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**From the Vice Chancellor's desk**



**Warm Greetings to you all,**

New Year's wishes to all the students, teaching and non-teaching staff of the Central University of Andhra Pradesh. I welcome the new teachers who have been appointed to teach in various departments. It is wonderful to acknowledge that the University is increasing in diversity by having teachers and students from places across India. Diversity is important as it increases cultural awareness and ethos among the younger generation.

The activities in the University have started off on an auspicious note, the first being the celebration of Makar Sankranti in the Punjabi version 'Lohri' as part of the *Ek Bharat Sresht Bharat* initiative. The program created a wonderful environment of unity and fraternity among the students and staff. This was followed by the National Youth Day celebrations consisting of co-curricular activities such as poster-making and elocution competitions conducted by the newly formed National Service Scheme (NSS) cell at the Central University of Andhra Pradesh. The first batch of the NSS cadets performed the parade at the 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day on 26 January 2023.

It is to be noted that the University is an active participant in the online meetings and seminars which are organised by the Government of India as well as the University Grants Commission from time to time - be it lectures delivered by the Hon'ble Prime Minister or meetings to introduce innovative teaching and research methods by Higher Education Institutes. The G-20 outreach initiative is also being actively organized by the students of the University under the leadership and guidance of faculty from various departments.

It seems only very recently that the fresh batch of students joined CUAP, but they have finished their end-semester examinations by the end of March owing to the diligence and efficiency of the Examination Section of the University. As part of the curriculum of the various departments of the University, all the post-graduate students in the final semester were sent for an internship to help them have a hands-on experience in their respective fields of study. The final report on "The Claim of Scheduled Tribe Status by Valmiki/Boya Community along with Its

Synonymical Terms: A Study” was submitted by Mr Samuel (Rtd IAS) to the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and I am proud of the faculty and students of Central University of Andhra Pradesh who contributed much in collecting data by conducting focus group studies.

I am sure that it is not an understatement to say that the University is accelerating its activities and achievements each quarter with increased rigor. This outcome is only because of the dedication of all its members in working towards progress.

I wish you all the very best!

Prof. S. A. Kori

### **Vice Chancellor's Diary**

8 February - Inaugurated the Science Exhibitions and addressed the students and faculty at PVKK Polytechnic College

14 February – Gave a Power Point presentation on implementation of NEP at The Central University of Andhra Pradesh in a virtual meeting with the Chairman of UGC

22 February – Attended a virtual seminar on G-20 organized by the University

24 February – Participated in a virtual meet in which the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India spoke on 'Industry 4.0, skilling as per budget 2023'

20 March – Attended the Convocation at JSS Science and Technology University

27 March – Participated in a virtual meet by the Chairman of UGC on the recruitment portal

## Commencement of National Service Scheme (NSS) at Central University of Andhra Pradesh

The year 2023 begins with the sanction of two Government funded NSS Units to the University by the NSS Cell of Andhra Pradesh. The Units though just nascent have undertaken many activities in this quarter of the year and they are as follows:



➤ **National Youth Fest 2023:** Birth Anniversary of Swamy Vivekananda was celebrated on university premises by conducting elocution, poster making and essay writing competitions. The winners were awarded prizes on Republic Day by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

➤ **National Voter's Day 2023:** NSS CUAP and the Department of Political Science conducted a campaign on Form 16, the importance of utilising the right to Vote, and importance of free and fair elections and the role of youth in bringing political awareness in society.



➤ **Republic Day 2023:** 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated with grandeur in Transit Campus-2. A parade was done by NSS Volunteers followed by unfurling the national flag.



➤ **Organic Farming:** NSS CUAP and Eco Club, CUAP has initiated organic farming in the university premises with the active participation of students to bring awareness amongst the students on the methods of organic farming and its importance. There are 30 types of vegetables, fruits, flowers and other eco-friendly crops grown on the campus premises.



➤ **District Level Youth Parliament Selections:** 21 NSS Volunteers from different departments, CUAP have participated in district level selections of National Youth Parliament selections 2023 conducted on 28.1.2023. Vijay Nakum of B.A.(Hons) Political Science won the prize and got selected for State level selection.



