

Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh

Vizianagaram (A.P.)



MINUTES

Sixteenth (16th) Meeting of the Executive Council

Mode : BLENDED MODE

Date : 7th April, 2025, Monday

Time : 11.00 AM

Venue : CTUAP, Vizianagaram, AP

Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 07/04/2025
at 11.00 AM in Blended Mode

The 16th meeting of the Executive Council of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh was held at 11.00 AM on 07/04/2025 through blended mode. To deliberate on the agenda items, circulated to the members to acknowledge and take decisions on important academic and administrative matters.

Member Present:

1.	Prof. T. V. Kattimani, Vice Chancellor, Central Tribal University of AP, Vizianagaram, A.P.	Chairman	Physically Present
2.	Prof. T. Srinivasan, Dean, School of Sciences Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh Vizianagaram, A.P.	Member	Physically Present
3.	Prof. M. Saratchandra Babu, Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh Vizianagaram, A.P.	Member	Physically Present
4.	Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, Department of Tourism and Hospitality, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh Vizianagaram, A.P.	Member	Physically Present
5.	Dr. P. Sridevi, Department of Biotechnology Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh Vizianagaram, A.P.	Member	Physically Present
6.	Prof. Ramdas Gomaji Atram, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Indore, M.P.	Member	Physically Present
7.	Dr. Ashutosh Mandavi, Deptt. of Public Relations and Advertising, K.T.P.A.J. Vishwavidyalay, Raipur C.G.	Member	Online Present
8.	Prof. Ashok Pankaj, Council for Social Development 53, Lodi Estate, New Delhi	Member	Physically Present
9.	Prof. Basanta Kumar Panda, Project Director, Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Odia, CIIL, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	Member	Physically Present
10.	Prof. N. Nagaraju, Vice-Chancellor, English and Foreign Language University, Hyderabad, T.S.	Member	Physically Present
11.	Prof. Mohd. Miyan, Former Vice-Chancellor Maulana Azad National Urdu University Hyderabad, T.S.	Member	Physically Present
12.	Prof. S. V. Nadagoudar, Vice-Chancellor (Acting) and Registrar, Karnataka State Rural and Panchayat Raj University Gadag, Karnataka	Member	Physically Present
13.	Registrar, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh Transit Campus, AU PG Centre Vizianagaram, A.P.	Secretary	Physically Present

Shri. Vineet Joshi, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India could not attend the meeting due to his prior commitments.

The Chairman formally welcomed the members of the newly formed Executive Council and thanked them for sparing their valuable time from their busy schedules to attend the 16th meeting of the Executive Council. The Chairperson in his opening remarks, shared details about the progress of the University since from its inception. He explained about status of construction of the permanent campus of the University as well as the academic achievements and contributions of the University to the society, especially the tribes.

Following the introduction of the members, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

EC/16/01: REPORTING ITEMS/ ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

Agenda No. EC/16/01.1	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 15TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING.
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Reference Note:

The 15th Executive Council meeting of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh was held on 17/02/2025 (Blended Mode). Minutes of the same were circulated on 22/02/2025 to all the Executive Council Members. The Hon'ble members have provided their consent/ approval through e-mail for the agendas of the meeting.

Inputs/Comments received from the members are incorporated accordingly.

Resolution 1: The Executive Council discussed the item and unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the 15th meeting of the Executive Council.

Agenda No. EC/16/01.2	ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF THE 15TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
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Reference Note:

As per the discussion held during the 15th Executive Council Meeting on agenda points, the action taken on the same is attached herewith.

Resolution 2: The Executive Council discussed the items and unanimously resolved to approve the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in its 15th EC meeting.

Reference Note:

The State Government of Andhra Pradesh had handed over a land of 519.03 acres in Chinamedapalli and Marrivalsa villages of Mentada and Dattirajeru Mandals of Vizianagaram District on 6th July 2023. Following which the University had floated an Expression of Interest (EoI) for providing Project Management Consultancy (PMC) Services for Preparation of Master Plan, Supervision of Construction, Quality Control and Development of University Campus, Hostels, Residential Buildings and Other Infrastructures at Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, Vizianagaram (Phase-1) on 24/07/2023. Considering the Poor Participation of the bidders, the University had relaxed some Terms and conditions and refloated an Expression of Interest on 09/09/2023.

The Competent Authority had constituted a Technical Evaluation Committee for the evaluation of the bids received against the EoI for the construction of Permanent campus of the Central Tribal University of University of Andhra Pradesh (Phase-1). The committee had evaluated the bids received against the EoI through QCBS (Quality and Cost Based Selection) mode of evaluation and had recommended to award the PMC services to M/s MECON Limited. Pursuant to the approval of the Competent Authority, the Letter of Award was issued to M/s MECON Limited on 30/10/2023.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the University and M/s MECON Limited on 27.12.2023. Following which the PMC had submitted the Preliminary estimates along with the drawings with two options where Option -1 is consisting of Staff Quarters along with 9 buildings and development works and Option-2 consists of Central Library along with 8 buildings and development works. The University had opted for Option-1 with a resolution of having school level library for an amount of Rs.303.02 Crores and the same were sent to SPA, Vijayawada for vetting. The preliminary estimates and drawings were approved in the 2nd Building Committee, 4th Finance Committee and 9th Executive Council.

