

ANDHRA UNIVERSITY



Andhra University was established in 1926 by the Madras University Act to serve the entire linguistic region of Andhra as a residential teaching-cum-affiliating multi-disciplinary university. The institution has Sir C.R. Reddy as its founder Vice-Chancellor and Dr.Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan as the second Vice-Chancellor. A sprawling campus of 425 acres dotted with 215 buildings, vast open spaces, a brilliant ecosystem with its rich biodiversity and magnificent Kailasa Hill as the backdrop with mystic blue of the Bay of Bengal in its front constitute a unique environment in a city such as Visakhapatnam. It has delivered high quality education to contribute to the national education mission and in many ways, and has remained a part in the framework to strengthen the country as a nation. Successful alumni, research outcome of this university were the social model for unity of the society and a factor for growth and development of India. The university has the distinction of having five Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awardees, two Padma Vibhushan Awardees, one Padma Bhushan Awardee, five Padma Shri Awardees with the recent addition of two in 2023, amongst its alumni.

Nobel laureate Sir C.V. Raman was closely associated with laying research foundations in Physics, and Prof. C.R.Rao, world renowned statistician, Dr. Neeli Bendapudi, President of Penn State University, Dr G.M.Rao, Chairman GMR group, Justice Jasti Chalmeswar, former Judge, Hon. Supreme Court of India, Dr Prabha Atreya Director , FDA, USA, and Suggu P Rao, Vice Chairman, Bank of

America, were among the proud alumnus of AU. The University has distinguished itself by starting many programs which are innovative and first of their kind in higher education system of India.

Since its establishment in 1926, Andhra University follows its noble vision and mission as inscribed in the logo, "ThejasvinaVadhitamastu ", which means," May the Divine Light Illuminate Our Studies".

At present, 58 departments, 16 specialized research centres, 188 ICT enabled classrooms, state -of the-art of computer and GIS laboratories,76 seminar halls on campus will give the students ample learning opportunities as it is critically related to the University's objective.

The 98 years of glorious journey, recognizing its quality pursuits, the University was graded by NAAC in three cycles with **Grade-A, CGPA 3.64** in 2008 and Grade -A, **CGPA 3.60** in 2016 and with **Grade A++ with 3.74 in 2023** for seven full years till 2030, **which is highest among top three universities in India.**

Quantum leaps and transformational academic developments occurred under the administration of Prof PVGD Prasad Reddy, as AU Vice Chancellor, between 2019 and 2023 which includes:

- ✚ Grade A++ with 3.74 in 2023 for seven full years till 2030, which is highest among top three universities in India
- ✚ 'a-Hub', an Incubation Centre with 135 Startups. 4 Star Rated by MHRD.
- ✚ "Algorithm" an 'AU Digital Zone' with 25 smart class rooms.
- ✚ 'AU-SIB' a new school of International business' under MOU with 'IIM Visakhapatnam'.
- ✚ Establishment of (16) Industry Sponsored Research Chairs from Industry and Corporates such as IOCL, RINL, GMR, etc
- ✚ 'AU-RINL' bio-Arbor a Medical Genetics Laboratory.
- ✚ Established ' IPR Chair' from Govt of India for 7 years.
- ✚ 'AU-AVANTHI', Marine International Prawn, Fish farming skill centre.
- ✚ 'AU-NASSCOM', Centre of Excellence Machine Intelligence & IOT
- ✚ "ELEMENT", a Pharma Incubation & Product Testing, bio-monitoring hub
- ✚ 'Food Testing and Standardization' Laboratory with AP Food Society.

- ✚ Initiated “**AU-STPI**”, innovation hub with an assured support of 59 CR from Gol to cater to
- ✚ Four (4) new sports grounds have been developed and
- ✚ ‘**AU-Mahabhodi**’, an International Buddhist Meditation Centre at AU
- ✚ AU DIGITAL Photogrammetry Lab in Geo Engg Department.
- ✚ ‘**AU- LUKES**’ world class Dolby Atmos International Studio.
- ✚ ‘**AU_ROSYS**’, a Drone Technology Centre.
- ✚ Renovation & Remodelling of all Hostels and University Legacy structures.
- ✚ 7 New hostel Buildings in Engg College, Pharmacy college, Women Engg, Science and Arts colleges for boys and girls.
- ✚ Initiated new courses such as BBA-MBA international Business, BSc-MSc Food Sciences, B.Tech Env. engg, Foreign Universities (US and Australian based) collaborated post graduate courses in Analytics, Logistics, data Security.
- ✚ Took initiatives to gradually enhance foreign students’ strength from 381 in 2019, to 1050 by 2023 from 56 countries.
- ✚ Erst while ‘**AUSKINE SQUARE**’ a huge open air theatre built during 1940, is fully remodelled, brought back to promote arts, culture, theatre and drama.
- ✚ ‘**IP Excellence Award**’ for the outstanding contribution is presented to AU by ASSOCHAM Delhi in Feb 2024.
- ✚ Obtained ‘**Green University**’ award from COP-28 UN, Dubai in 2023 and AU achieved 26,860 Ton carbon credits in Sep 2023 in environmental auditing.

Towards the achievement of vision of the University, the following strategic goals are set:

- ✓ To encourage creation and dissemination of knowledge;
- ✓ To strive for advancement of Science and Technology by undertaking research in frontier areas;
- ✓ Impart training in specialized areas that bear direct relationship to industrial establishments;

- ✓ To make special provision for the spread of Higher Education through non-formal education;
- ✓ To envisage programs for women and to the marginalized and help them join the mainstream;
- ✓ To project each of the University departments as a research Centre focused on national priorities and social needs; and
- ✓ To collaborate with other stakeholders of Higher Education and impart knowledge required to acquire gainful occupation.

Crafted by its legacy of excellence, the university has made a unique distinction by way of establishing collaboration in allied fields with 'Tri Forces' under an MoU with DGR, GOI and initiated a 'School of Defence Studies' on its campus.

AU is presently on its journey towards a paradigm shift from student to learner, from teaching to designing and managing learning experiences, from degree based to continuous learning. The University, by establishing skill development centers, is synergizing education with skill ushering in new avenues of socio-economic empowerment. In near future it will gear up to leverage advanced analytics and AI to support continual testing and optimization of course content and curriculum delivery, that maximize student learning. In tune with NEP 2020 from GoI, Andhra University refreshed its purpose especially during 2020-23, while aiming at generating human resources, aligning them to be socially relevant, industry-ready, and globally connected.