VC Welcomes Vice - President

AU News, October: The Vice-President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, and the Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh Shri S. Abdul Nazeer, were received by Vice Chancellor of Andhra University Prof. P.V.G.D Prasad Reddy. The Vice-Chancellor presented plants to the Vice-President of India and the Honourable Governor. He extended his warm greetings. Such acknowledgments and well-wishes are important for building a positive and collaborative environment in the academic community. Prof. Stephen thanked Prof. Parthasaradhi for making it to visit Andhra University.

KL University VC pats Registrar

AU News, October: Prof. G. Parthasaradhi Varma, Vice-Chancellor of KL University, congratulated Professor M. James Stephen, the newly appointed Registrar of Andhra University. Prof. Parthasaradhi visited Andhra University and met Registrar Prof. James Stephen and extended his warm greetings. Such acknowledgments and well-wishes are important for building a positive and collaborative environment in the academic community. Prof. Stephen thanked Prof. Parthasaradhi for making it to visit Andhra University.

AU bracing up for NAAC

AU News, October: The Andhra University is bracing up for the NAAC. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) team will visit Andhra University during November 4 to 6 to have first-hand information and assess the performance of the University. The Andhra University, which is regarded as one of the best Universities in the world, is getting ready to present its progress and growth in terms of academics, research and infrastructure facilities to the NAAC team. The ranking given by the NAAC committee to the universities is considered to be the best measure. It is in this context that the ranks will be announced simultaneously across the country after careful study of seven areas. Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, who earlier served as Registrar and Rector, has brought several radical changes and brought best practices in Andhra University.

He has already developed the university to its full potential and the University is poised towards achieving full marks. Officials are making all efforts to get excellent grade from NAAC. Besides protecting the vast university lands, efforts are made to develop best sports grounds. Further, students are provided with excellent research labs, spacious classrooms, and dormitory rooms. In addition to these, many building complexes have been constructed for the students. More than 124 software companies are providing immediate jobs to the students on the university campus. On the other hand, efforts are being made to conduct additional courses. Recently, a notification was issued to fill 526 teaching posts. Among these, the posts of professor, assistant professor, and various categories are being filled. The principals and heads of various departments, and other professors have been doing their best for the last many months to achieve better progress in all aspects keeping in mind the visit of the NAAC Committee. However, as the University has progressed beyond expectations, the sources believe that the University will get good rank. Based on the rank to be announced, the reputation of the university will be further enhanced all over the world. The Alumni Association also plays a vital role in the development of Andhra University.
AU News, October: As the centenary celebrations are approaching, Andhra University is getting a new look. Many historical buildings, which have been interwoven with a special bond during last nine decades, are also given facelift. Under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy, revolutionary changes are taking place towards increasing the reputation of the University. Changes are taking place at a rapid pace in accordance with the Vice-Chancellor’s desire to make Andhra University look more corporate. On the one hand, the system is moving forward to give a new look to the university while breaking new ground in the direction of raising the standards of higher education. As a part of this, the historical administrative building of the university will be given a striking look. In the same way, more buildings will be modernized by the time of centenary celebrations. A new look will be given to the University by adapting it to today’s modern society without any damage to the historical significance of the respective buildings.

Modernization: As part of the work, Andhra University has made the Central Administrative Block beautiful with excellent ambience. Special measures have been taken for this. Lift has been built in the Central Administrative Office. Many retired professors reveal that this building provided administrative services even before the commencement of Andhra University. It is known that Andhra University came into being during British rule (1926). But many people reveal that this administrative building was occupied by the British authorities before the university came into existence. However, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Prasad Reddy has decided to modernize this administrative building which has such a long history in line with the current corporate era. In accordance with this, modernization works were undertaken without any damage to the beauty of the building. As part of the modernization of the building, the elevation with a modern window dome setup is a special attraction. The old windows were completely replaced with new ones. Pipeline, electrical fittings have been added with full advanced technology. Apart from this, a lawn vertical garden with complete greenery has been beautifully designed. The corridors and lounges of the building are connected with a modern lighting setup. As part of this modernization work, the national flag along with the Andhra University symbol will be installed on the administration building. These will be a special attractions in the Central Administrative Office.
A word With an Alumnus

Andhra University is a model University in the country, says Director ICSSR

Dr E. Ramesh  Director ICSSR New Delhi

The university is a home away home to the talented people and intellectuals. Andhra University has the credit of making many students intellectuals and introducing them to the world. Many of them have grown up as talented people who have gained fame as politicians, scientists, businessmen, and social workers in higher jobs. Mr. Ramesh belongs to 1995-97 batch studying MA Library and Information Science.

