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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.



It gives me immense pleasure to present this special issue of the University Newsletter commemorating the First Convocation of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, held on 30 June 2026 at Visakhapatnam. This historic occasion marks a significant milestone in the University's journey and a moment of pride for the entire CTUAP family. The presence of the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, as Chief Guest, along with the Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan; Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Shri S. Abdul Nazeer; Hon'ble Minister for Education, IT & HRD, Shri Nara Lokesh; Hon'ble Minister for Tribal, Women & Child Welfare, Smt. Gummati Sandhya Rani, and other dignitaries made the occasion truly memorable.



The Convocation was primarily a celebration of our students. Three hundred and seventy-three students from five batches received their degrees and certificates, while 13 students received Gold Medals and 6 students received Rank-cum-Merit Certificates for academic excellence. The significant participation of tribal students and women graduates reflected the University's commitment to inclusive and equitable higher education. The inspiring messages of the dignitaries have provided the University with a clear roadmap. The Hon'ble President emphasised entrepreneurship, community engagement, indigenous knowledge, sustainable livelihoods and emerging technologies. The Hon'ble Union Minister of Education emphasised documenting and promoting indigenous tribal knowledge, while linking research with community needs and the potential of North Andhra. The Hon'ble Governor emphasised culturally relevant education and integration of tribal knowledge systems, while the Hon'ble Education Minister of Andhra Pradesh highlighted education as an instrument of inclusion and social transformation.

The University considers these messages not merely as words of encouragement but as directions for action. Accordingly, CTUAP will endeavour to:

- Promote entrepreneurship and livelihoods through skill development, incubation, value addition and market linkages in millets, forest produce, medicinal plants, handicrafts and eco-tourism.
- Document and scientifically study tribal knowledge relating to biodiversity, agriculture, food, health and sustainable living, while respecting community ownership and intellectual rights.
- Integrate tribal knowledge with modern science and technology through multidisciplinary education, research and experiential learning.
- Strengthen community-based research and extension by enabling students and researchers to address locally relevant challenges.
- Harness emerging technologies, including AI, for research, education, documentation and livelihood development.
- Promote culturally responsive and inclusive education, with attention to local languages, traditions, heritage and the educational needs of tribal communities.
- Prepare students to become job creators, innovators and responsible citizens, contributing to tribal development and the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

These messages resonate deeply with the vision of CTUAP. Our University is not merely an institution for imparting higher education; it is envisioned as a bridge between knowledge and communities, traditional wisdom and modern science, and education and sustainable development.

I take this opportunity to place on record my sincere appreciation to the faculty, officers, staff, students and all stakeholders who contributed to the successful conduct of this historic Convocation. The First Convocation marks not an end, but the beginning of a new chapter. The achievements of our graduating students inspire us to set higher goals and accept greater responsibilities. As we progress towards our permanent campus and expand our academic and research activities, we remain committed to building CTUAP as a nationally respected centre of excellence for tribal education, indigenous knowledge, research, innovation and inclusive development.

I congratulate all the graduating students and their parents and wish our alumni success in their future endeavours.

Jai Hind!

Prof. T. Srinivasan
Vice-Chancellor (Offg.)



श्रीमती द्रौपदी मुर्मू
भारत के माननीय राष्ट्रपति

राष्ट्रपति का संबोधन

आन्ध्र प्रदेश के इस ऐतिहासिक नगर में इस केन्द्रीय जनजातीय विश्वविद्यालय के प्रथम दीक्षान्त समारोह को संबोधित करते हुए मुझे प्रसन्नता हो रही है। आज उपाधियाँ प्राप्त करने वाले तथा उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन के लिए पदक प्राप्त करने वाले विद्यार्थियों को मेरी शुभकामनाएँ और बधाई। वे सभी शिक्षक गण, अभिभावक गण भी बधाई के पात्र हैं जिन्होंने विद्यार्थियों का प्रोत्साहन और मार्गदर्शन किया। मुझे बताया गया कि विश्वविद्यालय के इस प्रथम दीक्षांत समारोह में उपाधियाँ प्राप्त करने वाले विद्यार्थियों में लगभग 46 प्रतिशत बेटियाँ हैं। हर्ष की बात यह भी है कि स्वर्ण पदक प्राप्त करने वालों में लगभग 70 प्रतिशत बेटियाँ हैं। महिला सशक्तीकरण के बढ़ते कदमों के साथ ही यह उपलब्धि संस्था की समावेशी सोच और Gender Justice के प्रति संवेदनशीलता को भी दर्शाती है।

इस जनजातीय विश्वविद्यालय पर अनेक विशेष जिम्मेदारियाँ हैं। यह अपेक्षा की जाती है कि यह विश्वविद्यालय जनजातीय समाज के आत्मविश्वास, नेतृत्व और नीति निर्माण का केन्द्र बने। सामाजिक न्याय के उद्देश्य से स्थापित की गयी ऐसी संस्थाओं का यह दायित्व भी होता है कि वे अपने क्षेत्र के जनजातीय समाज की शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, कौशल विकास, आजीविका और वनाधिकारों के लिए जमीनी स्तर पर काम करें।