- **Local Theme-based Workshop:** NSS volunteers and members of CUAP actively participated in the local theme-based workshop organised by NYKS, Ananthapuramu on 28.02.2023 and exhibited the best eco-friendly practices to youth clubs and students. Ms. Y Kavya Sree won the Prize for her performance.
- **Visit to Science Fair Exhibition:** NSS volunteers and Eco Club Members visited the Science Fair exhibition organised by Arts College on the occasion of National Science Day on 28.02.2023



- **Catch The Rain Campaign:** The Eco club of CUAP and NSS volunteers have participated actively in the “Catch the Rain” campaign launched by Govt of India to create awareness on groundwater depletion and saving rainwater. 28 students from CUAP along with the district officials participated in the campaign.

- **Neighborhood Youth Parliament-Model G20:** Nine students from different

departments participated in Neighbourhood Youth Parliament – Model G20 organised by NYKS

- **Selection for Floral Tribute on Ambedkar Jayanthi:** Declamation competition was conducted for the selection of university nominees to offer floral tribute in Parliament House, Delhi. 12 students participated in the competition.

### **‘Lohri’ Celebrated at CUAP as part of Ek Bharat Shresht Bharath**



‘Makar Sankranti’ is a festival celebrated across the different states of India in the second week of January. The festival is observed to celebrate the harvest season and is called by different names in various states of India. As part of the ‘Ek Bharat Shresht Bharat’ initiative, the Govt. of India has declared the festival to be observed as per the customs of the paired states. As the paired state of Andhra Pradesh is Punjab, ‘Lohri’ was celebrated at the Central University of Andhra Pradesh with great enthusiasm. Rangoli competitions were held and prizes awarded were distributed on Republic Day by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor.



### **A Virtual Following of the Twenty Sixth National Youth Festival**

India observes the National Youth-day in order to encourage the youth of the country to take up Vivekananda's ideas and philosophy. The National Youth Festival on 12 January was held this year in Hubballi-Dharwad, Karnataka from 12-16 January on the theme "Viksit Yuva - Viksit Bharat". The faculty and students of CUAP followed the Hon'ble Prime Minister's address virtually.

### **National Tourism Day**

On the occasion of National Tourism Day, an Essay Writing Competition on the topic "Branding India as a Global Tourism Destination" and Elocution Competition on the topic "Strategies to Improve Domestic Market in India" was conducted by the District Tourism Department for the students of the Central University of Andhra Pradesh. The winners of essay writing were - Anmol Sravan, Aditya Raj and Himanshu Tiwari. The winners of elocution, Burre Ganesh, Y Kavya Sree and Ch Nageswar Rao respectively. Prizes were distributed to the winners on the Republic Day celebration by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.



## Republic Day Celebrations



Republic Day celebrations began at the Central University of Andhra Pradesh, Ananthapuramu at 8:30 am on 26.1.2023 with march past by the NSS contingent. The National flag was unfurled by the Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof S A Kori. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor then addressed the students, Faculty and staff highlighting the importance of the day. He called to remembrance that the Indian Constitution is the lengthiest in the world. He emphasized that everyone has to carry out the fundamental duties imposed on us through the Constitution. He elaborated on India's growth as an independent nation and how it is carving out its own place in International politics. The Vice-Chancellor also made a note of the developments being made at the Central University of Andhra Pradesh. He concluded by calling upon the students to take their place as future citizens in enhancing the biodiversity and preservation of nature which are pressing problems seen around the world today. The Vice Chancellor's speech was followed by the distribution of prizes to winners in competitions held on the occasion of National Youth Day, observation of Sankranthi as part of Ek Bharath Sreshtha Bharat and National Tourism Day. The students then participated in various cultural activities.



**Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Central University of Andhra Pradesh, Prof. S. A Kori's  
Address on the Occasion of 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day on 26 January 2023**

Dear fellow members of the CUAP family,

A very good morning to you all! On the happy occasion of the seventy-third anniversary of the Republic of India and 74<sup>th</sup> year celebration, I extend my hearty congratulations to the faculty, staff, and students of CUAP. Another important event in the history of our country is that the State Emblem, an adaptation from the Lion Capital of Ashoka at Sarnath, was adopted by the Government of India on the day India became a republic, i.e. 26 January 1950. Let us take this opportunity to pay homage to all the great sons of India who made it possible for us to be the proud citizens of this great Democratic Republic.

