

Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh

Vizianagaram (A.P.)



Minutes

First (1st) Meeting of the Academic Council

Mode : BLENDED MODE

Date : 06 January, 2025, Monday

Time : 11.30 AM

Venue : CTUAP, Vizianagaram, AP

**Minutes of the first (1st) Academic Council Meeting held on 6/01/2025 at
11.30 A.M. in Blended mode**

The 1st meeting of the Academic Council of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh was held at 11.30 AM on 06/01/2025 through blended mode. To deliberate on the agenda items, circulated to the members to acknowledge and take decisions on important academic, convocation and other matters.

Members present

Sl. No.	Name & Address	Designation	Remarks
01.	Prof. T. V. Kattimani Vice-Chancellor, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh	Chairman	Physically present
02.	Prof. Manroop Singh Meena Former Pro Vice-Chancellor Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi	Member	Online present
03.	Prof. R. S. Sarraju Former Pro Vice-Chancellor University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana.	Member	Online present
04.	Prof. Murali Manohar Putti Former Member Secretary MG National Council of Rural Education, Hyderabad, Telangana	Member	Physically present
05.	Prof. G. Gopal Reddy Former Pro Vice-Chancellor Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari, Bihar.	Member	Online present
06.	Prof. P. C. Joshi Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi, Delhi.	Member	Online Present
07.	Prof. S. A. Kori Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Andhra Pradesh, Anantapur, AP.	Member	Physically present
08.	Prof. N. Nagaraju Vice-Chancellor, Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur, Odisha	Member	Physically present
09.	Prof. Raghavendra H Fattepur Director, CDC, Raichur University, Raichur, Karnataka.	Member	Physically present
10.	Prof. Suresh V. Nadagowdar Vice-Chancellor (Acting) and Registrar, Karnataka State Rural and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag, Karnataka.	Member	Online Present

11.	Prof. P. L. Patil Vice- Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka.	Member	Online Present
12.	Prof. Debapriya Datta Adjunct Professor, Amrita Viswa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu.	Member	Online Present
13.	Prof. Aditya Prasad Dash Former Vice-Chancellor, Asian Institute of Public Health University, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha.	Member	Physically present
14.	Prof. AvinashKhare Former Vice-Chancellor, Sikkim University, Gangtok, Sikkim.	Member	Physically present
15.	Prof. Ramdas GomajiAtram Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Indore, MP	Member	Physically present
16.	Prof. Ram Shanker Kureel Director, Institute of Horticulture Technology, Greater Noida, UP	Member	Physically present
17.	Prof. Kalagouda B. Gudasi Former Vice-Chancellor Karnataka University, Dharwad, Karnataka.	Member	Physically present

Prof.T.Srinivasan,Dean,SoS; Prof. M.Saratchandra Babu, Dean, SoH&SS; Prof.J.M.Mishra, Dean, SoM; Shri.P.K.Dash, FO; and Prof.S.B.Kivade,CoE attended the meeting as special invitees.

Dr. G. Kumaraswamy, IICT, Hyderabad; Prof. R. P. Tiwari, CU Punjab, Bhtinda; Prof. Badri Narayan Tiwari, GBPSSI, Prayagraj and Prof. E. Suresh Kumar, EFLU, Hyderabad could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments.

The Chairperson formally welcomed the members of the Academic Council and thanked them for sparing their valuable time from their busy schedules to attend the 1st meeting of the Academic 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.

Agenda items were taken up for discussion subsequently:

AC/01: REPORTING ITEMS/ ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

Agenda No.

AC/01/01.1

OVERVIEW OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Reference Note:

The University initially offered Diploma, Postgraduate Diploma, PG and Integrated PG programs during the first four years of its establishment. Beginning with the academic year 2023-24, the University has introduced NEP-2020-based six, 4 year undergraduate (Hons and Hons with Research) and eight, 2 year postgraduate programs, as approved by the 6th Executive Council meeting held on 30th June 2023. The list of programs offered is given below. Further, with the approval of the 13th Executive Council meeting held on 11th November 2024, all non-NEP programs have been discontinued effective from the academic year 2023-24.