मुझे विश्वास है कि आने वाले वर्षों में इस विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा वंचित एवं जनजातीय समुदायों के युवाओं के सर्वांगीण विकास के साथ ही इस क्षेत्र के समग्र विकास के लिए भी सार्थक प्रयास किये जायेंगे।

देवियो और सज्जनो

मुझे बताया गया है कि पिछले सात वर्षों से यह विश्वविद्यालय गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षा के केंद्र के रूप में विकसित हो रहा है। यहाँ के पाठ्यक्रमों में लचीलापन है और डिग्रियाँ कठोर सीमाओं में नहीं बँधी हैं। व्यावहारिक अनुभव पर बल देने के साथ ही विश्वविद्यालय के अनेक पाठ्यक्रमों में देशज और आधुनिकतम ज्ञान धाराओं का संतुलित समन्वय किया जा रहा है।

प्रिय विद्यार्थियो

दीक्षान्त समारोह में मिलने वाली उपाधि प्रत्येक विद्यार्थी के जीवन का एक महत्वपूर्ण चरण है। आज आपके लिए खुशी मनाने का दिन है। लेकिन इसके साथ ही यह पल आपको अपने भविष्य के बारे में संकल्प लेने के लिए भी प्रेरित करता है। तेजी से बदलते हुए परिवेश में अपने आप को प्रासंगिक बनाए रखने के लिए युवाओं को कौशल विकास के नये उभरते क्षितिजों पर विशेष ध्यान देने की आवश्यकता है। मैं आशा करती हूँ कि विश्वविद्यालय ने आपको इस तरह से सक्षम बनाया होगा और नवाचारी सोच तथा आत्मविश्वास के बल पर आप सफलता की ओर बढ़ सकेंगे।

प्रिय विद्यार्थियो

पुस्तकीय ज्ञान के साथ ही आप अपने परिवेश से भी सीखें और व्यावहारिक कौशल विकसित करें। यही सार्थक शिक्षा है। विद्यार्थियों को अपने समुदाय, संस्कृति और परंपराओं से जुड़े रहते हुए समाज और देश के भविष्य को बेहतर बनाना है। हर विश्वविद्यालय में और विशेषकर, जनजातीय विश्वविद्यालय में, जनजातीय समाज की आजीविका संवर्धन के लिए ऐसी नवाचारी व्यवस्था होनी चाहिए जिसके आधार पर वन उपज, हस्त शिल्प, मिलेट, औषधीय पौधों, इको टूरिज्म और स्थानीय उद्यमिता पर उपयोगी कार्य हो सके।

तेजी से विकसित हो रहे भारत में अपनी विरासत से जुड़े रहने के साथ-साथ आधुनिक विज्ञान के लाभ समाज के हर वर्ग तक ले जाने की आवश्यकता है। मुझे बताया गया है कि इसी उद्देश्य से विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा उत्तरी आंध्र प्रदेश के जनजातीय समुदाय के सशक्तीकरण के लिए Science and Technology Hub संचालित किया जा रहा है।

देवियों और सज्जनो

मुझे ज्ञात हुआ है कि विश्वविद्यालय ने जनजातीय कल्याण, सार्वजनिक स्वास्थ्य, जलवायु परिवर्तन, खाद्य एवं पोषण सुरक्षा और ऊर्जा संरक्षण पर अकादमिक और जमीनी कार्य करने पर अपना ध्यान केंद्रित किया है। ये आयाम समता-मूलक विकसित भारत के निर्माण में अहम भूमिका निभाएंगे। विश्वविद्यालय ने जनजातीय कौशल विकास केंद्र स्थापित करके विविध क्षेत्रों में परियोजनाएँ संचालित की हैं और निकटवर्ती गाँवों को उनके समग्र विकास के लिए अपनाया है।

जनजातीय विश्वविद्यालयों से विशेष रूप से यह अपेक्षा भी की जाती है कि वे जनजातीय भाषा-बोलियों के संरक्षण पर मिशन मोड में काम करेंगे। मुझे बताया गया है कि आपकी संस्था के Tribal studies विभाग द्वारा कूई और सवारा समेत अनेक जनजातीय बोलियों के Documentation को लेकर इसी प्रकार से जमीनी कार्य किया जा रहा है।

मुझे यह जानकारी प्रसन्नता हुई है कि विश्वविद्यालय ने राज्य सैनिक बोर्ड के सहयोग से सशस्त्र बलों के कर्मियों, पूर्व सैनिकों तथा उनके आश्रितों के लिए एक रक्षा प्रशिक्षण केंद्र की स्थापना की है। यह पहल सराहनीय है।