AU News, October: Ernakulam Ramesh, an alumus of Andhra University (AU), Alumni of Andhra University (AU): Ernakulam Ramesh's connection to Andhra University as an alumus. Development Programs Review: Ramesh recently conducted a review of the development programs taking place at Andhra University. These programs include A-hub, startups, new hostels, and various buildings. Mr. Ramesh inspected the development initiatives and expressed surprise at the progress being made. He recognized the importance of these developments to meet the requirements of students. He praised Vice-Chancellor Prof. Prasad Reddy for his initiatives that transformed Andhra University as best University.

AU's Environment: Vice-Chancellor Prasad Reddy highlighted that Andhra University has created a conducive environment for students and expressed the belief that every university in the country should strive to provide a similar environment. Mr. Ramesh said that the Andhra University could serve as a role model for other universities. He then went on to pursue a Postgraduate Course in Economics from 1993 to 1995 and subsequently studied library science from 1995 to 1997. After completing his studies, he began working as a library officer at IIT Kanpur. Currently, he holds the position of Director at the Indian Council of Social Science Research in New Delhi under the Ministry of Education.

E Ramesh's achievements and involvement in the development of Andhra University, showcasing the positive impact of alumni on their alma mater.

He says: My Room was in Andhra University's Satavahana Hostel. After I came to the university, I went to see the hostel I was staying in, and I was very much surprised. I was very happy to see the room I was staying in was remodelled. Because the electric wiring was not good during our stay. The washrooms were also limited, but now the administration made new facilities at Satavahana Hostel with modern washrooms. Vice Chancellor Prof. Prasad Reddy identified the needs of the students and organized the development programs. The University's vision has flourished, and I was very happy to see the roads at Andhra University. Good roads have been provided to go to any section. It is also ecologically friendly. AU Vice Chancellor Prof. Prasad Reddy gave importance to research and provided good basic facilities. Innovation, A Hub, Element, and other facilities are unique. My teachers encouraged me "When I was studying at Andhra University, the professors used to help me a lot. Among them, Prof. Varalakshmi, and Prof. Sasikala gave me encouragement. They also explained what subjects to study and how to prepare for Group-I, and all the students used to respect our teachers. He said the ICSSR where he is working grants PDF, Research Grants, and Doctoral Student Grants across the country.
**IGNOU workshop concludes**

AU News, October: Valedictory function of 12-day IGNOU Workshop-I was held in the Institute of Advanced Studies in Education. The Chief Guest Prof. Sobha Sri, Principal, IASE, said It's true that building a better society often begins with a strong education system, and teachers play a critical role in shaping the future generation. Teachers have the responsibility of not only imparting academic knowledge but also nurturing the holistic development of their students. This includes teaching methods, the mental development of children, sociology, and philosophy, among other subjects and skills. Teachers need to be well-versed in effective teaching methods and strategies to engage and educate their students. This involves understanding various pedagogical approaches, instructional techniques, and the use of educational technology to create an effective learning environment. Mental Development of Children: Teachers should have an understanding of child psychology and cognitive development. This knowledge helps them tailor their teaching methods to meet the cognitive and emotional needs of their students. It's essential for recognizing and addressing individual differences and learning styles. Prof. T. Sharon Raju, Head of Education, said Knowledge of sociology is valuable for educators because it helps them understand the social dynamics within classrooms and schools. This insight allows them to create inclusive and respectful learning environments, fostering a sense of belonging and cooperation among students. Philosophy: An understanding of philosophy can help teachers develop a personal philosophy of education. It can guide them in making ethical decisions and creating a classroom environment that encourages critical thinking and moral development. In essence, teachers are not just conveyors of information; they are also facilitators of personal growth, critical thinking, and responsible citizenship. By equipping teachers with the necessary knowledge and skills in these areas, it becomes more likely that they will be able to positively influence their students, ultimately contributing to the creation of a better and more enlightened society. Programme Coordinator Prof. D. Nagaraja Kumari, Prof. K.V.S.N. Murthy, faculty of IASE and the participants of IGNOU from Orissa and Andhra participated and graced the occasion.

**VC releases Yoga Poster**

AU News, October: Prof. PVGID Prasad Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, released the poster of "North Coastal Districts Yoga Competition - 2023" which is going to be an exciting event in Visakhapatnam organized by the District Yoga Association and the Department of Yoga & Consciousness. The competitions are open to 20 groups for both ladies and gents, aged 8 years to 55 years. Eligibility: Participants are expected to be from the 9 districts of the North Coast. Expected Number of Participants: Approximately 400. Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided.

**Plastic - free AU**

AU News, October: Prof. T. Sharon Raju, Head of Department of Education, said that Andhra University should be made plastic-free. An awareness program was organized at the AU main gate by displaying posters with the slogan ‘Say No to Plastic’. Students in the department raised slogans to make the university plastic-free and eco-friendly. Accepting the call given by the higher authorities of the university, programs will be undertaken with the participation of students to discourage the use of plastic in the university and reduce it completely. Faculty and students of the Education department participated in the program.