Republic Day commemorates the adoption of the Constitution of India on January 26, 1950. While India gained independence from the British Raj in 1947, it wasn't until January 26, 1950, that the Constitution of India came into effect, and the country became a sovereign state, declaring it a republic. The Constituent Assembly held its first session on December 9, 1946 with more than 300 members, and the last on November 26, 1949, and then the Constitution was adopted a year later. Dr BR Ambedkar headed the Drafting Committee of the Constitution. The constitution of India, while being drafted, consumed 165 days and out of which 114 days spent by the drafting committee to bring in its final form consisting 395 articles and 8 schedules. On this day, India also celebrates Constitution Day.

To take a few examples, American convention finalized its Constitution within four months just only with 7 articles, Canada took two years and five months with 147 articles,



Australian constitutional convention consumed a period of nine years to finalize 128 articles and South Africa took one year with 153 sections.

These days we find, I am sorry to note, almost every Indian talking about Fundamental Rights, the basic rights of the people and the charter of rights contained in Part III of Constitution of India. The Constitution guarantees civil liberties so that all Indians can lead their lives in peace and harmony as citizens of India. The Seven Fundamental Rights Recognized by Indian Constitution are: 1. Right to equality, 2. Right to freedom, 3. Right against exploitation; 4. Right to freedom of religion; 5. Cultural and Educational rights; 6. Right to constitutional remedies; and 7. Right to Education.

However, many of us do not seem to know that we not only have our fundamental rights, we also have our 11 Fundamental Duties as noted in the Indian Constitution under Article (51A).

In the 73 years since becoming a republic, India as a nation has shown stellar growth. India's demographic dividend in terms of youth population is a key factor that is expected to propel economic growth and one of the youngest populations in the world and most valuable assets. Today, the country is an economic powerhouse with significant progress made from agriculture to space technology, from manufacturing to services industries, from world class educational institutions to state-of-the-art hospitals. Bill Gates, Founder of Microsoft, observes, "...India has really emerged as a dynamic, influential country. It's been one of the world's fastest growing major economies, and it's playing an increasingly important role in world affairs, including as a member of the G20 and the BRICS group of newly industrialized nations."

In this context, I want to mention three very significant achievements of our great nation. As you all know, the Group of Twenty (G20) is the premier intergovernmental forum for international economic cooperation. The forum plays an important role in shaping and strengthening global architecture and governance on all major international economic issues. India holds the Presidency of the G20 from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023. The theme of India's G20 Presidency is "**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**" or "**One Earth. One Family. One Future.**" **Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji stated**, "India's G20 Presidency will work to promote this universal sense of one-ness.

Government of India proposed to the United Nations Organization for declaring 2023 as International Year of Millets (IYOM) for the health benefits. The proposal of India was supported by 72 countries and the UN General Assembly declared 2023 as International Year of Millets. Now, Government of India has decided to celebrate IYOM 2023 to make it a peoples' movement so that the Indian millets, guidelines, value added products are accepted globally. To commemorate this, Indian Government is hosting several interactive activities around millets.

Government of India is also focused on its important objective of building an overall semiconductor ecosystem, which in turn will catalyze India's rapidly expanding electronics manufacturing and innovation ecosystem. This vision of *Atma Nirbharta* in electronics and semiconductors was given further momentum by the Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, approving the Semicon India programme with a total outlay of Rs 76,000 crore for the development of semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem in our country. The programme aims to provide financial support to companies investing in semiconductors,

display manufacturing, and design ecosystem. This will serve to pave the way for India's growing presence in the global electronics value chains.

Days like this day give us an opportunity to attempt a retrospective and prospective assessment of ourselves. His Holiness the Dalai Lama stated, "As the twentieth century draws to a close, we find that the world has grown smaller. The world's people have become almost one community. Political and military alliances have created large multinational groups; industry and international trade have produced a global economy. Worldwide communications are eliminating ancient barriers of distance, language and race. We are also being drawn together by the grave problems we face: overpopulation, dwindling natural resources, military build-up and aggression, and terrible human rights situations." He added, "I believe that to meet the challenges of the next century, human beings will have to develop a greater sense of universal responsibility. Each of us must learn to work not just for his or her own self, family or nation, but for the benefit of all mankind. It is very old-fashioned to think in terms of my nation, or my country. Universal responsibility is the real key to human survival."

