August, 2026
Monthly Edition

Published by the Directorate of Press and Publications

AKC PULSE

Volume 3, Issue 8 —August, 2026

AHERF
From **Apollo Knowledge City Campus,** Chittoor
Saketa, Murukambattu
Andhra Pradesh, 517127

Celebrating 80 Years of India's Independence

The Directorate of Student Affairs, Apollo Knowledge City, organised the 80th Independence Day on 15th August at the Apollo Knowledge City (AKC) Ground, uniting the institutions TAU, AIMSR, and ACON under the theme "Apollo for India." The event commenced with the reception of Prof. (Dr.) Nitin M. Nagarkar (VC, TAU) and Dr. Anu Nagarkar, followed by a Guard of Honour and the ceremonial unfurling of the National Flag. The celebrations included the Independence day address, patriotic cultural performances, face painting, and a human pyramid. The highlight was the Human Flag Formation – "Apollo for India," symbolising unity, patriotism, and the Apollo community's commitment to nation-building and a Viksit Bharat @2047.









Research to Publication: A Hands-on Workshop

The Directorate of Research, TAU, organised a two-day hands-on workshop, "Research to Publication: A Hands-on Case Study Workshop," on 21–22 August. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Nitin Nagarkar, VC, TAU, as Chief Guest, Mr. S. Anil Kumar, Registrar, as Guest of Honour. **Ms. Pooja Singh, Scientist, ISRO,** served as the resource person and provided practical insights into the research-to-publication process.

TAU Renews MoU with University of Hyderabad

TAU renewed its MoU with the University of Hyderabad on 06 August to strengthen academic collaboration, interdisciplinary research, faculty interaction, and student development in areas including Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Public Health, Psychology, and Optometry.

Campus Events and Activities

The Department of Biomedical Sciences, SoHS, in association with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), conducted the **Startup Idea – Digital Poster Presentation Competition 2026** on 11th August, featuring 74 digital posters across Healthcare, AI & Digital Technologies, and Sustainability for Life. Nine winners were awarded prizes for their innovative presentations.

The **Artificial Intelligence Hackathon 2026** was inaugurated at TAU as a collaborative initiative of the IIC, and Diksuchi EdTech to promote creative problem-solving among students. The hackathon saw the participation of 220 students from 70 educational institutions across 3 districts. Dr. Alfred J. Augustine, Pro-VC (Academics), TAU, was the Chief Guest and encouraged participants to transform ideas into practical innovations.

ACoN conducted a **Continuing Nursing Education session** on "Intravenous Cannulation" on 7th August at DHH,Chittoor, with 46 nursing staff participating. The session included a demonstration of IV cannulation, covering aseptic technique, vein selection, cannula insertion, securing, and safe sharps disposal, along with pre-and post-tests, hands-on learning and an interactive discussion to enhance clinical competency and patient safety.

The Organ Donation Awareness Rally

An Organ Donation Awareness Rally was organised by the Department of Anatomy, AIMSR on 13th August to raise public awareness about organ and body donation, with Prof. (Dr.) Nitin M. Nagarkar, VC, TAU as the Presiding Officer and **Mr. Sumit Kumar, Chittoor District Collector, as the Chief Guest.** Addressing the gathering, the Collector, emphasised the importance of greater public participation in organ donation to help save lives. Students and faculty actively participated in the rally, which aimed to educate the community, and promote awareness about the importance of organ and body donation.





2K Run Organised at AKC on National Sports Day

Directorate of Physical Education, AKC, observed National Sports Day on 29th August with a spirited 2-kilometre run to promote sportsmanship, physical fitness, and healthy lifestyle practices among students.



The run was flagged off at the AKC main gate by Unit Head Mr. S. Balaraj, who emphasised the importance of balancing academics with sports.The event was coordinated by Assistant Directors of Physical Education Mr. Dileep Kumar and Ms. Sumalatha, with ten winning students awarded medals by the Unit Head in recognition of their performance and spirit.

World Breastfeeding Week Programme

ACoN organised a World Breastfeeding Week Programme on 1st August at Government Hospital, Chittoor, to promote awareness about exclusive breastfeeding, correct positioning, and maternal nutrition. A Nutritious Food Exhibition was also organised, with active participation from nursing students, faculty, doctors, hospital staff, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

Recognitions, Acheivements and Awards

Startup Idea – Digital Poster Presentation: Dr. Uday Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of General Surgery; Dr. Savitha Selvam, Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy; and Dr. Babitha, Senior Resident, Department of General Surgery, secured First Prize in the Startup Idea – Digital Poster Presentation, organised by the Dept. of Biomedical Sciences and the IIC, TAU, on 11th August.

Start-Up Grant: Dr. Samapra Vasishta, Department of Biochemistry, AIMSR, as PI and Dr. Yamini P., Department of Ophthalmology, AIMSR, as Co-PI, have received a ₹41.87 lakh Start-Up Grant for Induction into Biomedical & Health Research from the Department of Health Research, GoI, for their project on DNMT1-mediated epigenetic reprogramming in diabetic retinopathy and tear-derived biomarkers.

Third Prize in State-Level PG Hematology Quiz: Dr. Sahithi and Dr. Harika, First-Year PG students from the Dept. of Pediatrics, AIMSR secured 3rd Position in the State-Level PG Hematology Quiz conducted as part of Hematology Update–2026, held on 30th August in Visakhapatnam.

AHERF -Apollo Hospitals Educational and Research Foundation, AKC -Apollo Knowledge City, AIMSR: Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Chittoor, VC-Vice Chancellor, ACoN -Apollo College of Nursing, TAU -The Apollo University, SoHS -School of Health Sciences, DHH -District Headquarters Hospital, IIC -Institution's Innovation Cell, ISRO -Indian Space Research Organisation, MoU -Memorandum of Understanding, IV -Intravenous, PI -Principal Investigator, Co-PI- Principal Investigator, PG - Post-graduation