**AU Professor elected as General Secretary of APTSMS**

AU News, October: Prof. N. Ramakrishna's unanimous election as the General Secretary of the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Society for Mathematical Sciences (APTSMS) during the 32nd Congress at NIT Warangal is a significant achievement. The 32nd Congress of AP and TSMS took place at NIT Warangal from the 28th to the 30th of October. On the 29th, during the general body election, Professor N. Ramakrishna, a mathematics professor at Andhra University, was unanimously elected as the General Secretary of APTSMS. Professor Ramakrishna expressed his commitment to his new role and announced his plans to organize both national and international conferences related to mathematics in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
AU News, October: Mr G. Nagaraju has been awarded Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Andhra University in the Department of Environmental Sciences for his thesis Assessment of ground water quality using water quality index, heavy metal evaluation, index and heavy metal pollution index in the villages of atchutapuram mandal, a special Economic Zone in Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh India. Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.V.G.D. Prasad Reddy handed over the Ph.D. proceedings to Nagaraju Congratulated.

AU News, October: Mr Mani Kumar Jogi has been awarded Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Andhra University in the Department of Instrument Technology for his thesis Implementation of Nature Inspired optimization Algorithms to MRI Image Enhancement. Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.V.G.D. Prasad Reddy handed over the Ph.D. proceedings to J. Mani Kumar Prof. Y. Srinivasarao and others Congratulated.

AU News, October: Former Rajya Sabha Member Prof. Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad congratulated Prof. M. James Stephen, who took over as the Registrar of Andhra University. Prof.Lakshmi Prasad met the Registrar at his chambers and greeted him. Prof.Lakshmi Prasad said that Prof.Stephen would work with dedication and commitment. Prof. Stephen presented his Book on Dr.B.R.Ambedkar to Prof.Lakshmi Prasad.

AU News, October: Registrar Prof. M. James Stephen felicitated the students of Andhra University Engineering College. He is constantly monitoring the development programs going on at the university in the context of the NAAC committee visiting Andhra University soon. AU students were seen painting many trees on the college premises while supervising the work in the engineering college. The Registrar spoke to the students on this occasion. They are accepting their role and responsibility in making their college beautiful. The students said that this is making them very happy. The Registrar Prof. Stephen expressed happiness that the students took the initiative and participated in the work of beautifying their college. Principal Prof. G. SasibhushanRao, Dr. NM Yugandhar, and others were present along with the Registrar.

AU News, October: Five volunteers from the National Service Scheme (NSS) of Andhra University were selected for the Pre-Republic Day Parade. AU Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.VGD Prasad Reddy congratulated them today in his office. Ashrina Mirza Mohammed, K. Rachana, K. Kedha Sri, Hemalatha and S.Kalyani of Andhra University area will participate in a special training camp at KL University in Andhra Pradesh from November 1 to 10. The Vice-Chancellor expressed happiness at being selected for such prestigious programs at the national level. K.L University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Parthasaradhi Verma, AU NSS Coordinator Prof. S. Haranath, and others participated.
AU research scholar selected as AB Fellow of Niti Aayog

Andhra University Biochemistry Department Research scholar Batha Hepsiba Vineela has been selected as an Aspirational Block Fellow by NITI Aayog, Government of India. She received official orders to that effect on Wednesday. She will serve as an Aspirational Block Fellow for Y Ramavaram Mandal in Alluri Sitharamaraju District. On this occasion, AU Vice Chancellor Prof PVGD Prasad Reddy appreciated her in his office on Wednesday. A stipend of Rs 55,000 per month will be given to those selected as Aspirational Block Fellow (ABF). They prepare and implement the necessary plans for the comprehensive development of the zone assigned to them. A total of 500 aspirational blocks have been selected across the country by NITI Aayog.

Out of these, 15 blocks have been selected from Andhra Pradesh. Aspirational Block Fellow organize workshops, awareness seminars and skill training programs to educate their assigned area. The central government will provide necessary funds for the problems from the NITI Aayog. Vice-Chancellor Prof P. V. G. D. Prasad Reddy expressed his happiness that AU Research Scholar was selected for the prestigious project. The welfare schemes provided by the government for the development of rural areas should be fully extended.

The Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) launched in January 2018 by the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India is a strategic initiative aimed at rapidly transforming 112 of the most underdeveloped districts across the country. The program is built on several key principles and strategies:

Convergence: The program emphasizes the convergence of central and state government schemes. This means that various government initiatives, both at the central and state levels, are coordinated and integrated to maximize their impact in these underdeveloped districts.