Our generation has experienced both good fortune and hardship. We not only enjoyed the many successes of our great nation, but also faced the effects of wars with our neighbors. Recently we almost successfully recovered from the Pandemic nightmare. Probably, future generations may divide world history into two periods: pre-Pandemic and post-Pandemic.

Humankind is facing unprecedented revolutions, all our old stories are crumbling, and no new story has so far emerged to replace them. How can we prepare ourselves and our children for a world of such unprecedented transformations and radical uncertainties? A baby born today will be 30 years in 2050. If all goes well, that baby will still be around in 2100, and might even be an active citizen of the 22<sup>nd</sup> century. What should we teach that baby that will help him or her survive and flourish in the world of 2050 or of the 22<sup>nd</sup> century? What kind of skills will be he or she need in order to get a job, understand what is happening around them, and navigate the maze of life?

Now it is for you to be prepared for the future. What have you learned from us and what do you want the next generation to learn from you? If you ask yourselves how you hope to see the year, say, 2050, what will be the answer? In the last few years, the world has undergone such dramatic changes that unless you keep abreast of the times, it will very difficult for you even to survive. The current age is one of expectations and hope as well as deepening contradictions, uncertainties and emerging risks. Our present epoch seems to be increasingly characterized by fear of the future with growing insecurity, social fragmentation and polarization, and a lack of hope, even among the young, who often seem to face a more uncertain future than that of their parents. The major areas of urgent concern have been climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. Climate change introduces additional risks to health and safety. Biodiversity loss compromises on the nutritional value of food. Biodiversity loss also reduces the scope and efficacy of medicines. Pollution is threatening billions worldwide. All the three areas of concern – climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution – point towards one cause, our attitude to nature. If Nature were to speak to us, she would say, "I don't need human beings, human beings need me." And everyone talks about leaving a safe environment for posterity, but few talk about leaving a safe posterity for the environment.

The Earth's environment is already starting to experience irreversible damage – to its climate, to its biological diversity and ecosystems, and to its natural resources – and much more is coming soon if we don't quickly mend our ways. Social scientists mention several challenges human beings may have to face by 2050:



1. ***Genetic Modification of Humans: There are debates among scientists over a new technology that lets us edit human DNA.*** It is called Crispr (pronounced “crisper”) and it is a means of altering people’s DNA to carve diseases like cancer out of the equation. Sounds great. But what if it takes a dark ethical turn and becomes a vanity project to churn out “designer babies?”
2. ***A More Aged Population than Ever Before: People are living longer than ever, which is great – but all those senior citizens are going to require care.*** Societies with large numbers of people over 65 will become more common. In the next couple of decades, as that increase starts to happen, we will need better care for the elderly.
3. ***Lost Cities: Cities are changing in the 21st Century – rising sea levels are gradually making some of them disappear.*** Fuelled by climate change, not only are floods becoming more common in the streets, but the changing weather patterns have also influenced building design. Pressure is already growing on cities, as urban populations grow. If climate change forces mass migration, then existing infrastructure, services and economies may be stretched to breaking point.
4. ***The Evolution of social media: social media has complicated the way we communicate. What might social media look like in 30 years, and by that time, what are some threats it might pose? It may become a world with no privacy,*** besides weathering away our sense of and desire for anonymity and privacy.
5. ***New Geopolitical Tensions: Rising nationalist sentiment worldwide have led to never-ending political drama.***
6. ***Dwindling Resources: The new technology and devices that characterize the 21<sup>st</sup> Century all require rare earth metals to make.*** For example, an average smartphone has over 60 “ingredients.” That is putting a strain on the planet’s natural resources.
7. ***Boosted Brainpower:*** It is already common to use drugs to boost brainpower.
8. ***AI’s Dominance in Our Lives: Futurist Ray Kurzweil has made a host of predictions, some inspirational, others downright alarming.*** One of them is the notion that suggests artificial intelligence will one day become more powerful than human intelligence and improve itself at an exponential rate. AI is poised to change how we live and work. It is also not impossible that specific AIs could malfunction or run out of their creators’ control, leading to human disasters, where millions of lives are wiped out.

