

Founder's Day 2026: A Celebration of Vision and Legacy

The Founder's Day Celebrations 2026 were conducted at the AKC Campus from **31st January to 5th February 2026** to commemorate and honor the life, vision, and enduring legacy of **Dr. Prathap C. Reddy, Chancellor, The Apollo University, and Founder Chairman, Apollo Hospital Group**. The week-long celebration brought together faculty, students, administrative staff, and campus leadership in a series of activities that reflected the values of service, quality, invention, and social responsibility upheld by the Founder. The celebrations culminated in a grand Valedictory Ceremony on 5th February 2026 at 6:00 PM, bringing together faculty, students, staff, and leadership in a spirit of unity and gratitude.

The celebrations were coordinated under the leadership of Dr. Jinto Mathew, Overall Coordinator, and Vice Principal, Apollo College of Nursing with the support of Associate Coordinators Dr. Shravana Deepthi, Deputy Director - Student Affairs, and Associate Professor, AIMS. Mr. K. Ramesh Kumar, DGM, Facilities, and Dr. Shani S S, Assistant Director, Student Affairs. Their guidance and collaborative efforts ensured smooth planning and execution of all scheduled activities across the campus.

The week commenced with a series of sports activities organized for AKC staff from 31st January to 4th February. These events promoted physical wellness, teamwork, and camaraderie among employees, strengthening interdepartmental. The enthusiasm and sportsmanship displayed throughout the competitions set a vibrant tone for the celebrations. A significant highlight of the celebrations was the Blood Donation Camp conducted on 4th February. Faculty members, students, and staff actively participated in the voluntary donation drive, and exemplified the Founder's philosophy of extending care beyond boundaries and contributing meaningfully to society.

Environmental responsibility was emphasized through a Mass Plantation Drive held on 3rd February across the campus. Faculty, students, and administrative staff participated in planting saplings, and it aligned with the broader vision of nurturing a socially responsible academic community. On 3rd February, the Vividha Playground was formally inaugurated, marking an important step toward enhancing recreational facilities and promoting holistic student development. The new focus on physical well-being and balanced growth alongside academic excellence.

Innovation and entrepreneurship were celebrated with the inauguration of the Incubation Center on 4th February. This milestone initiative aims to promote start-up culture and technological innovation within the campus community. The establishment of the center has provided space for 3 new start-ups to integrating healthcare excellence with forward-thinking enterprise and research. In keeping with the spirit of social outreach, financial assistance was extended to a Government School on 4th February in observance of the Chairman's Birthday. The "Wish Tree" Competition held on 4th February invited students from various institutions and schools to creatively express their gratitude, aspirations, and birthday wishes for the Chairman. The beautifully

decorated Wish Tree became a symbolic representation of collective admiration and inspiration, showcasing the creativity and heartfelt participation of students.

An impactful audio-visual presentation portraying the life journey, milestones, and achievements of Dr. Prathap C. Reddy was screened from 3rd to 4th February for staffs and the first years students. The presentation offered a compelling narrative of his pioneering efforts in healthcare and his unwavering dedication to service and innovation. It served as both a tribute and an inspiration to the entire campus community. On 5th February, a compassionate outreach initiative was undertaken through the distribution of fruits to inpatients at DGH. This act of service extended warmth and care beyond clinical treatment and embodied the humanitarian values championed by the Founder.

A thematic cultural performance titled “Dr. Prathap C. Reddy: Legacy” was presented on 5th February, artistically portraying the Founder’s remarkable journey and transformative impact. The performance was both emotional and inspiring, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.

The celebrations concluded with the Valedictory Ceremony on 5th February, which featured a symbolic cake-cutting ceremony and prize distribution for the winners of various competitions conducted during the week. The event brought together the entire campus in a spirit of pride, reflection, and celebration. Overall, Founder’s Day Celebrations 2026 were conducted with enthusiasm, discipline, and collective participation. The week successfully blended sports, service, sustainability, innovation, and cultural expression, reflecting the multidimensional legacy of Dr. Prathap C. Reddy.