Competitive and Cooperative Federalism: Districts are encouraged to compete with and learn from each other in the spirit of competitive and cooperative federalism. They are motivated to catch up with the best district within their state and aspire to be one of the best in the country. Support from NITI Aayog: NITI Aayog, a policy think tank of the Government of India, plays a pivotal role in working closely with line ministries and development partners to expedite progress at the district level. Best Practices: The program encourages districts to identify and replicate best practices that drive improvements in various socio-economic themes.

Overall, the Aspirational Districts Programme is a comprehensive and innovative approach to addressing the development challenges in some of the most disadvantaged regions of India, aiming to bring about positive changes in the lives of the people living in these districts. AU Research Scholar Batha Bepsiba Vinila said having studied biochemistry at Andhra University and currently doing research in the Department of Biochemistry, Batha Bepsiba Vinila has been selected as a NITI Aayog Aspirational Block Fellow of the Government of India. This research is being conducted in the Alluri Seetharamaraju district.

Ramavaram: Being an Aspirational Blocks Fellow for the zone, she will conduct comprehensive gravity development programs. In rural areas, the social programs undertaken should work with the people. A monthly fee of Rs. 55,000 will be provided by the government. The Prime Minister will be the President, and the CM and UT Governor will be Niti Aayog members. At present, Rs 100 crore is sanctioned for rural development in five hundred blocks. With these funds, programs such as drinking water, sanitation, agriculture-based development, education, health, and nutrition will be undertaken in the respective rural areas by providing bonds with savings societies and encouraging families to develop financially. Especially, it has to be developed in terms of socio-economics. Also, new welfare schemes are being offered by the government.

My Goal is to achieve Civils
AU News, October: Andhra University Registrar Prof. M. James Stephen inspected the facilities provided to the students at the Physical Education department. He also inspected various works being undertaken in the Physical Education Department of Andhra University and said that the quality and maintenance of the university's facilities should be the priority. Prof. Stephen inspected various areas within the Physical Education Department, which included the Kodi Rammurthy Weightlifting gymnasium, regular classrooms, and faculty rooms. NACC Committee: Prof. Stephen mentioned that the NACC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) Committee would look into the department soon. This indicates the university's interest in maintaining high standards and achieving accreditation.

Appreciation: Prof. Stephen congratulated Director Prof. N. Vijayamohan and Head Prof. Pallavi for their efforts in organizing and maintaining the Physical Education Department. This recognition acknowledges the hard work and dedication of the department's leadership. Cleanliness and Hygiene: Prof. Stephen emphasized the importance of keeping all departments clean, green, and hygienic. This reflects the commitment to creating a conducive and healthy learning environment for students and faculty.

Sports play key role in students’ life

AU News, October: Professor of Political Science and Public Administration, Sheikh Suleman, said that sports are necessary for students along with studies. He had participated as Chief Guest in the selection of the Men's Kabaddi South India University team under the auspices of the AU Sports Board. He said that he also played shuttle badminton in the same sports hall for two years. Senior Professor and Officer on Special Duty Prof. V. Krishnamohan said that Andhra University is giving utmost priority to sports, and the athletes should take advantage of it. AU Arts and Commerce College Principal Prof. Narsimha Rao said that participation in sports is good for health. Everyone is advised to participate in some sport or other. Director of Physical Education, Prof. N. Vijayamohan, said that 200 athletes from 25 colleges from various colleges at Andhra University participated in this selection. Talented players get opportunities. AU Physical Education Department Head Prof. A. Pallavi, AU Physical Education Department Lecturer in Physical Education Dr. Vasudevaraju, Dr. V.S. Krishna College Physical Education Department Head Dr. Sandhyaranjani, Indian Institute of Petroleum Sports Officer Dr. Venkateswar Rao, BVK College PD Srinu, MPED students and researchers participated in the event.

AU Team Selection Trials for the 2023-24 Season

AU News, October: AU Department of Physical Education Director Prof. N. Vijayamohan said Andhra University Team Selection Trials for the 2023-24 season are being conducted during October and November. Kabaddi (M) University Team Selection Date: 27/10/2023 Venue: AU Indore Gymnasium, Andhra University Contact: 7010575007, 8008586586 Basketball (M) Inter-Collegiate-cum-University Team Selection Date: 28.10.2023 Venue: AU Silver Jubilee Grounds, Andhra University Contact: 7386588712, 6303747410. Volleyball (W) Inter-Collegiate-cum-University Team Selection Date: 07/11/2023 Venue: Dr. V.S. Krishna College, Visakhapatnam Contact: 7780435601, 9885683975 Wrestling (M & W) University Team Selection Trials Date: 08/11/2023 Venue: AU Indoor Gymnasium, Andhra University Contact: 6303747410, 7010575007 Please note that eligible players born on or after 01-07-1998 should report to the respective venues for the selection trials. Make sure to bring the required documents and passport size photographs as mentioned in the announcement. If you have any specific questions or need further information, you can contact the provided phone numbers for each event.