

Central University of Andhra Pradesh
Message during 73rd Independence Day Celebration at JNTU
Anantapur Transit Campus, AP.

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Prof. Arun Agarwal, Pro Vice Chancellor-1 of the mentor University of CUAP, felt honored to be here on the occasion of the 73rd Independence Day. He requested all to first salute our martyrs for the sacrifices they made and appreciate them for giving us today. He remarked that Independence is a special and precious gift of God. May our lives always remain independent and he then extended his warm greetings to the entire gathering on this occasion.

He further added that it is a happy occasion as we have completed our 1st year of existence on 5th August, 2019. This University has been setup in the bifurcated state of Andhra Pradesh at Anantapur to 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 and soon we are likely to hear the Act of Parliament getting ascent of the President of India and our 1st Vice Chancellor will take this University into a new phase of hectic development with recruitment of qualified faculty, infrastructure springing up on the new campus etc.

He also shared a news that University of Hyderabad has been selected as an “Institute of Eminence”, by UGC.

He re-collected that in the last one year, CUAP has made a very good progress, along multiple fronts:

1. We have ensured that even with late start of academic programmes, we have been able to complete our Academic Year in time, which has been largely possible with our committed students, teachers and support staff.
2. We were able to provide essential eco-system that was critical for the newly born University last year, which now needs to be nourished well for all round development and growth.
 - a. Conducted three national conferences in Telugu during the last, Academic Year,(2018-19).

- b. As a part of distinguished lecture series, we organized one lecture by Dr T. Hanuman Chowdary, former IT adviser to Govt. of combined AP
 - Another lecture by Dr Justice K G Shankar, former Judge High Court of United AP.
 - The third lecture by Mr Jayaramudu. L, Secretary, IFUNA(Indian Federation of United Nations Association on Sustainable Development)
 - c. As a part of Invited Lecture series and Faculty Exchange at Institutional Level Professors from various Universities were invited as follows,
 - Dr Hemanga Dutta from EFLUniversity, Hyderabad
 - Prof. Naresh Kumar Sharma from Dept. of Economics, UoH
 - Prof. I Ramabhramam from Dept. of Political Science, UoH
 - d. Organized World Tourism Day on 27 Sept 2018 and National Tourism Day on 25 Jan 2019.
 - e. CUAP has observed and celebrated Swami Vivekananda Jayanthi and Gurram Jashua Jayanthi.
3. The Transit Campus of CUAP is spread over 5 Acres of land, has good open grounds, with added Infrastructure:
- a. The Transit Campus has WiFi connectivity and students have access to the 40 Mbps, BSNL internet facility in the campus.
 - b. There is a well-equipped IT Lab with required number of computers.
 - c. Commissioned Digital Language Lab for the benefit of the students to enhance their Pronunciation, Linguistic Skills, Interview Skills and various other essential skills.
 - d. At present the class rooms, Seminar Room, Library etc of the Transit Campus is well equipped with good furniture, Air-Conditioners and LCD Projectors, etc.
 - e. Library has adequate books, newspapers, journals etc. The library has also created learning environment by establishing Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) Searching Area, Internet browsing area for accessing e-resources, Laptop zone with Wi-Fi facility, specialized workstations; software for visually-challenged students.
 - f. CUAP has augmented the learning resource center by adding more reference books and text books and also gave access to Indira Gandhi Memorial Library at UoH to all faculties and students.
4. Apart from teaching, the students in CUAP are also encouraged to participate in sports and games, cultural activities, seminars / workshops, educational field trips.
- a. As a part of co-curricular and extracurricular activities we have conducted essay writing, debating competitions, sports and cultural events and distributed Prizes and Certificates.
 - b. Conducted a week long “Local Tour Guide Certification Training” for B.Voc Travel and Tourism Management students which was jointly organized by CUAP, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority and SK University, Ananthapur.
 - c. Organized three field exposure visits for B.Voc TTM students to various tourist destinations within Ananthapur District.
 - d. Sent B.Voc RMIT students for Summer Internship to Ramoji Film City for 45 days.

He welcomed the newly admitted students during academic year 2019-20. The students have been admitted through CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES COMMON ENTRANCE TEST (CUCET-2019). This was an all-India test organized by fourteen Central Universities, coordinated by Central University of Rajasthan.

Towards the end he requested all to re-dedicate and resolve the following:

1. India is a country of diversity bonded by love and affection. On the auspicious occasion of Independence Day, let us come together to celebrate this day with respect and love for each other. Let us promise ourselves to work for the glory, prosperity and harmony of our country and make it a happier and healthier nation.
2. To make this University to be a hub of excellence in years to come, like our mentor University.
3. To facilitate delivery of high end Vocational courses, Skill development programs, Professional education with outcomes, market driven courses to the students with lifelong learning abilities to make them employable globally.
4. Let us imbibe from the University logo the responsibility to spread and provide unlimited access to quality education and may the knowledge thus generated, spread happiness.
5. To make a difference to our region by our good work towards our society under University's Social Responsibilities.

In conclusion he thanked all for their patience and courtesy and once again wished a Happy Independence Day to all and asked all to repeat "Jai Hind! Jai Hind! Jai Hind!".