research Aptitude Test (RAT) and exempted category admissions.

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