

**Central University of Andhra Pradesh**  
Message during Independence Day Celebration at JNTU  
Anantapur Transit Campus

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It is truly an honour to be here with you on the 72<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day and I extend my warm greetings to the entire gathering. This day is also celebrated to commemorate and to pay homage to all the martyrs who sacrificed their lives in India struggle for freedom.

At the same time, it is also a happy occasion as this is the 1<sup>st</sup> Independence Day celebration of Central University of Andhra Pradesh, which was inaugurated on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 by

Shri Prakash Javadekar, **Hon'ble Union Human Resource Development Minister**. This University has been setup in the bifurcated state of Andhra Pradesh at Anantapur which will cater to the needs of the youth who wish to gain quality education in a Central University in their state, under the mentorship of the University of Hyderabad, a well-established and renowned University. The University of Hyderabad is perhaps a rare institution in the country where equal importance is given to Teaching, Research and Innovation.

There are many challenges/threats facing the country, like: Illiteracy, poverty, corruption, terrorism, unemployment, pollution, child labour, over population and to get rid of all these threats we need to promote quality education inculcating moral and ethical values. Education is one of the weapon with which we can counter and confront the above threats.

As Indian market is a foreseeing market domination for startups, especially in the online retailing and service industry, I am happy to see that the CUAP will be initially offering six courses out of which two are in the Vocational areas which are apt in the current situation, namely –

- B. Voc. Tourism and Travel Management
- B. Voc. Retail Management and IT

besides,

- B.Sc. (Honours) Economics
- B.A. (Honours) Political Science
- M.A. Telugu
- M.A. English Language and Literature

which is surely an ideal mix of programmes to start with.

I am sure that the students of this University, in course of time, shall prove to be amongst the best in the country and contribute positively in the development of its Neighborhood, District, State, Nation and make a World a better place to live in.

On this day let all the teachers, students and all other stakeholders dedicate and resolve the following:

1. To make this University to be a hub of excellence in teaching, research and innovation in the years to come and be in top 10, in India
2. To facilitate Vocational courses, Skill development programs, Professional education with outcomes, market driven courses to the students with lifelong learning abilities to make them employable globally.

3. To be job creators than job seekers. With the launch of Startup India mission on 16th January, 2016 at Vigyan Bhavan auditorium in New Delhi, it is possible for India to break away from the traditional career paths with growing interest to start their own ventures.
4. To work together by showing mutual respect for each other and to set examples of good practices to attain high goals.
5. To make a difference to our region by our good work towards our society under University's Social Responsibilities.
6. Not to be content with just awarding graduate and post graduate degrees but promote research and innovation

7. To face challenges of existing social and economic inequities in education and create equal opportunities for all sections of the people.

I urge the teachers to motivate and ignite the young minds of the students to continue their scholarly pursuits to fulfil the above pledge. Let us also imbibe from the University logo the responsibility to spread and provide unlimited access to quality education and may the knowledge thus generated, spread happiness.

In the final analysis, it is the pursuit of knowledge, scholarship, research and innovation that will make India a knowledge society and it is only a knowledge based society that will make India a Nation par excellence.

Lastly, a quote by Albert Einstein for us to ponder over:

*Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school.”*

I thank you for your patience and courtesy.

Jai Hind!