

Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh

Vizianagaram (A.P.)



AGENDA

Third (3rd) Meeting of the Academic Council

Mode : OFFLINE

Date : 23 March, 2026, Monday

Time : 11.00 AM

Venue : CTUAP, Vizianagaram, AP

Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, Vizianagaram

Members - Academic Council

Sl. No.	Name & Address	Designation
01.	Vice-Chancellor, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh.	Chairman
02.	Prof. Manroop Singh Meena Former Pro Vice-Chancellor Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, Delhi.	Member
03.	Prof. R. S. Sarraju Former Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana.	Member
04.	Shri. Murali Manohar Putti Former Member Secretary MG National Council of Rural Education, Hyderabad, Telangana.	Member
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07.	Prof. R. P. Tiwari Vice-Chancellor Central University of Punjab, Bhatinda, Punjab.	Member
08.	Prof. P. C. Joshi Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi, Delhi.	Member*
09.	Prof. Badri Narayan Tiwari Vice-Chancellor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Deonar, Mumbai.	Member
10.	Prof. S. A. Kori Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Andhra Pradesh, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh.	Member
11.	Prof. N. Nagaraju Vice-Chancellor, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, Telangana.	Member
12.	Prof. Raghavendra H Fattepur Director, CDC, Raichur University, Raichur, Karnataka.	Member
13.	Prof. Suresh V. Nadagowdar Registrar & Vice-Chancellor (Acting), Mahatma Gandhi Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag, Karnataka.	Member

14.	Prof. E. Suresh Kumar Former Vice-Chancellor, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, Telangana.	Member
15.	Prof. P. L. Patil Vice- Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka.	Member
16.	Prof. Debapriya Datta Adjunct Professor, Amrita Viswa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.	Member
17.	Prof. Aditya Prasad Dash Former Vice-Chancellor, Asian Institute of Public Health University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.	Member
18.	Prof. Avinash Khare Former Vice-Chancellor, Sikkim University, Gangtok, Sikkim.	Member
19.	Prof. Ramdas Gomaji Atram Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Indore, MP.	Member
20.	Prof. Ram Shanker Kureel Director, Institute of Horticulture Technology, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.	Member
21.	Prof. Kalagouda B. Gudasi Former Vice-Chancellor Karnataka University, Dharwad, Karnataka.	Member

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Agenda No.	Particulars
Welcome and Opening Remarks	The Chairman will initiate the discussions with welcome address and opening remarks during the Third Academic Council Meeting of the University.
AC/03/01: REPORTING ITEMS / ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION	
AC/03/01.1	Approval of the Minutes of the 2 nd Academic Council Meeting
AC/03/01.2	Action taken report of the 2 nd Academic Council Meeting
AC/03/01.3	Enrolment of Students in various Programs in A.Y 2025-26
AC/03/01.4	Non-NET Fellowship Guidelines
AC/03/01.5	Regulations of Lateral Entry and Multiple Entry / Exit System in UG and PG Programs
AC/03/01.6	Board of Studies Minutes and Syllabus for UG, PG & Ph.D. Programs
AC/03/01.7	Ph.D. Coursework Addendum
AC/03/01.8	Ph.D. Admissions Status and Issuance of Registration Letters for the A.Y 2025–26
AC/03/01.9	Approval of the Additional Examination Rules and Guidelines–2.0
AC/03/01.10	SEED Money Guidelines
AC/03/01.11	Engagement of Guest Faculty - Semester Basis (Odd & Even) for A.Y. 2025–26
AC/03/01.12	Guidelines on Research Policy and Project Management
AC/03/01.13	Academic Calendar for A.Y.2025-26
AC/03/01.14	Issuance of Original Degrees to Eligible Students of the Academic Batches 2019–20 to 2023–24, in view of the Postponement of the First Convocation of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh
AC/03/02: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION	
AC/03/02.1	Proposal for offering Academic Upgradation Courses for Defense Personnel
AC/03/02.2	Nomination of Vice-Chancellor's Nominee for Evaluation of UG and PG Dissertation / Project Report

AC/03/02.3	Issuance of Provisional Certificate, Consolidated Marks Memo, Study Certificate, and Migration Certificate Through Samarth Portal and Approval of Certificate Formats
AC/03/02.4	Fresh Engagement of 20 Guest Faculty Members for A.Y. 2026–27
AC/03/03: ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR	

AC/03/01: REPORTING ITEMS/ ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

Agenda No.	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2nd ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
AC/03/01.1	

Reference Note:

The 2nd Academic Council meeting of Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh was held on 09/06/2025 (Blended Mode). Minutes of the same were circulated on 09/06/2025 to all the Council Members.