वर्ष 2047 तक “विकसित भारत” बनाने का हमारा लक्ष्य है। मुझे विश्वास है कि आंध्र प्रदेश का यह केन्द्रीय जनजातीय विश्वविद्यालय अपनी सार्थक, समावेशी और पर्यावरण-संरक्षण पर केन्द्रित व्यावहारिक शिक्षण पद्धति से इस लक्ष्य प्राप्ति में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाएगा। यहाँ के जनजातीय समाज की अपनी समृद्ध सांस्कृतिक परंपराओं और प्रकृति से जुड़ी जीवनशैली है। मैं आशा करती हूँ कि समाज के इस वर्ग को आधुनिक शिक्षा के उपयोगी आयामों से जोड़कर यह विश्वविद्यालय देश के समतापरक विकास में यहाँ के युवाओं की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका सुनिश्चित करेगा।

प्रिय विद्यार्थियों

यह दीक्षांत समारोह आपमें एक विशेष उत्साह और उल्लास का संचार कर रहा है। इस विश्वविद्यालय से आपने जो अनुभव और कुशलता पाई है, उसके बल पर आप अपना भविष्य सँवारने के लिए आगे बढ़ेंगे। अपनी बेहतरी के साथ ही अपने समाज और देश के लिए भी आपको सक्रिय योगदान करना है — यह भाव आपके दिल-दिमाग से कभी ओझल नहीं होना चाहिए। आपको ऐसे भारत के निर्माण में सहायता करनी है, जहाँ विकास समतामूलक हो और कोई पीछे न छूटने पाए।

मैं अपने गांव की पहली स्नातक थी। आज के इस दीक्षांत समारोह में मेरे जैसे ही कुछ विद्यार्थी अपने परिवार के पहले स्नातक होंगे। हम जानते हैं कि घर की नींव मजबूत होनी चाहिए। अपने आप को आप इतना मजबूत बनाएं कि आप केवल अपने परिवार ही नहीं समाज का भी बोझ उठा सकें। मेरे पिताजी कहा करते थे जीवन में जो भी बनो, आगे तो बढ़ना ही है लेकिन पीछे मुड़ कर भी देखो। जिस संघर्ष से आप आगे बढ़ रहे हैं, इससे भी अधिक संघर्ष पीछे रह गए लोग कर रहे हैं। आपका कर्तव्य है समाज में पीछे रह गए लोगों को आगे लाना। इसी में आपकी शिक्षा की सार्थकता है। आप job seeker के बदले job provider बनें तभी आप समाज में पीछे रह गए लोगों को सहारा दे सकेंगे। सरकार जनजातीय समुदाय को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए प्रयास कर रही है। सरकार के इन प्रयासों के बल पर आपको सामाजिक, आर्थिक और सांस्कृतिक रूप से मजबूत बनना होगा। समाज को आपसे बहुत उम्मीद है, आपको उन उम्मीदों पर खरा उतरना होगा।

इस सभागार में उपस्थित आप सभी विद्यार्थी हमारे भावी राष्ट्र निर्माता हैं। राष्ट्र निर्माण के यज्ञ में अपनी क्षमता भर योगदान करने का संकल्प आपमें अडिग बना रहे — इसी कामना के साथ मैं आपके उज्ज्वल भविष्य के लिए हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ देती हूँ।

धन्यवाद! जय हिन्द! जय भारत!



Smt. Droupadi Murmu
Hon'ble President of India

Presidential Address

(Translated)

I am extremely happy to address the first convocation ceremony of this Central Tribal University in this historical city of Andhra Pradesh. My heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all the students receiving their degrees and those receiving medals for their outstanding performance today. All the faculty members and parents who encouraged and guided these students also deserve appreciation. I have been informed that among the students receiving degrees at this first convocation of the university, nearly 46 percent are girls. It is also a matter of great joy that among the gold medalists, nearly 70 percent are girls. This achievement not only reflects the growing strides in women's empowerment but also underscores the institution's commitment to inclusivity and gender justice.

This Tribal University carries many special responsibilities. It is expected that this university will become a center for self-confidence, leadership, and policy-making for tribal society. Established with the objective of social justice such institutions also have a responsibility to work at the grass-roots level for the education, health, skill development, livelihood, and forest rights of the tribal society of their region.

I am confident that in the coming years, this university will make meaningful efforts towards the holistic development of youth from underprivileged and tribal communities, while also contributing significantly to the overall development of this entire region.

Ladies & Gentleman

I have been told that for the past seven years, this university has been developing as a center of quality education. The courses here offer flexibility, and the degrees are not bound by rigid boundaries. Along with an emphasis on practical experience, a balanced integration of indigenous and state-of-the-art streams of knowledge is being incorporated into many of the university's courses.

