



## Congratulations to our Pro-Chancellor

Dr. Ravi Raju Tatapudi, Pro-Chancellor, TAU, was felicitated with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Society of Nephrology – Southern Chapter 2026, at Hubli, Karnataka, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to nephrology as well as in healthcare leadership. The presence of eminent personalities, namely H. Sudarshan Ballal, Chairman of the Medical Advisory Board of Manipal Hospitals Group, added distinction to this prestigious honour.



## New Teaching Methods Implemented by AIMS R

The Department of Pharmacology, AIMS R, Chittoor, introduced innovative teaching methods on 23-24 January 2026 to enhance student engagement and competency-based learning. The methods included Socratic learning, gamification, modified team-based learning, and role play during AETCOM sessions, promoting active participation and effective learning. The initiative was led by Dr. Sachidananda Adiga, Professor and Head, Department of Pharmacology.

## SoT Strengthens Hands-on Learning

SoT, organized 2 major hands-on programmes in January 2026 to enhance industry-ready skills among students. A Hands-on IoT Workshop held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026, by Dr. P. Suresh, Professor and IP Cell In-charge, SVCE (Autonomous), Tirupati, enabling students to develop practical IoT prototypes. It was followed by a Three-Day DevSecOps Workshop and Hackathon from 29–31 January inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Dr. H Vinod Bhat and led by Mr. Kandela Melky Vignan, CTO and DevOps and Cloud Trainer, which provided intensive hands-on exposure to secure cloud-native application development and concluded with a hackathon.

## Workshop on Design Thinking and Innovation

SoM conducted a workshop on “Design Thinking, Critical Thinking & Innovation Design” for MBA students on 07<sup>th</sup> January 2026, engaging 75 participants in interactive sessions and case-based learning training for innovative, user-centric problem-solving skills.

## AIMS R and AIPS organised FDP

AIPS organised Five Day National Faculty Development Program (Virtual) (eFDP) jointly with Chettinad School of Pharmaceutical Sciences (CSPS), CARE, on “Professional Upskilling for Pharmacy Educators in New-Age Specializations” from 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026, featuring expert sessions on emerging areas in pharmaceutical education and research.

**FDP:** A Faculty Development Programme on Outcome-Based Medical Education (Programme Outcomes and Course Outcomes) was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> January at the MEU Hall, AIMS R, Chittoor by Dr. Sachidananda Adiga, Professor and Head, Department of Pharmacology.

## Patriotic Spirit at AKC on 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day

AKC Campus celebrated the 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India on January 26<sup>th</sup> with dignity. The celebrations commenced with the ceremonial unfurling of the National Flag by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. H. Vinod Bhat, in the presence of senior academic and administrative leaders, and continued with a disciplined march past led by the Security Team. Emphasizing constitutional values, civic responsibility, and education's role in nation-building, the Vice Chancellor's address was complemented by vibrant cultural performances, notably the nursing students' pyramid formation, which filled the campus with unity.

## Best Researcher Award

Dr. Usha S. Adiga, Associate Dean–Research, Professor and Head, Department of Biochemistry, AIMS R and Director, Research, TAU has been conferred the “Best Researcher” Award by Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada. recognition acknowledges Dr. Adiga's outstanding academic achievements, research contributions, and role in advancing healthcare education.

## ACoNC Graduation Ceremony – Batch of 2020

ACoN, Chittoor successfully conducted the Graduation Ceremony for the Batch of 2020 on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 at the Dr. PCRKC Auditorium.



The ceremony was graced by dignitaries and senior leaders including Dr. H. Vinod Bhat, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Potharaju, Registrar, Dr. Ranganath BG, Medical Superintendent, Mr. Rajendra Prasad, DEO, Chittoor, Dr. Alfred Augustine, Dean, AIMS R and Mr. Balraj, Unit Head. Dr. P. C. Reddy Gold Medal and merit awards were presented in recognition of academic and clinical excellence.

## IIC Led AI Awareness and Innovation Initiatives

The Institution's Innovation Council organized an expert session on “Achieving AI-Driven Problem–Solution Fit” on 31<sup>st</sup> January by Dr. K. Sudheer, IIC Convener, focusing on solving the real-world problems with responsible and feasible AI solutions. IIC also conducted an awareness programme on the India AI Summit–2026 Campaign, reaching over 1,000 students and encouraging active participation in national-level AI innovation initiatives.

**Guest Talk:** SoHS organized a Guest Talk on Research Publication and Funding Opportunities on January 12, where Dr. Konga Gopikrishna from DST, Government of India, shared practical insights on academic publishing and research funding to strengthen the research culture of the campus.

## January 2026 Placement Update

The MBA (Hospital & Healthcare Management) programme achieved 90% placement, with 44 of 48 students securing internship-cum-placement opportunities with leading healthcare organizations.