Inputs/Comments received from the members are incorporated accordingly.

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

Annexure-I

Agenda No.	ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF THE 2nd ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
AC/03/01.2	

Reference Note:

As per the discussion held during the 2nd Academic Council Meeting on agenda points, the action taken on the same is attached herewith.

Annexure-II

Agenda No.	ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025–26
AC/03/01.3	

Reference Note:

The enrolment of students across various Programs of the University for the Academic Year 2025–26 has been compiled and is presented for the review of the Academic Council. The enrolment includes students admitted to Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG)

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Programs offered by the University. At present, the University offers six (6) Undergraduate Programs and eight (8) Postgraduate Programs, designed in accordance with the NEP 2020 framework, with the majority of students admitted through the CUET examination.

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

S. No.	Name of the Department	Program offered	Admitted	Intake
Undergraduate Programs (Hons and Hons with Research)				
1	Botany	B.Sc. Botany	24	33
2	Computer Science	B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence	33	33
3	Chemistry	B.Sc. Chemistry	29	33
4	Geology	B.Sc. Geology	18	33
5	Tourism & Hospitality Management	BBA Tourism and Travel Management	25	33
6	Commerce	B.Com. Vocational	00	33
Postgraduate Programs				
1	Biotechnology	M.Sc. Biotechnology	17	22
2	Chemistry	M.Sc. Chemistry	20	22
3	English	M.A. English	21	22
4	Journalism and Mass Communication	M.A. Journalism and Mass Communication	11	22
5	Social Work	Mater of Social Work	07	22
6	Sociology	M.A. Sociology	11	22
7	Tribal Studies	M.A. Tribal Studies	18	22
8	Business Management	Master of Business Administration	21	22
Total			255	374

Annexure-III

Agenda No. AC/03/01.4	NON-NET FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES
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Reference Note:

In order to encourage research activities and provide financial support to full-time Ph.D. scholars who are not receiving financial assistance through UGC or any other external funding agencies, the University proposes to implement Non-NET Fellowship Guidelines from the academic year 2025-26. The proposed guidelines outline the eligibility criteria, duration, amount of fellowship, and other terms and conditions for extending financial assistance to deserving research scholars.

The Non-NET Fellowship Guidelines are placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council for their consideration and ratification.

Annexure-IV

Agenda No. AC/03/01.5	REGULATIONS OF LATERAL ENTRY AND MULTIPLE ENTRY / EXIT SYSTEM IN UG AND PG PROGRAMS
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Reference Note:

In accordance with the provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the UGC guidelines on the implementation of the Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit system, the University has prepared guidelines to introduce a structured framework facilitating lateral entry and multiple entry/exit options in various Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) programs. The proposed framework aims to provide flexibility to students by enabling them to enter or exit academic programs at different stages with appropriate certification such as Certificate, Diploma, Degree, or Honours, based on the credits earned.

The same is being placed before the Academic Council for consideration and ratification.

Annexure-V

Agenda No. AC/03/01.6	BOARD OF STUDIES MINUTES AND SYLLABUS FOR UG, PG AND Ph.D. PROGRAMS
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Reference Note:

The respective Departments of the University have convened their Board of Studies (BoS) meetings to review and finalize the curriculum and syllabus for various Undergraduate (UG), Postgraduate (PG) Programs and Ph.D. Coursework in accordance with the academic requirements, UGC regulations, and the framework of NEP 2020. The minutes of the BoS meetings along with the recommend syllabus for the concerned Programs and Ph.D. coursework have been duly submitted to the Academic Section.

The same are placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council for their consideration and ratification.