CUAP started on one transit campus offering six academic programmes – four undergraduate programmes and two postgraduate programmes – at present offers thirteen programmes on two campuses. The student strength has also risen from less than a hundred students from seven Indian states to about six hundred students from twenty-one states. In addition to conventional academic programmes, the University offers skill-based programmes such as Bachelor’s in Vocational Studies. A resurgent and aspirational India, with a huge demographic dividend, demands dynamic programmes of study. Keeping this in view, the University has started master’s programmes in advanced fields such as Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, Applied Psychology, and Molecular Biology, and proposes to start space-related programmes soon. With a view to making education student centric, CUAP adopted the blended mode of teaching and learning. This academic reformatory measure enables the students to have the experience of listening to teachers from across and beyond the country resulting in a positive impact on student learning.

It gives immense pleasure to state that the University is progressing at a fast pace in all respects. The formation of the Executive Council in March is a milestone in the history of the

University. The Council discussed various developmental activities being pursued by the University as well as those proposed to be undertaken by the University.

The young University has undertaken several extension activities. In collaboration with and financial support from Dr Ambedkar Foundation (an autonomous body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India) the University has established Dr Ambedkar Centre of Excellence (DACE). The Centre provides high quality free coaching facilities to a hundred Scheduled Caste Students for the Civil Services Examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission.

The University hosted an insightful discussion on the book “Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery” on 4 August 2022. Smt. Annpurna Devi, Hon’ble Union Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, was the Chief Guest, and Shri A.S. Kiran Kumar, Padma Shree awardee and former Chairman ISRO, and Smt. Shobhana Kamineni, Vice Chairperson of Apollo Hospitals, were the Guests of Honour.

Many of the alumni of the University have succeeded in moving to premier institutions in India and in other countries for higher studies. And quite a few are now gainfully employed. CUAP students actively participate in cocurricular and extracurricular activities at university, state, and national levels. A student of BA (Hons) Political Science 2019-22 batch was one of the few Indian youths who had the privilege to pay tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary, *Ektha Diwas*, on 31 October 2022 at the Central Hall of Parliament House, Delhi. A student of the current batch of BA (Hons) Political Science had the honour of offering floral tributes to Jawaharlal Nehru on his birth anniversary on 14 November 2022 at the Central Hall of Parliament House, Delhi.

The Central University of Andhra Pradesh is now eagerly waiting for two events which will be great milestones in its history. An event of great significance will be the foundation-stone laying ceremony for the permanent campus. Another important event will be the University’s first convocation. So far three batches of postgraduate students and two batches of undergraduate students have successfully completed their academic programmes and are awaiting the historic occasion when they will receive their degree certificates.

In view of this CUAP already made a request to PMO office to lay the Foundation Stone for our permanent campus and also grace the First Convocation and address our young graduates and members of the CUAP community by Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. A message by the great son of India and world leader, a role model for the youth of the country, will be a source of inspiration to the entire CUAP family. Certainly, that day will be written in golden letters in the history of the Central University of Andhra Pradesh.

Finally, I appeal all our young students to work hard and good things will come on your way. To conclude, I am optimistic about the future of your generation, optimistic about the opportunities provided by new technologies, optimistic about India and its growth, so cultivate your good habits and good friends and networks, you will be successful in your life. On this auspicious day, let us all rededicate ourselves to the service of the great nation.

Thank you and Jai Hind!

### **First Tourney Win for the University Football Team**



The students of Central University participated in the Kurnool Football Tournament held at Kurnool on 27-28 January 2023. The university football team won the third prize in the tournament. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Kori and the Dean in-Charge Prof. G. Ram Reddy, congratulated the team and expressed their happiness over the University's team success in the event. While appreciating the football team, they stated that the occasion was momentous as it is the first tourney win for the students outside the university. They also assured and extended all possible future support to the football team and wished them good luck. University Sports coordinator P. Ramakrishna Reddy and other faculty members also appreciated the students for their remarkable win in the sporting event.