Sl.No.	Name of the Department	Program offered	Duration (Yrs)	Intake
Undergraduate Programs (Hons and Hons with Research)				
1	Botany	B.Sc. Botany	4	30
2	Computer Science	B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence	4	30
3	Chemistry	B.Sc. Chemistry	4	30
4	Geology	B.Sc. Geology	4	30
5	Tourism & Hospitality Management	BBA Tourism and Travel Management	4	30
6	Commerce	B.Com. Vocational	3	30
Postgraduate Programs				
1	Biotechnology	M.Sc. Biotechnology	2	20
2	Chemistry	M.Sc. Chemistry	2	20
3	English	M.A English	2	20
4	Journalism and Mass Communication	M.A Journalism and Mass Communication	2	20
5	Social Work	Mater of Social Work	2	20
6	Sociology	M.A Sociology	2	20
7	Tribal Studies	M.A Tribal Studies	2	20
8	Business Management	Master of Business Administration	2	20

Resolution 1:

The Academic Council discussed the item and ratified the NEP-2020 based UG and PG programs offered by the University along with their curriculum and intake. Further, the discontinuation of the non-NEP programs is also ratified.

Agenda No.

AC/01/01.2

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY

Reference Note:

In compliance with the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the University, which was approved by the Cabinet and the Central Universities Act of 2009, the university has prepared a list of proposed Schools of Studies and Departments to be established in the future. These initiatives are aligned with the vision and objectives of the University. The list has been duly approved by the Executive Council in its 12th meeting and has been submitted for the assent of the Hon'ble Visitor as part of the amended 15(1) statute.

Resolution 2:

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council unanimously resolved to implement the following changes:

1. The “Department of Linguistics and Translation Technologies” shall be renamed as “**Department of Indian Languages and Translation Technologies**”.
2. The “Department of Interdisciplinary Research” shall be removed from the list of departments and a **Centre for Interdisciplinary Research** may be established in its place.
3. The **Department of Microbiology** shall be established under the School of Life Sciences.
4. The “**Department of Health, Culture and Personality Development**” shall be renamed as “**Department of Public Health and Epidemiology**” and will continue under the School of Environment and Sustainable Development.
5. The “**Department of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy**” shall be removed from the list of departments and a **Centre for Science, Technology and Innovation** may be established in its place.
6. The **Department of Geology** shall offer a program in **Geospatial Science and Technology**.
7. The programs offered by the **Department of Society and Development** shall ensure that their syllabus does not overlap with the syllabus of M.A. Sociology.

All the above resolutions have been duly noted and incorporated.

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Agenda No. AC/01/01.3	ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS
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Reference Note:

The enrolment trends for students across various programs at the University for the Academic Years 2019-20 to 2024-25 have been compiled and are being presented for the Academic Council's review. These programs include Diploma, Postgraduate Diploma, Undergraduate (UG), Integrated Postgraduate, and Postgraduate (PG) programmes. Currently, the University offers 6 Undergraduate and 8 Postgraduate programs designed as per NEP2020 guidelines where the students are majorly admitted through CUET examination.

Resolution 3:

The Academic Council discussed the item and noted the matter.

Agenda No. AC/01/01.4	STATUS OF STAFF RECRUITMENT
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Reference Note:

As per the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the university, which was approved by the Cabinet, the University is expected to have 95 teaching positions and 106 non-teaching positions by the end of the financial year 2023-24. However, the Ministry of Education has sanctioned only 18 teaching positions and 12 non-teaching positions, all of which have been filled. Further, the University has submitted a request to the Ministry of Education for the release of an additional 77 teaching positions and 89 non-teaching positions, as outlined in letter No. CTUAP/VCO/2023/77, dated 14/06/2023, to ensure the smooth and effective functioning of the institution.

Further, the statutory positions of Finance Officer and Controller of Examinations have been filled, while the appointment of the first Registrar is pending approval from the Ministry of Education, GoI. Additionally, applications for the post of Librarian have been invited via Advertisement No. CTUAP/Advt-CL/2024/142, dated 21/11/2024, and the process of recruitment is in progress.

Resolution 4:

The Academic Council discussed the item and noted the matter.