Annexure-VI

Agenda No. AC/03/01.7	Ph.D. COURSEWORK ADDENDUM
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In accordance with the provisions of the UGC Regulations for Ph.D. Programmes, and in view of the need to further strengthen uniformity, transparency, and academic rigor in the implementation of Ph.D. Coursework across departments, the University proposes to adopt an addendum to the existing Ph.D. Coursework Guidelines. The addendum elaborates key academic requirements relating to attendance, evaluation methodology, minimum passing criteria, reassessment provisions, coursework completion norms, credit and marks structure, research proposal presentation, and criteria for the award of the Ph.D. degree, to be uniformly followed by all Ph.D. scholars of the University.

The proposed Ph.D. Coursework Guidelines are placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council for their consideration and approval.

Annexure-VII

Agenda No.	Ph.D. ADMISSIONS STATUS AND ISSUANCE OF REGISTRATION LETTERS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025–26
AC/03/01.8	

Reference Note:

The Ph.D. admission process for the Academic Year 2025–26 has been completed in accordance with the UGC Regulations and the University's prescribed admission procedures. Eligible candidates have been admitted to the Ph.D. programs across departments of the University following the prescribed selection process.

Subsequently, upon completion of the required admission formalities, Ph.D. Registration Letters have been issued to the admitted research scholars. The status of Ph.D. admissions along with the issuance of registration letters is placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council for their information and ratification.

Annexure-VIII

Agenda No.	APPROVAL OF THE ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION RULES AND GUIDELINES–2.0
AC/03/01.9	

Reference Note:

In addition to the existing Examination Rules and Guidelines, the Additional Examination Rules and Guidelines–2.0 have been implemented in the University based on the recommendations of the Deans' Committee and subsequent approval by the Competent Authority. These measures aim to strengthen and establish a more comprehensive and effective framework for the processing, evaluation, and revaluation of theory answer scripts, as well as for addressing grievances related to practical examinations, dissertations etc., through a three-member committee chaired by the respective school Dean, in alignment with the examination guidelines of other Central Universities. The revised

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guidelines also propose the centralization of the evaluation system to enhance transparency and promote a student-centric approach, as per National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The same are placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council for ratification.

Annexure-IX

Agenda No. AC/03/01.10	SEED MONEY GUIDELINES
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Reference Note:

In order to promote a strong research culture and encourage faculty members to undertake innovative and impactful research, the University has formulated and implemented the Seed Money Guidelines to provide financial assistance for initiating research projects and generating preliminary research outcomes that may lead to external funding opportunities.

The Seed Money Guidelines, as approved earlier by the Finance Committee in its 8th Meeting held on 9th June 2025, are placed before the Academic Council for kind information and ratification.

Annexure-X

Agenda No. AC/03/01.11	ENGAGEMENT OF GUEST FACULTY – SEMESTER BASIS (ODD & EVEN) FOR A.Y. 2025–26
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Reference Note:

In order to ensure the smooth conduct of teaching and academic activities across various departments of the University, Guest Faculty have been engaged on a semester basis for both Odd and Even Semesters during the Academic Year 2025–26. This engagement was necessitated to meet teaching requirements in programs where additional academic support is required. The engagement of Guest Faculty has facilitated the effective completion of academic schedules across various programs of the University. The appointments have been made in accordance with the relevant UGC and Government of India (GoI) regulations and guidelines governing the engagement of Guest Faculty in higher educational institutions.

The matter is placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council for their information and ratification.

Annexure-XI

Agenda No. AC/03/01.12	GUIDELINES ON RESEARCH POLICY AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT
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Reference Note:

The comprehensive Guidelines on Research Policy and Project Management, outline the procedural framework covering submission of research proposals, sanction of projects, implementation of research activities, recruitment of project staff/manpower, and operational management of projects. Further, they provide norms for financial management including preparation of annual statements of expenditure, submission of utilisation certificates, management overhead charges, consultancy/honorarium, settlement of bills, and maintenance of stock registers.

The Guidelines, as approved earlier by the Executive Council in its 13th Meeting held 11th November 2024, are placed before the Academic Council for kind information.

Annexure-XII

Agenda No. AC/03/01.13	ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26
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Reference Note:

In compliance with the UGC Regulations 2018, the teaching schedule along with examination schedule for all programs for the A.Y. 2025-26 are prepared taking into consideration the delay in admissions due to CUET schedule.