## **“Skills to Succeed in the Corporate World”: A Lecture by Dr Y.Venkat Rao**



An invited lecture on “Skills to Succeed in the Corporate World: Industry Expectations from New Age Managers” was organised by the Department of Management on 28 January. Prof. Y Venkata Rao from the Department of Tourism Studies, Pondicherry University was the guest speaker. Keeping the changing technological dynamics and increasing skill gap in view, the lecture focussed on making students aware of the industry expectations. It was more of an interactive session than a mere lecture. The session threw light on the importance of soft skills like patience, situation handling and cooperative communication in the corporate world. The students were made aware of how the world is going to be skill dominated and why the mismatch of expectations takes place. The importance of unlearning and relearning on a continuous basis was highlighted in the session. The fact that the application of knowledge is as important as acquiring of knowledge was made known to the students. The lecture ended with a question-answer session where the students got their doubts cleared by the guest speaker about entrepreneurship and ways to withstand competition.



## **G-20 at Central University of Andhra Pradesh**

Various events were organized by the Central University of Andhra Pradesh on the eve of India's G-20 Presidency.

### **Release of India's G-20 Posters-CUAP**



27 January

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and members of the faculty along with the students released the posters of India's G-20. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor spoke about the importance of the G-20 Presidency for global peace and also expressed the view that this is an opportunity for the students to advance about significant global issues. On this occasion, a few students expressed their views on India's G-20 Presidency. Yearlong events are planned to be conducted till November 2023 following the inaugural events.



## G-20 News Conner at CUAP



22 February

Prof. S. A. Kori, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Central University of Andhra Pradesh, Ananthapuramu, inaugurated the G-20 News Corner in the transit campus II of CUAP on 22 February. The objective of starting a news corner exclusively for G-20 was to enhance the awareness of the student fraternity regarding the diverse activities of G-20 under India's Presidency. The response was truly overwhelming as some of the members of the faculty and students contributed pictures and news items related to the activities of G-20. This exciting journey, initiated by Prof. G. Ram Reddy, Dean in Charge, CUAP, no doubt, will enlighten all who are working together for a better tomorrow for the world.

## G-20 Inaugural Lecture



22 March

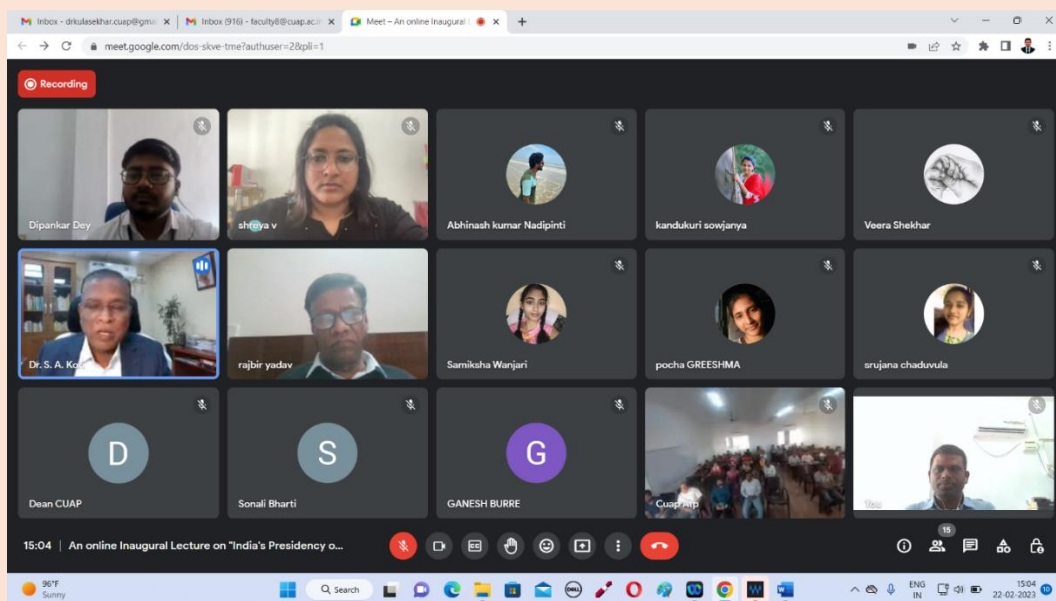
The inaugural lecture on G-20 was organized on the theme of “India’s Presidency of G-20: Challenges and Opportunities” on 22/03/2023. Prof. RS Yadav, Vice Chancellor of Baba Mastnath University, Haryana was the guest speaker. On this occasion, the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of CUAP delivered the welcome address. He highlighted how India achieved progress and the role of students in shaping the goals with changing technological advancements. Prof. G Ram Reddy, Dean-in-Charge, CUAP addressed the gathering and spoke about the importance of global politics and the need for the students to have knowledge about the progress and proceedings of G-20. Mr. Dipankar Dey, faculty of Political Science gave a brief introduction about the profile and achievements of the Guest Speaker.