Dear Students

The degree received at a convocation ceremony is an important phase in every student's life. Today is a day of celebration for you. But at the same time, this moment also inspires you to make resolution for your future. To keep yourselves relevant in a rapidly changing environment, the youth need to pay special attention to the new emerging horizons of skill development. I hope that the university has empowered you in this manner, and with the innovative thinking and self-confidence, you will be able to move towards success.

Dear Students

Along with bookish knowledge, learn from your surroundings as well and develop practical skills. This is true purpose of education. While remaining connected to their community, culture, and

traditions, students must work to improve the future of the society and the country. In every university, and particularly in a tribal university, there should be an innovative system for enhancing the livelihood of tribal society, on the basis of which useful work can be done on forest produce, handicrafts, millets, medicinal plants, eco-tourism, and local entrepreneurship.

In a rapidly developing India, while remaining connected to our heritage, there is a need to extend the benefits of modern science to every section of society. I have been informed that with this objective, a Science and Technology Hub is being operated by the university for the empowerment of the tribal community of Northern Andhra Pradesh.

Ladies & Gentleman

I have been informed that the university has focused its attention on academic and grass-roots work in tribal welfare, public health, climate change, food and nutritional security, and energy conservation. These dimensions will play an important role in building an equitable Developed India. By establishing a Tribal Skill Development Center, the university has run projects in various fields and adopted nearby villages for their holistic development.

Tribal universities are also particularly expected to work in mission mode on the preservation of tribal languages and dialects. I have been told that similar field work is being carried out by the Tribal Studies department of your institution for the documentation of several tribal dialects, including Kui and Savara.

I am pleased to know that the university, in collaboration with the State Sainik Board, has established a Defense Training Center for armed forces personnel, ex-servicemen, and their dependents. This initiative is commendable. Our good is to make "Vikasit Bharat" (Developed India) by the year 2047. I am confident that this Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh will play a significant role in achieving this good through its meaningful, inclusive, and practical teaching methodology centered on environmental conservation. The tribal society here has its own rich cultural traditions and a way of life connected with nature. I hope that by connecting this section of society with useful dimensions of modern education, this university will ensure an important role for the youth of this region in the equitable development of the country.

Dear Students

This convocation ceremony is instilling a special enthusiasm and joy in you. With the experience and skills you have gained from this university, you will move forward to shape your future. Along with your own betterment, you must actively contribute to your society and country—this feeling should never fade from your heart and mind. You have to help to build an India where development is equitable and no one is left behind.

I was the first graduate from my village. In today's convocation ceremony, some students like me will be the first graduates from their families. We know that the foundation of a house must be strong. Make yourselves strong enough to shoulder not only the responsibilities of your family but also those of society. My father used to say that whatever you become in life, you must move forward, but also look back. The struggle through which you are moving forward is being faced even more by those who have been left behind. It is your duty to bring forward those who have been left behind in society. In this lies the true purpose of your education. Become job providers instead of job seekers, only then will you be able to support those left behind in society. The government is making efforts to uplift the tribal community. With the support of these government efforts, you will have to become socially, economically, and culturally strong. Society has great expectations of you, and you have to live up to those expectations.

All of you students present in this auditorium are future nation. May your resolve to contribute to the best of your ability in the grand endeavor of nation-building remain steadfast—with this wish, I extend my heartiest best wishes for your bright future. Thank you, Jai Hind! Jai Bharat!



Sri. S. Abdul Nazeer
Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh

Message from Distinguished

I deem it an honor and privilege to participate in the first convocation of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh here today, in the august presence of the respected Rashtrapati ji, Visitor of the university, and other dignitaries seated on the dais.

The first convocation of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh marks an important milestone and an auspicious beginning in the annals of the university. The Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh was established in 2019 and is one of the premier central universities located in Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh. The university has been catering to the higher educational needs of the region and fulfills the long-cherished dream of the tribal population of Andhra Pradesh and the neighboring states of Odisha and Chhattisgarh by providing better access to higher education.

Andhra Pradesh is one of the states with a large Scheduled Tribe population of approximately 27.39 lakhs, constituting 5.53% of the total population of the state as per the 2011 census. The tribal population of the state consists of 34 Scheduled Tribes, out of which seven tribal groups are categorized as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). The Scheduled Tribes in the state are primarily located in five agency districts Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, and West Godavari which are designated as Scheduled Areas and are contiguous to South Odisha and South Chhattisgarh.

The District Collector of a district having Scheduled Areas acts as the Agent to the Government, and the Project Officer of the Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) acts as the Additional Agent to the Government for the administration of civil justice and for implementing protective regulations and constitutional safeguards. Particularly, the Land Transfer Regulation Act of 1959 has made remarkable progress in the restoration of land to the tribals.

Araku coffee, the premium specialty coffee cultivated by tribal farmers in Araku Valley an initiative supported by the Girijan Cooperative Corporation and Naandi Foundation is a great success story. The coffee plantations of Araku Valley provide round-the-year employment to local tribal families. The initiative boasts the world's largest tribal organic coffee farmers' cooperative with more than 40,000 members. Internationally acclaimed for its quality, "Gems of Araku," a world-class organic coffee brand, has now reached more than 42 countries.

