



# ASTRA

*Shaping Champions On and Off the Field*



# INAUGURATION OF ASTRA

Apollo Sports Training & Recreational Arena

**INAGURATED BY,**

**Dr. Preetha Reddy**  
Executive Vice Chairperson  
Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited

**“Where Strength Meets Spirit.”**

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## Inauguration

The Playground of The Apollo Knowledge came alive on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026, as **ASTRA – Apollo Sports Training and Recreational Arena** was formally inaugurated at 3.30 PM. The occasion marked the realization of a vision to strengthen the culture of sports and holistic development within the campus.

The inaugural ceremony began with the reception of **Dr. Preetha Reddy, Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited**. The inauguration was held in the presence of Dr. Ravi Raju Tatapudi, Pro-Chancellor, The Apollo University; Mr. Sivaramakrishnan Venkateswaran, CEO, Apollo Knowledge, the Registrar of The Apollo University; Prof. M. Potharaju, Dean, AIMS; Dr. Alfred J. Augustine; Mr. Balraj S., Unit Head, AKC; Dr. T. Jayanthi; Principal, ACoN and the Deans of The Apollo University, along with faculty members and students.

ASTRA – Apollo Sports Training and Recreational Arena – is a dedicated sports initiative of **Apollo Knowledge City**, planned as a dynamic space where physical fitness, discipline, and teamwork will complement the academic excellence.

*ASTRA is now an integral part of student life.*



## INAUGURATION BY DR. PREETHA REDDY

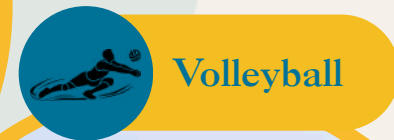


ASTRA – the Main Sports Complex – was formally opened by **Dr. Preetha Reddy, Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited** with a ribbon cutting ceremony. This was followed by the inauguration of the Basketball Sports Complex, Football Field, and Volleyball Sports Complex.



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## STUDENT LIFE @ ASTRA



## POOJA & ADDRESS BY THE CHIEF GUEST

After the formal rituals, an overview of **ASTRA** was then presented, outlining its purpose as a platform to nurture discipline, resilience, and leadership through sport. The arena, equipped with dedicated courts and grounds, was introduced not merely as infrastructure but as a foundation for sports spirit among students.



In her address, **Dr. Preetha Reddy**, Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited, highlighted the importance of balancing academic rigor with physical vitality. She emphasized that sports instill perseverance, integrity, and teamwork — qualities essential for professional and personal success.



Encouraging students to dream beyond boundaries, she described **ASTRA** as a starting point from which aspirations could rise toward state and national arenas. Dr. Reddy encouraged students to view the arena as a platform urging them to train with dedication and dream ambitiously. Dr. Reddy wishes that every stride on this field and every serve across this court carry AKC students closer to the day the students rise to represent the country.



## LIVING THE ASTRA LIFE

Students actively use ASTRA as a vibrant space for sports and recreation, balancing academics with physical activity. The facilities support daily practice, matches, and competitions, helping students develop teamwork, discipline, and confidence.

This campus sports centre is equipped with well-maintained outdoor sports infrastructure including a **Football Court for Sevens, 2 Basketball and 2 Volleyball Court complex, and a dedicated Athletic Track for running and fitness activities.**

These facilities encourage students to actively participate in sports, intercollegiate competitions, and regular physical training sessions.

## PROJECTS TEAM

**Mr. Sivaramakrishnan Venkateswaran**, CEO, Apollo Knowledge City, congratulated the **Projects Team** for their dedicated efforts in successfully designing and executing the initiative under the guidance of **Mr. Satyanarayana Reddy V, Chief Operating Trustee** - AHET, in alignment with the proposed vision and plan. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks bringing the ceremony to a graceful close. The inauguration of ASTRA stands as a landmark moment in the campus journey, strengthening its vision of integrating sporting spirit with academic excellence and shaping champions both on and off the field.





**ASTRA**, the newly inaugurated sports centre, has quickly become a vibrant recreational hub for both students and faculty members. Designed to promote physical fitness, relaxation, and overall well-being, ASTRA offers a refreshing space where the AKC community can unwind beyond academic routines. Students actively use the facility for indoor and outdoor games, fitness activities, and friendly competitions that encourage teamwork and sportsmanship. Faculty members also engage in recreational sports and wellness activities, creating a healthy balance between work and leisure. More than just a sports centre, ASTRA focuses on interaction, stress relief, and a strong sense of campus community, making it an integral part of everyday campus life.