Prof RS Yadav then took over the session and commended CUAP for voluntarily taking the initiative in spreading awareness about G-20. The session started with two stages of qualitative transformation that took place in India, the first stage being the post-cold war era. He highlighted how the country shifted from Idealism to Pragmatism, Non-Alignment to Multi-Alignment and from a protective economy to globalization. He pointed out that the second stage took place under Hon’ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership where the country aims to play the role of a balancer in global politics by taking an assertive stance in foreign

policy. He educated the students about Trica leadership, Ministerial and Sherpa groups and their functions and the fact that G-20 is an informal group.

He then stressed on the topic and briefed about various challenges and opportunities present before the country as it assumed the Presidency. He pointed out that India having a paradoxical scenario at the global level has many challenges to face. The existence of the pandemic crisis, financial liquidity of the country, negative growth, poverty issues, social inequality, off-tracking from SDGs, China's muscle power, gender inequalities, and climate change were the major challenges highlighted by Prof. Yadav. He expressed the hope that despite the challenges, India will use the Presidency as an opportunity to strengthen its role with its sound technological and public infrastructure. He also opined that India can accelerate the progress of SDGs as sustainability practices are deep-rooted in the country's culture. Availability of green environment and nuclear energy resources, orientation towards women-led development, multi-alignment with developed countries and promotion of inclusive growth were observed to be the strengths and opportunities available for India. He stressed the need for 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas' (cohesiveness and inclusiveness) to be reflected in the foreign policy to reach the noble goal of "Vasudaiva Kutumbakam". Prof. Yadav felt that re-oriented diplomacy and global peace are important strategies of India for a successful Presidency. In turn, he opined that India would gain recognition, a chance for a seat in UN Security Council and also would have the chance to present the vision of the North if it can effectively manage the positive perception.

A question-answer session followed the lecture where students from different departments interacted with the Guest Speaker and posed their queries. Prof. S A Kori, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUAP made the concluding remarks. He observed that India has a proactive role to play in G-20 in the years to come and expressed optimism that India would emerge as the winner. The faculty and students of CUAP were the participants in the lecture. The programme was hosted by Ms. VSS Shreya, Faculty of Management and ended with a Vote of thanks by Dr. M. Kulasekhar, Faculty of Economics, CUAP.



## Lecture on “Graph Theory and Its Applications”

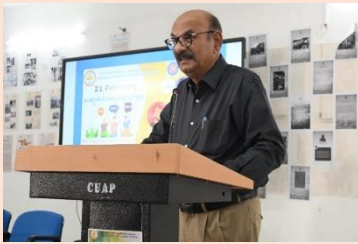
Department of Mathematics organized a Guest Lecture for faculty and Students on “Graph Theory and Its Applications” by Prof. B. Maheshwari (Retd.), Dept. of Mathematics, Sri Padmavathi Mahila Vishwavidyalayam, Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh. The lecture consisted of a brief introduction to Graph Theory and detailed concepts including the basics of Graph Theory, Spectral Graph Theory, and Graph Colouring. The speaker discussed real-life applications of Graph theory and some conjecture and open problems. She also discussed Butterfly Graphs and Its Domination Numbers, the Roll of Topological Indices in Chemical Graph Theory, and the Total Neighbourhood Set of an Interval Graph.

The lecture was followed by a Question-and-Answer session. The event was an excellent platform for the students to gain knowledge of “Graph Theory and Its Applications.”