The tribal population in Andhra Pradesh presents a picture of complex social diversity. There is considerable variation in population size, mode of living, and levels of development among the tribal groups, apart from differences in language and dialect. As per the 2011 census, the literacy rate of

58.95% among tribal communities in the state is below the overall literacy rate of the country. However, there has been a significant increase in female literacy among tribal communities.

The government has designed and implemented a number of welfare schemes for tribal empowerment, such as providing pre-examination coaching to enable students to appear for competitive examinations. Special emphasis has been laid on the education of tribal girls by establishing Ashram schools, residential schools, and Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) exclusively for tribal youth. Andhra Pradesh also introduced a scheme called NTR Vidyonnathi, which provides free coaching, boarding, lodging, textbooks, and reference material to tribal students preparing for competitive examinations conducted by the UPSC.

The educational advancement of tribal communities has been a constitutional priority since Independence, with special provisions enshrined in Articles 15(4), 29, 46, and 350 of the Constitution. As India strives to achieve inclusive and equitable quality education for all, as envisioned in the National Education Policy 2020 and Sustainable Development Goal 4 of the United Nations, it is imperative to give special attention to the educational needs of tribal communities.

Apart from providing equitable access to higher education, priority must be given to addressing the cultural relevance and quality of education provided to tribal students through multilingual education, culturally responsive pedagogy, and a curriculum that respects and integrates traditional tribal knowledge systems.

In this regard, I am optimistic that the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh is poised to play a key role in addressing the challenges faced by the tribal youth of this region not only by providing access to higher education, but also by guiding them to navigate the education system successfully.

I congratulate all the graduates, postgraduates, and research scholars who received their degrees and medals in the first convocation of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, Vizianagaram.

Thank you all. Jai Hind.



Sri. Dharmendra Pradhan
Hon'ble Minister of Education
Government of India

Message from Distinguished

We all are fortunate today. I am grateful to the honorable chief patron of the education system of India, the President of India. Though this is a young institution, it is celebrating its very first convocation. I can remember a few years ago when we started this university by appointing Professor Kattimani as its founding Vice Chancellor. I had the privilege of laying the foundation stone for the new, upcoming building of this great institution.

I am deeply grateful to President Madame. With your kindness and grace, you chose to address the graduating students of the first batch of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh. This will be a lifelong memory for all these students. I am confident that not only are they completing their education through this convocation, but they are also stepping into a new realm of responsibility. When they take on this responsibility, the rights of millions will be protected.

I have two or three suggestions for this university. My dear young friends, you are at a very critical juncture. Imagine the situation of our country a hundred years ago in the early part of the 20th century. We were on the verge of the final leg of our freedom struggle—the Quit India Movement and the Non-Cooperation Movement. A century ago was a period of intense struggle and great fight.

I know where you belong. You are in the historic region of the old Vizianagaram district, in the newly carved Alluri Sitharama Raju district. In those days, great freedom fighters like Alluri Sitharama Raju fought valiantly against the British to win freedom for this country. Today, we are fortunate. Now, it is your responsibility and duty to help achieve the target of 2047. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a clarion call to all countrymen: by 2047, we must become a developed nation—a Vikasit Bharat.

And do you know where you stand? You are not just on a university campus; this region of Andhra Pradesh holds immense historical significance. Centuries ago, the maritime ecosystem of the great Indian civilization flourished along this very coast. From here, Indian culture and civilization spread to different parts of the world. Even Sri Lanka takes pride in this shared heritage, proudly claiming connection to Indian civilization. You are all heirs to this proud legacy.

We fought against the British in this region. Today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the visionary Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Chandrababu Naidu, have both envisioned a path to develop India and Andhra Pradesh. You are part of this rich culture. Whether you belong to Andhra Pradesh or came here from other states, you must all take responsibility for what we will build in the future.

The Honorable Vice Chancellor mentioned the research ecosystem of this upcoming university. As the Education Minister of India, my expectation of you is this: do not simply chase government jobs or employment. Strive to become job creators. Through your initiatives, new jobs will be generated for others. You are meant to create opportunities. Universities exist to lead innovation and create new models.

This university holds a unique position. The name itself is Tribal University. What does that mean? It goes far beyond learning languages and understanding culture. The Indian indigenous and traditional knowledge systems originate from the tribal communities of our country. They are the original inhabitants of this land and custodians of deep wisdom, they understand nature, forests, agriculture, and animal husbandry. They know how to live in harmony with nature and are masters of their destiny.

We must repackage this traditional knowledge system for the modern era. You are presiding over a vast repository of wisdom. Your primary responsibility is to build a bridge between traditional Indian knowledge systems and modern requirements. This region serves as a living laboratory. There are many concerns, aspirations, and possibilities here. The role of the university is to convert these possibilities and create synergy between societal needs and aspirations. The university has a mandate for that.