Agenda No.
AC/01/01.5

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND REVISION

Reference Note:

The University under the mentorship of Andhra University has offered various programs based on Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) from the A.Y 2019-20. The Int. M.Sc. Botany and Int. M.Sc. Chemistry programs are offered as per NEP-2020 from the A.Y 2021-22. Later, 4yr UG (Hons and Hons with Research) along with 2 Yr PG programs are offered as per the guidelines issued by UGC based on NEP-2020 from the A.Y 2023-24, by discontinuing all the earlier offered programs. The approval for the induction and discontinuation of the programs is obtained in the 6th and 13th Executive Council meetings held on 30th June 2023 and 11th Nov, 2024, respectively. The newly introduced four-year UG (Hons and Hons with Research) and two-year PG programs have been designed with appropriate components, including core courses, skill-based courses, vocational courses etc., with elective options.

Resolution 5:

The Academic Council deliberated on the agenda item and ratified the programs (Diploma, PG Diploma, UG, Integrated PG and PG) offered by the University, along with their respective curricula. The Council further noted that, under the mentorship of Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, the University had initiated non-NEP programs (Diploma, PG Diploma, UG, Integrated PG, and PG), which were discontinued from the Academic Year 2023-24 onwards. The University has since transitioned to offering NEP-2020-based programs (UG and PG).

Agenda No.
AC/01/01.6

RESEARCH GRANTS AND PUBLICATIONS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Reference Note:

The research progress of the University is reflected through the grants and publications. The faculty members have secured significant research grants from various funding

agencies and have contributed numerous publications to reputable journals. Further, projects worth over Rs.82 Crore are communicated to the funding agencies in the last 2 years.

Resolution 6:

The Academic Council noted the research output of the University and appreciated the commendable research contributions of the faculty members.

Agenda No. AC/01/01.7	ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER FOR INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS
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Reference Note:

As per the recommendations made during the first meeting of the Institutional Innovation Council (IIC) on 9th Oct 24, the University intends to establish a Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems. This initiative is in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and various Government of India initiatives aimed at promoting and integrating traditional knowledge systems. Prof.T.Srinivasan, Dept. of Botany was assigned the responsibility to initiate the process. This is approved by the 13th Executive Council meeting held on 11th Nov, 2024.

The Centre will concentrate on documenting, preserving and promoting traditional and indigenous knowledge, with a particular emphasis on the knowledge of tribal communities. Through research, education, and outreach activities, this initiative aims to promote sustainable development, contribute to interdisciplinary studies and support national efforts to safeguard and revitalize traditional knowledge. Further, the proposed Centre resonates with the university's mission to enhance the welfare of tribal communities and uphold their cultural heritage.

Resolution 7:

The Academic Council discussed the item and ratified the matter.

Agenda No. AC/01/01.8	Ph.D. REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY
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Reference Note:

In line with the University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations 2022 on minimum standards and procedures for the award of Ph.D. degrees, the University drafted the Ph.D. regulations to streamline the admission process, coursework, research supervision, evaluation and award of degrees, ensuring compliance with national standards while catering to the specific needs of the university. These regulations are approved by the 13th Executive Council meeting held on 11th Nov, 2024.

Resolution 8:

The Academic Council discussed and ratified the agenda item.

Agenda No. AC/01/01.9	APAR FORMATS – TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING STAFF
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Reference Note:

In accordance with the directions of the UGC, DoPT and NAAC, the University must evaluate, recognize and enhance the professional development of its staff. In this regard, the Annual Performance Assessment Report (APAR) plays a pivotal role in performance evaluation, accountability, transparency, training needs identification and career progression. The formats for the APAR of the teaching and non-teaching staff members, for the annual collection of prerequisite information, have been designed based on the APAR formats of other central universities. The same are approved in the 9th and 13th Executive Council meetings held on 23rd Feb, 2024 and 11th Nov, 2024, respectively.

Resolution 9:

The Academic Council discussed the item and ratified the matter.

Agenda No.
AC/01/01.10

STUDENT WELFARE AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Reference Note:

The University is committed to enhancing student welfare and providing a comprehensive support system that addresses the various needs of its students. Being a new University, the following key facilities and initiatives are being offered to ensure a safe, supportive and enriching environment for all students: Training and Placement Services, Feedback system, Anti-Ragging Committee, Student Grievance Redressal Committee, Scholarship Processing etc.

Resolution 10:

The Academic Council discussed the item and noted the matter.