In compliance with the resolutions of the apex bodies, the Competent Authority had sanctioned the Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction for an amount of Rs.303.02 Crores and had issued the work order to M/s MECON limited on 24/02/2024. As per the terms and Condition of MoU, the University had transferred a total amount of Rs.25 Crores in March 2024 to PMC. The PMC

had floated a tender and had awarded the work of Construction of Permanent Campus of Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh (Phase-1) except Boys Hostel to M/s Shreeji Krupa Projects Limited for an amount of Rs.236.29 Crores on 15.07.2024.

As per the terms and conditions of the MoU, the University had transferred an amount of Rs.40 Crores to M/s MECON Limited on 27.12.2024.

The PMC had floated a Tender for the Construction of the Boys Hostel and awarded the construction work to M/s Standard Infratech India Private Limited for a value of Rs.44.64 Crores on 10.01.2025.

The Construction activities are in full swing and the percentage Physical Progress is 13% and the Percentage Financial Progress is 7.22% till Jan 2025.

The casting of the Plinth Beams in the Academic Block, Mess Building for Boys, Mess Building for Girls, Convenience Centre, Guest House and VC Residence is in progress and the casting of plinth beam is completed for Girls Hostel and Admin Building. The foundation works of the Boys Hostel, Type-II and Type-III staff quarters are in progress. A 200mts length of Plinth beam casting is completed out of 4875 Mts of Boundary wall and 950 nos of Footings completed out of 1625.

Till Feb 2025, the Percentage Physical Progress is 14.71% and Percentage Financial Progress is 7.54%.

Resolution 3: The Executive Council discussed the item and noted the matter.

Agenda No. EC/16/01.4	IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES
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Reference Note:

The University has developed medical reimbursement guidelines in accordance with the Government of India rules and regulations (CSMA & CGHS) governing the reimbursement of medical expenses for its employees. Further, in response to CAG audit recommendations, these guidelines have been implemented with the approval of the Competent Authority.

The same is placed before the Hon'ble Members for information.

Resolution 4: The Executive Council discussed and ratified the item.

**Agenda No.
EC/16/01.5**

JOINING OF THE LIBRARIAN

Reference Note:

The University advertised the position of Librarian (Advt. No. CTUAP/Advt-CL/2024/142 dated 21/11/2024), and following the selection process, an Offer of Appointment was issued to Dr. K. Shankar Reddy. He subsequently reported for duty and officially joined the University on 01.03.2025.

Resolution 5: The Executive Council discussed the item and noted the matter.

EC/16/02: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

**Agenda No.
EC/16/02.1**

NOMINATION OF 3 MEMBERS TO THE VC SEARCH COMMITTEE

Matter for Consideration:

As per the provisions of the statute 2 of the Statutes of the University, the Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor from a panel recommended by a Committee of five persons out of whom three shall be nominated by the Executive Council and two by the Visitor' and one of the nominees of the visitor shall be the convener of the Committee.

Resolution 6: The Executive Council considered the agenda item regarding the nomination of members to the Vice-Chancellor Search Committee. In this context, it is recorded that Prof. M.S. Babu, being both a member of the Executive Council and an applicant for the Vice-Chancellor position, recused himself and left the meeting prior to the discussion and decision-making to ensure transparency and uphold the integrity of the process.

After due deliberation, the Council unanimously resolved to nominate three members to the Vice-Chancellor Search Committee on behalf of the Executive Council. The details of the nominated members are enclosed in a sealed cover to maintain confidentiality

Agenda No. EC/16/02.2	NOMINATION OF 3 MEMBERS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
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Matter for Consideration:

The tenure of the first Finance Committee is set to expire on 12th May 2025. In accordance with Clause (1)(iv) of Statute 17 of the University Statutes, which stipulates that “*three persons are to be nominated by the Executive Council, with at least one being a member of the Executive Council,*” the matter is being placed before the Hon’ble Members of the Executive Council for the nomination of these three members.

Resolution 7: The Executive Council discussed the item and unanimously resolved to authorize Vice-Chancellor to nominate the three members to the Finance Committee as per the provision of Statutes.

AGENDA No. EC/16/03: ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Agenda No. EC/16/03.1	TO OPEN THE SEALED COVER OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF CoE
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Matter for Consideration:

The University has advertised position of Controller of Examinations on regular basis for a period of 5 years vide advt. No. CTUAP/Advt-NT/2025/228 dt. 29/01/2025. All the **16** online applications were screened by the duly constituted Screening Committee. The remarks of the Screening Committee for individual candidates were uploaded on the SAMARTH Portal giving three days time to the candidates to reply on the remarks of Screening Committee (viz., ineligibility, provisional eligibility and others) with requisite documentary proof through the recruitment portal.