The same is placed for consideration and ratification of the Hon'ble members.

Annexure-XIII

Agenda No. AC/03/01.14	ISSUANCE OF ORIGINAL DEGREES TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OF THE ACADEMIC BATCHES 2019–20 TO 2023–24, IN VIEW OF THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE FIRST CONVOCATION OF THE CENTRAL TRIBAL UNIVERSITY OF ANDHRA PRADESH
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Reference Note:

In view of the postponement of the First Convocation of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, the issuance of Original Degrees (ODs) to eligible students of the academic batches 2019–20 to 2023–24 was delayed, though the degrees had already been approved by the competent authorities (Academic Council and Executive Council) for issuance during the Convocation. As several students who had paid the prescribed fee requested issuance of their ODs for employment and higher education purposes, and considering the directions issued by the University Grants Commission regarding

compliance with the UGC Regulations, 2008 on the grant of degrees, the Original Degrees have been issuing to such students based on their requests and urgency.

The matter is therefore placed before the Academic Council for ratification of the action taken regarding the issuance of Original Degrees to the eligible students.

AC/03/02: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Agenda No.	PROPOSAL FOR OFFERING ACADEMIC UPGRADATION COURSES FOR DEFENSE PERSONNEL
AC/03/02.1	

Matter for Consideration:

The University was approached by Mr. Ujwal Gatak, Academic Advisor, Defense JERP & Directorate of Resettlement, Zone South, Pune, for the introduction of academic courses aimed at the upgradation of defence personnel. The proposal was examined, and the School of Management has accordingly proposed seven certificate courses of 12 weeks duration each in various areas of Management. The proposal is presently under consideration by the Directorate of Resettlement, Zone South, Pune.

The same is placed before the Hon'ble council for consideration and approval.

Annexure-XIV

Agenda No.	INCORPORATION OF VICE-CHANCELLOR'S NOMINEE FOR EVALUATION OF UG AND PG DISSERTATION / PROJECT REPORT
AC/03/02.2	

Matter for Consideration:

In order to ensure transparency, academic rigor, and adherence to the prescribed academic standards in the evaluation of Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) dissertation/project report, it is proposed to nominate suitable subject expert as Vice-Chancellor's Nominee for the evaluation process. This proposal is based on the recommendations of the External Committee nominated by the University. The nominee will assist in maintaining uniformity, objectivity, and quality in the assessment of dissertation/thesis work across various departments of the University.

In this regard, approval of the Academic Council is sought to authorize the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to nominate suitable experts as VC's Nominee Members for the evaluation of UG and PG dissertation/ project report.

Agenda No.
AC/03/02.3

ISSUANCE OF PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE, CONSOLIDATED MARKS MEMO AND STUDY CERTIFICATE, THROUGH SAMARTH PORTAL AND APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE FORMATS

Matter for Consideration:

In order to streamline and digitize the student service processes of the University, it is proposed to issue Provisional Certificates, Consolidated Marks Memos, and Study Certificates, through the SAMARTH Portal at free of cost, at the earliest feasible date. The online system will facilitate efficient processing, transparency, and timely delivery of certificates to students through the University's digital platform.

In this regard, the formats of the above certificates to be issued through the SAMARTH Portal have been prepared and are placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council for their consideration and approval. The above certificate formats are attached as annexures.

Annexure-XV

Agenda No.
AC/03/02.4

FRESH ENGAGEMENT OF 20 GUEST FACULTY MEMBERS FOR A.Y. 2026–27

Matter for Consideration:

Guest Faculty have been engaged across various Departments to support the academic programmes and to ensure continuity of teaching in the absence of adequate regular faculty.

Since the sanctioned faculty strength has not yet been enhanced, the continuation of Guest Faculty provision is necessary for the effective conduct of teaching and academic activities.

In view of the above, it is proposed that the Academic Council may consider for the fresh advertisement to engagement of 20 Guest Faculty members for the Academic Year 2026–27 to ensure the smooth conduct of academic programs, in accordance with the relevant UGC and Government of India (GoI) guidelines.

The matter is placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

AGENDA No.AC/03/03: ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.