## International Mother Language Day Celebrated



The International Mother Language Day was celebrated at the University on 21 February. The mother tongue is to the mind as blood is to the body for any man's survival. Prof. G. Uma Maheswara Rao, President of the Linguistics Society of India, said, "If a nation preserves its language, it preserves its culture." Prof. V.V.N. Rajendra Prasad and Dr Ramesh Narayana presided over the special event. Guest speakers, faculty members, and students actively participated in the event. Prof. V.V.N. Rajendra Prasad gave a valuable speech mentioning that saving our mother tongue is saving ourselves. He called to remembrance that many of the world's languages are in a state of extinction. Emphasising the inseparable relationship between language and culture, he stated that if one studies the languages of the world, one will know about the respective cultures thoroughly. The guest speaker, Dr. P. Ramesh Narayana in his speech described the background behind the declaration of International Mother Language Day by UNESCO. Later, the students showed a video on the importance of the mother tongue in our lives. Cultural programs in various languages like Telugu, Kannada, Kerala, Tamil, Assamese, and Bhoj Puri were performed by the students which proved that the University is an example of India's unity and diversity.



## Women's Day Celebration



International Women's' Day was celebrated on 8 March 2023. A series of competitions were conducted with the theme "DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality". All the students and faculty participated in the event. A play depicting the life of a girl child as she grows and establishes her own family was portrayed by the NSS students on this occasion. A few students and faculty spoke on the occasion emphasising the need for equality among the genders.

**A Report on “The Claim of Scheduled Tribe Status by Valmiki/Boya Community along with Its Synonymical Terms: A Study” – Submitted to the Govt of Andhra Pradesh**



The government of Andhra Pradesh constituted a one-man commission headed by I. Samuel Anand Kumar, IAS (Retd.) to study the issues of Boya/Valmiki community. The purpose of the study was to understand the ethnographic and socio-economic status of the community.

The Central University of Andhra Pradesh was given the responsibility of conducting the survey and submitting a detailed analysis. Hon’ble MP Talari Rangaiah took a keen interest in the survey and supported the faculty and the field investigators in providing the logistics, accommodation, and food. The initial interaction and briefing about the survey were done in December 2022 followed by the field survey in January & February 2023. The survey was conducted in four phases covering different districts in each phase. Sixty-two students from Telugu, Political Science, and Economics departments of the university collected a total of 1800 samples through the survey method. The samples were collected from 67 villages covering 8 districts of Andhra Pradesh and 2 districts of Karnataka. Twenty-two students worked on cleaning and data entry. Faculty members of the University also took part in the survey by conducting focus group studies in a few randomly selected villages. Ten Faculty members conducted discussions with the community groups in 24 villages across 8 districts of the state. After a thorough analysis of the data, findings were submitted to the commission in the form of a consolidated report.

## Achievements: Faculty

### Ms O. Prananthi



- Took part in an official attempt in the Guinness Book of Records in Yogathon organised by the Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in Hubli, Karnataka.



- Attended as Chief Guest to the local theme-based workshop on 15th January 2023. Trained the youth clubs and youth on nature and humanity. The event was organised by NYKS Ananthapuramu, Government of India.



- Acted as a judge in District and Zonal Level Youth Parliament Festival 2023 for the districts Ananthapuramu, Chittoor, Kadapa, and Kurnool.

### Dr B. Ashok Kumar



- Presented a paper 'Naalugu dashabdhala sudheerga sampadhakulu - 'Triveni', Sri. Kolavemu Rama Koteswara Rao' at a National Seminar, 'Role of Telugu Press and Journalism in Indian Freedom Movement' held at S.S Govt Degree College, Piler, on January 27 and 28.
- Presented a paper 'Pillalamarri pinaveera Bhadrana Jaimini Bharatam – stree svecha' at a National Seminar held at 'Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Telugu', Central Institute of Indian Languages on 2-4 February.

### Prof. G. Ram Reddy

- Delivered a talk on 'Paradiplomacy – Scope, Space and Sites in India's Foreign Policy' on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at HRDC, Dèendayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur, U.P

**Dr Narendra Kumar**

- Published a paper titled “Splintered Selves and Unhealed Wounds: Saadat Hasan Manto’s ‘Toba Tek Singh’ and ‘Khol Do’” in *Education and Society*, Vol.47, Issue 1, No.3, January - March, 2023.

**Dr N S Sucharitha Gold**

- Delivered a lecture in ‘Criminal Psychology’ on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Police Training College, Ananthapuramu.