All the representations/objections raised by the candidates were put up to the Screening Committee. Accordingly, the final list of **07** candidates was prepared. University issued Interview Call Letters to the eligible candidates. Candidates attended Interview as per the scheduled venue, date & time for Controller of Examinations post.

The recommendation of the Selection Committee for the said post is kept in sealed envelope, is placed on the table for perusal and approval.

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Resolution 8: The Executive Council discussed the item and unanimously resolved to open the sealed cover of the “Recommendations of Selection Committee” for Statutory Position i.e., Controller of Examinations. Prof. Deepak Mohanarao Shinde has been selected for the post and the council approved the same.

**Agenda No.
EC/16/03.2**

PRESENTATION OF THE KULGEETH OF THE UNIVERSITY

Matter for Consideration:

The University has developed a Kulgeeth (University Anthem) to be featured in all official programs. The lyrics were penned by National Award-winning writer Sri Suddala Ashok Teja, Hyderabad, with composition by Shri Yasho Krishna, Hyderabad. The video production, is carried out by the University. The anthem has a total duration of 5 minutes and 18 seconds. The same is submitted for the perusal and approval of the Hon’ble members.

Resolution 9: The Executive Council reviewed the Kulgeeth and unanimously resolved to approve its use in all official activities of the University. It was further decided that the duration of the Kulgeeth shall not exceed four minutes. Additionally, no University official shall be featured in the song and the visuals in the video shall remain unchanged until the completion of the first phase of campus construction.

**Agenda No.
EC/16/03.3**

BUDGET FOR THE ENSUING FIRST CONVOCATION

Matter for Consideration:

The University is planning to hold its first Convocation in the first week of May, with the Hon’ble President of India having principally agreed to grace the occasion. The event will also be attended by esteemed dignitaries, including State and Central Ministers, the Governor, and the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

Given the non-availability of a permanent campus and other logistical constraints, it is proposed to conduct the Convocation at the Convention Hall, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. In this regard, a detailed budget of Rs.98,37,953, categorized head-wise, is submitted for the Hon’ble members’ perusal and approval.

Resolution 10: The Executive Council deliberated on the matter and unanimously resolved to approve the conduct of the first convocation at the Convention

Hall, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. A total expenditure of Rs.98,37,953 has been sanctioned for the event, with the flexibility to reappropriate funds across budget heads as required, subject to the approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

Agenda No. EC/16/03.4	ADOPTION AND CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO UGC REGULATIONS, 2018
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Matter for Consideration:

The Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh has been adhering to the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education), Regulations, 2018 in all matters governed by them. These include recruitment and promotion of teaching staff, workload, other academic service conditions etc., ensuring compliance with national norms and academic standards. This is submitted for the kind perusal and noting of the Hon'ble Members.

Resolution 11: The Executive Council noted the implementation of the UGC 2018 regulation and directed that the University shall continue to adhere to the said UGC Regulations, 2018 and any amendments notified thereafter by the UGC, in all relevant academic and administrative activities.

Agenda No. EC/16/03.5	APPROVAL OF THE SENIORITY LIST FOR TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING STAFF
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Matter for Consideration:

The University has constituted an external committee to determine the seniority of teaching and non-teaching staff in accordance with the prescribed GoI norms. The committee has reviewed and finalized the seniority list, which is now submitted for the Hon'ble members' perusal and approval.

Resolution 12: The Executive Council considered the agenda item pertaining to the approval of the seniority list for teaching and non-teaching staff of the University. To maintain transparency and avoid any potential conflict of interest, all internal members of the Executive Council recused themselves and left the meeting during the discussion and decision-making on this item.

After careful review and deliberation, the Executive Council unanimously resolved to approve the seniority list for teaching and non-teaching staff as recommended by the duly constituted external committee.

**Agenda No.
EC/16/03.6**

ADOPTION OF UGC SWAYAM REGULATIONS - 2021

Matter for Consideration:

As per the communication received from the SWAYAM team, UGC on 02 April 25, the University is required to adopt the University Grants Commission (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds – SWAYAM) Regulations, 2021 for the effective conduct of examinations and other academic activities related to SWAYAM courses. In view of the above, the matter is submitted for the kind perusal and approval of the Hon'ble members.

Resolution 13: The Executive Council resolved to adopt the University Grants Commission (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds – SWAYAM) Regulations, 2021, as mandated by the UGC, for the conduct of examinations and all related academic activities concerning SWAYAM courses. The University shall accordingly take necessary steps to implement these regulations with immediate effect.

The meeting of the Executive Council concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Date : 07/04/2025

Prof. T. Srinivasan
Registrar (i/c)
Secretary of the Executive Council

(Prof. T.V. Kattimani)
Vice-Chancellor &
Chairman of the Executive Council