I am confident that the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh will fulfill these societal aspirations. Furthermore, Andhra Pradesh and India, through competitive federalism, are destined to become global economic hotspots. My visionary colleague, the Education Minister of Andhra Pradesh, and I visited a remote school earlier today, and on our return, he shared insights about this region. This region has the potential to grow into a trillion-dollar economy in the near future.

Who will lead this change? Who will be the primary beneficiaries and captains of this socio-economic transformation? Certainly, our university students. Whether in biotechnology, human psychology, behavioral sciences, or public health systems, more research and human-centric solutions are expected. I am confident that this young university will take full responsibility for fulfilling the vision of Vikasit Bharat 2047.

You will take the lead, and your parents, faculty, Vice Chancellor, and all of us will be proud of your leadership. This morning, I saw a short video featuring the late President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. A young girl asked him, "Sir, who was your inspiration?" Dr. Kalam replied, "I lived in a small town called Rameswaram. In that small town, my teacher taught me how birds fly and move. That sparked the imagination and inspiration that led me to become a rocket scientist."

I am confident that your dedicated faculty, supportive society, and proud parents have inspired you to achieve great things. The entire world is looking toward India for solutions to its challenges. As a parent, administrator, and minister, I am confident that my young friends will fulfill these societal aspirations.

Congratulations on beginning this new chapter of your lives. Thank you, friends.



Sri. Nara Lokesh
Hon'ble Minister for HRD, IT,
Electronics & Communications
Government of Andhra Pradesh

Message from Distinguished

Every generation inherits a nation. Education determines what kind of nation it leaves behind. That is why universities are not just institutions that award degrees they create dreams, build confidence, shape leaders, and transform the destiny of generations.

Today is not just the first convocation of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh; it is a celebration of opportunity, a celebration of inclusion, and a celebration of the belief that quality education must reach every corner of our country and every section of our society.

Viksit Bharat 2047 cannot be built unless every region progresses and every community participates. Universities in tribal regions are not just centers of learning; they are catalysts for social transformation and equal opportunity. When a first-generation learner graduates, an entire family moves forward, and so does the nation. That is the spirit of Viksit Bharat 2047, where innovation, research, and development empower every citizen while preserving our rich tribal heritage.

My dear students, as you receive your degrees today, I request you to look at the person seated before you. There could not have been a more meaningful chief guest for the first convocation of a tribal university than our beloved Rashtrapati ji. Her own life is the finest answer to why institutions like this university matter.

Rashtrapati ji was born in Uparbeda, a small tribal village in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district. In those days, reaching school itself meant walking long distances. Higher education for tribal girls was rare. Yet, she became the first woman from her village to complete her graduation. That single step changed not only her own future, but the aspirations of countless young girls who came after her.

Before entering politics, she chose to become a teacher at the Sri Aurobindo Integral Education Centre in Rairangpur. She often says that teaching gave her the greatest satisfaction because it allowed her to shape lives before she ever shaped public policy. That is a reminder that leadership begins with service.

Her public life was never built on privilege. She started as a councilor in the Rairangpur Notified Area Council, later became its vice chairperson, an MLA, a minister in Odisha, the Governor of Jharkhand, and finally the President of India. Every milestone was earned step-by-step through years of public service.

But what makes Rashtrapati ji's journey extraordinary is not only the offices she has held, it is the burdens she has carried. Between 2009 and 2014, she lost her elder son, her younger son, her husband,

her mother, and her brother. Few among us can imagine such grief. Yet, she decided not to surrender to despair. She immersed herself in spirituality, returned to public service with renewed resolve, and transformed personal suffering into compassion for others.

When she took oath as the President of India in 2022, she said, "My election is proof that the poor in India can not only dream, but can also fulfill those dreams." Those were not ceremonial words; they reflected a life lived against the odds. Today, when a tribal child looks at Rashtrapati Bhavan, they no longer see a distant institution. They see someone who once studied in a village, worked as a teacher, traveled village roads, faced unbearable personal loss, and yet never lost faith in education, democracy, or service.

Dear graduates, what is the true purpose of a university? Today you receive a degree; tomorrow life will ask you a bigger question: What difference will you make? The true purpose of education is not just to earn a degree, but to create solutions that improve people's lives.

Today, we are living in an age of Artificial Intelligence. AI can give answers, but it can never replace human values, curiosity, compassion, and character. Those qualities are nurtured in great universities, and they shape great human beings. That is why universities must produce not just skilled professionals, but responsible citizens, compassionate leaders, and lifelong learners.

Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji has envisioned a Vikasit Bharat where quality education, innovation, and research become the foundation of a developed India. I would also like to express my gratitude to our honorable Union Education Minister, Sri Dharmendra Pradhan ji, who has been like a father and mentor to me throughout my journey as the Education Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

Inspired by this national vision, under the leadership of our honorable Chief Minister, Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Andhra Pradesh is transforming higher education to build universities that create knowledge, inspire innovation, and prepare students not just for jobs, but for leadership. Our dream is not merely to produce degree holders, but to nurture future leaders through quality faculty, industry-linked skills, research, and innovation. We are building future-ready universities that empower every student to succeed in a rapidly changing world. Our goal is simple yet ambitious: every student employable, every university innovative, and every researcher empowered. More importantly, we want every young mind to have the confidence to compete with the very best in the world.

Dear graduates, today your parents will proudly frame your degrees, but life will remember something even more important: your decisions, your values, and your contributions to our nation. Never measure success by the position you hold; measure it by the lives you touch, the problems you solve, and the opportunities you create for others. Education finds its highest purpose not when it changes our own lives, but when it empowers us to change the lives of others.

As you leave this campus today, carry your knowledge with confidence, your roots with pride, and your values with humility. Always remember: a degree may earn you a profession, but character earns you respect and service earns you a legacy. With this, I look forward to seeing at least a few of you join the Indian political system and change the political discourse of our great nation.

Congratulations to every graduating student, your proud parents, dedicated teachers, and the entire Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh. May your journey inspire many more journeys.

Thank you, and Jai Hind.



Prof. Tantravahi Srinivasan
Vice-Chancellor (Offg.)
Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh

Milestones and Momentum

It is my privilege to welcome you all to the First Convocation of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh. We are deeply honoured that the Hon'ble President of India has graciously consented to grace this historic occasion as the Chief Guest. Her august presence marks a defining milestone in the journey of this young University.

My heartfelt congratulations to every graduate receiving a degree today. Your success reflects your perseverance, the sacrifices of your parents, and the dedication of your teachers. Today marks not the end of your education, but the beginning of your responsibility towards society.

India's tribal communities are custodians of a rich legacy of knowledge, biodiversity, sustainable living, and cultural heritage. At the same time, many tribal regions continue to face challenges in education, healthcare, nutrition, and livelihoods. The true measure of India's progress lies in ensuring that these communities become equal partners in the nation's development.

It is with this vision that the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh was established in 2019. Our mission is not only to provide quality higher education, but also to preserve tribal knowledge systems, empower tribal youth, and integrate traditional wisdom with modern science for inclusive and sustainable development.

Despite being one of the youngest Central Universities, the University has made encouraging progress. Guided by the National Education Policy 2020, we offer multidisciplinary programmes across thirteen departments and have aligned our teaching, research, extension, and innovation with five strategic thrust areas: Tribal Welfare, Public Health, Nutritional Security, Environment and Climate Resilience, and Energy & Emerging Technologies. These priorities reflect the needs of both tribal communities and the nation.

Since 2022, the University has been operating a dedicated Tribal Skill Development Centre, creating opportunities for skill enhancement, entrepreneurship, and livelihood. I am happy to share that the University has adopted two villages, Kondakarakam and S. Burjavalasa, to support tribal community development.

I am delighted to share with this august gathering that the University's research agenda is firmly aligned with the pressing needs of the 21st century, guided by our philosophy of taking innovation from "Lab to Land and Land to Lab". In a short span of time, we have submitted research proposals worth over 65 crore in the above-mentioned thrust areas. I am particularly proud to mention that

our flagship initiatives include research on semiconductor materials and sensors, addressing Sickle Cell Disease in collaboration with ICMR, documenting indigenous medicinal knowledge with the Patanjali Research Foundation, and promoting indigenous rice and millet cultivation in partnership with the Indian Institute of Rice Research and the Indian Institute of Millets Research. Together, these initiatives demonstrate our unwavering commitment to ensuring that education empowers communities, research addresses societal challenges, and the University contributes meaningfully to nation-building.

Our aspiration is to establish the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh as a globally recognised centre of excellence where tribal knowledge and modern science converge to create sustainable solutions, empower communities, and contribute meaningfully to the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

My Young Friends,

As the graduating batch of the first convocation of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, you will always hold a special place in the history of this University. Wherever life takes you, remember that you are our ambassadors. Remain proud of your roots, continue to learn throughout your lives, and use your knowledge not only to build successful careers but also to transform lives.

Before I conclude, I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and the Government of Andhra Pradesh, whose unwavering support is helping to shape this young University.

I once again congratulate all our graduates and medal winners. May your dreams inspire innovation, your knowledge serve humanity, and your actions contribute to building a Viksit Bharat.

Thank you. Jai Hind!