Agenda No.
AC/01/01.11

CURRENT STATUS AND RESOURCES OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Reference Note:

The University's library is a well-equipped facility with over 7,000 books and resources covering curriculum-related topics as well as key national initiatives such as Swachh Bharat, Make in India, Digital India and NEP2020, among others. Fully computerized with RFID technology and Koha software, the library ensures efficient access to resources. It offers online access stations, Wi-Fi connectivity and display kiosks for WEBOPAC. The library continues to expand its collection through collaboration with national and local institutional libraries and the use of social networking platforms. Focusing on supporting academic courses and research, the library serves as a central hub for learning at the University, providing equitable access to knowledge for all.

Resolution 11:

The Academic Council discussed the item and noted the matter.

Agenda No. AC/01/01.12	ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25
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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. 2024-25 are prepared taking into consideration the delay in admissions due to CUET schedule.

Resolution12:

The Academic Council discussed the item and ratified the matter.

Agenda No. AC/01/01.13	COLLABORATION AND MOUS
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Reference Note:

The University has entered into Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with 16 organizations to achieve its vision of providing higher education and also its tribal mandate in up skilling tribal youth and uplifting of the tribal community. These partnerships focus on enhancing education, research and entrepreneurship. Additionally, the University offers skill development courses in construction, eco-tourism and life skills, providing youth with opportunities to thrive academically and professionally.

Resolution 13:

The Academic Council discussed the item and noted the matter.

AC/01/02 : ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION	
Agenda No. AC/01/02.1	CONVOCATION - AWARDING OF DEGREES, GOLD MEDALS AND RANK CUM MERIT CERTIFICATE IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS FROM 2019 TO 2022 BATCH STUDENTS

Matter for Consideration:

The University, as per the provisions of the Central Universities Act 2009, in its ongoing efforts to recognize and encourage academic excellence among students, proposed the institution of University Gold Medals and Rank cum Merit Certificates to be awarded to

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meritorious students across various academic disciplines in its convocations. The guidelines for the criteria for awarding the gold medals, the number and distribution of gold medals, design and specifications, funding, and sponsorship were approved during the 13th Executive Council meeting held on 11th November 2024.

Further, the conduct of the First Convocation of the University was approved in the 9th Executive Council meeting held on 23rd February 2024. In this convocation, 193 students from 12 programs, spanning from the 2019-20 to 2023-24 academic years, are proposed to be awarded their degrees. Following the rules and regulations approved by the Executive Council, it is proposed to issue 4 Gold Medals and 7 Rank cum Merit Certificates to students during the First Convocation.

Resolution 14:

The Academic Council discussed the item and unanimously resolved to approve the list of students to be awarded the Gold Medals, Rank cum Merit Certificates and Degrees in the programs completed since inception till A.Y 2023-2024.

Agenda No. AC/01/02.2	EXAMINATION RULES AND GUIDELINES
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Matter for Consideration:

The University is following the examination rules and guidelines since the inception of the University for all the Programs offered. The drafting of the examination manual considering the guidelines of NEP 2020 and the UGC is under process.

Resolution 15:

The Academic Council discussed the item and unanimously resolved to approve the Examination rules and guidelines of the University w.e.f. 2019-20.

Agenda No. AC/01/02.3	RECOGNITION OF FACULTY MEMBERS AS Ph.D. SUPERVISORS BY THE UNIVERSITY
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Matter for Consideration:

In compliance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2022 and consequent approval of the Ph.D. regulations, the Departmental Research Committees were constituted. Further, DRC's of the respective departments have recommended the faculty members who are eligible to supervise Ph.D. candidates.

Resolution 16:

The Academic Council discussed the item and unanimously resolved to approve the list of Ph.D. Supervisors of the University (Annexure 14) as per Ph.D. Regulations of the University.

AGENDA No.AC/01/03:ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Agenda No. AC/01/03.1	PROGRAMS TO BE OFFERED IN COMING ACADEMIC YEARS
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Resolution 17:

The Academic Council discussed the item and unanimously resolved to approve the offering of the following programs in the ensuing academic years.

1. Diploma in Science of Waste Management.
2. MA Economics
3. MA Tribalogy
4. MA Geography

Agenda No.

AC/01/03.2

AUTHORIZATION TO CHAIRPERSON, ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Resolution 18:

The committee resolved to authorize the chairperson of the academic council to take all necessary decisions on relevant matters. The same shall be duly reported at the subsequent meeting.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair



(Prof. T.V. Kattimani)

Vice-Chancellor & Chairman of the
Academic Council



Prof. T. Srinivasan
Registrar (I/c)
Secretary of the Academic Council