Dignitaries Envision CTUAP's Future

“ The institution for achieving strong female representation noting that nearly 46% of graduates and 70% of gold medalists were women and urged the university to serve as an empowering hub that integrates indigenous knowledge systems with modern science for inclusive development. ”

Smt. Droupadi Murmu
Hon'ble President of India



“ The critical constitutional mandate and educational priority of uplifting tribal communities, emphasizing that the university is uniquely positioned to address regional challenges while promoting culturally responsive pedagogy, local livelihoods, and traditional heritage. ”

Shri. S. Abdul Nazeer
Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh

“ The graduating students to embrace their heritage and act as job creators rather than job seekers, leveraging the university's unique position as a living laboratory to drive innovation for Vikasit Bharat 2047. ”

Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan
Hon'ble Minister of Education, GoI



“ True education goes beyond degrees to shape character and public service, drawing inspiration from President Murmu's remarkable life journey and reaffirming the state's commitment to building future-ready, research-driven institutions that empower every student to compete globally. ”

Shri. Nara Lokesh
Hon'ble Minister for HRD, Govt. of AP



Convocation Highlights



Dignitaries at the First Convocation of Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, held at Visakhapatnam on 30 June 2026: Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu (centre); His Excellency Governor of AP Shri S. Abdul Nazeer (3rd from left); Hon'ble Union Minister of Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan (3rd from right); Hon'ble Minister for Tribal Welfare, Government of AP, Smt. Gummidi Sandhyarani (2nd from left); Hon'ble HRD Minister of Andhra Pradesh Shri Nara Lokesh (2nd from right); Shri Madan Lal Meena, Chancellor, CTUAP (1st from left); and Prof. T. Srinivasan, Vice-Chancellor (Offg.), CTUAP (1st from right).



Chancellor Shri Madan Lal Meena formally opened the First Convocation of the CTUAP.

The graduating class comprised 200 candidates from the School of Sciences, 82 from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and 91 from the School of Management Studies, spanning a diverse array of academic disciplines—B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence, B.Sc. Botany, B.Sc. Chemistry, B.Sc. Geology, P.G. Diploma in Cyber Security, P.G. Diploma in Horticulture, Integrated M.Sc. Botany, Integrated M.Sc. Chemistry, Integrated M.Sc. Geology, M.Sc. Biotechnology, M.Sc. Chemistry, M.A. English, M.A. Journalism and Mass Communication, Master of Social Work, M.A. Sociology, M.A. Tribal Studies, B.B.A. Tourism and Hospitality Management, B.B.A. Tourism and Travel Management, P.G. Diploma in Tourism and Hospitality Management, Integrated M.B.A. Tourism and Travel Management and M.B.A.



In a landmark moment for the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, the Dean of the School of Sciences Prof. M. Saratchandra Babu officially announced that 373 qualified candidates were presented

for the formal conferment of their degrees and post-graduate diplomas earned between 2021 and 2026 during the university's first convocation.



The convocation of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh was seamlessly anchored and coordinated by Prof. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, officiating Registrar of the university.



Presenting the university report during the inaugural convocation, Prof. T. Srinivasan, officiating Vice-Chancellor of the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh.



Prof. T. Srinivasan, Vice-Chancellor (Offg.), presenting a token of respect to Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, at the CTUAP Convocation



Officiating Vice-Chancellor Prof. T. Srinivasan presents a special memento to His Excellency Shri S. Abdul Nazeer ji



Officiating Vice-Chancellor Prof. T. Srinivasan felicitating the Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan ji



Prof. T. Srinivasan, Vice-Chancellor (Offg.), presenting a memento to Hon'ble HRD Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Nara Lokesh ji



Vice-Chancellor (Offg.) Prof. T. Srinivasan presenting a commemorative memento to Hon'ble Minister Smt. Gummididi Sandhyarani ji



Dignitaries in the first convocation



Faculty and University Officials with Dignitaries at the First Convocation of CTUAP



Faculty, university officials and dignitaries entering the venue in Academic Procession



Dignitaries in Academic Procession



Court Members & Faculty Members in Academic Procession



VIP dignitaries & invited guests joining the First Convocation



University officials with FC, AC, EC & Court Members



University officials with FC, AC, EC & Court Members



Teaching Staff with University Officials



Non-Teaching Staff with University Officials



Gold Medal & Rank-cum-Merit Holders with Dignitaries



Yagati Swathichandrika
M.Sc. Chemistry
2019-21



Kakinada Lavanya
M.Sc. Chemistry
2021-23



Narsipuram Kavya
Integrated M.Sc. Chemistry
2019-24



Ginopragatish B.
M.Sc. Chemistry
2022-24



Jonnalagadda Divya
MBA
2023-25



Faizal Babu CK
MSW
2023-25



K. Lavanya
M.Sc. Biotechnology
2023-25



Saraswathy R.
M.Sc. Chemistry
2023-25



Ummidi Eshitha
Integrated M.Sc. Chemistry
2020-25



Marisarla Vijayalakshmi
MBA
2024-26



Regam Neelima
M.Sc. Chemistry
2024-26



Sneha K.
MSW
2024-26



Yendhava Sindhu Priya
M.Sc. Biotechnology
2024-26

Gold Medalists



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.

For further details, please visit the official website: www.ctuap.ac.in



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