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New Leadership Takes Charge at AKC Campus

The Apollo University and the Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences and Research marked a new chapter with a Leadership Transition Ceremony held on July 2026. Dr. Preetha Reddy assumed office as the Chancellor of The Apollo University, while Prof. (Dr.) Nitin M. Nagarkar took charge as the Vice Chancellor, succeeding Prof.(Dr.) H. Vinod Bhat. The occasion also marked the appointment of Prof. (Dr.) Alfred J. Augustine as Pro Vice Chancellor (Academics) and Prof. (Dr.) Ramya Ramakrishnan as Dean, Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, ushering in a new phase of academic leadership and institutional growth.





Student Acheivement: Mr. Vinay, a II Year, M.Sc. Health Informatics and Analytics student, SoHS, won First Prize and a USD 5,000 cash award at the International Google Cloud Rapid Agent AI Hackathon for his innovative AI solution.

Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign Conducted at AKC



AKC organized an Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan on 24th July, engaging over 600 students. The programme included awareness sessions by officials from the Chittoor Police Department, the Anti-Drug Pledge, and an awareness rally inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Nitin M. Nagarkar, VC, TAU.

Workshops, Rally, Guest Lectures, and Orientation

The Leadership Club, DoSA, organized a **leadership talk** by Major General Paul Deepak Naidu (Retd.) on 25th July, where he shared leadership lessons from his experiences at the Siachen Glacier, highlighting discipline, resilience, teamwork, and mission-oriented leadership while inspiring students to lead with courage.

ACoN, in collaboration with the DMHO, Chittoor, observed **World Population Day** on 11 July. The programme included an awareness rally with 100 NSS volunteers and expert sessions on population stabilization, family planning, birth spacing, and maternal health by officials from the Health Department.

The DoIA, in association with the SoT, organized an online webinar on the **ESIGELEC M.Tech Programme,** where Ms. Vidya Suresh, Head – South Asia Office, ESIGELEC, France, introduced students to admission procedures, scholarships, and international academic and career opportunities in Europe.

The DoTP, in association with the SoT, organized an **orientation on the Google Generative AI** -50-Hour Free Training Program on 28 July with 218 students participating. Dr. M. Punitha, Lead – Strategic Alliances, CareerTiQ, and Mr. Prince Samuel, General Manager, CareerTiQ, introduced students to Generative AI, its applications, certification pathway, and career opportunities.

SoM, organized a **Guest Lecture** on "Entrepreneurship – Visionary Leadership" on 18 July 2026 and Career Guidance Webinar–2 on MBA Hospital and Healthcare Management on 19 July 2026, both delivered by Dr. Ramaiah Itumalla, Dean, SoM.

TAU Bids Farewell to Prof. (Dr.) H. Vinod Bhat

The Apollo University honored its outgoing Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) H. Vinod Bhat, with a grand farewell ceremony felicitataing his leadership and lasting contributions to the institution. The event was attended by Dr. Preetha Reddy, The Chancellor, TAU as the chief guest and portrayed tributes from Apollo leadership, a special commemorative video, and the felicitation of Prof. Bhat and Dr. Parvathi Bhat.



RX-RACE 2026 – South Indian Quiz Competition

The Department of Pharmacology, AIMSR, successfully organized RX-RACE 2026 – South Indian Medical Pharmacology Inter-College Quiz Competition on 4th July. The competition had 151 participants from medical colleges across South India, promoting academic excellence, pharmacology knowledge, and healthy inter-collegiate competition.

ACoN Conducted Workshop on Code Lavender

ACoN, organized a State-Level Workshop on "Code Lavender" on 10 July, with 55 faculty participants. The workshop had sessions by Dr. Kara Kaldawi (Director, Joint MC/HMH Nursing Program, US), Dr. Sujaya Devarayasamudram (Associate Professor, North Carolina Central University,), Paula O'Neill (Manager and Co-founder, Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Raritan Bay Medical Center), and Dr. Catherine Poornaselvam (Faculty, Middlesex College, USA) on managing examination anxiety and promoting student well-being.

Faculty Leadership Development Programme

AIMSR organized a Faculty Leadership Development Programme on 25th July. The resourse persons were Prof. Ravi Mahajan, Director – Research & Innovation and Member, BoM, TAU and Dr. Jugnu Mahajan, Director, Gurooz Healthcare Consultants, UK. Prof. (Dr.) H. Vinod Bhat, Former VC, TAU, and Mr. M. Shivaramakrishnan Venkateswaran, CEO, Apollo Knowledge, who attended virtually. The programme also showcased 17 faculty projects during the session.

Recognitions, Acheivements and Awards

Dr. K.S.L.N. Sunanda Kameswari, Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, AIMSR, secured **II Prize for her paper** titled "Improving Operation Theatre Efficiency Through Structured Anesthesia Team Coordination" at ISACON AP 2026, State Anesthesia Conference held from 24–26 July.

Dr. A. Kishore, Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, was elected Secretary, and Dr. C. Sravana Deepthi, Additional Professor, Department of Community Medicine, was elected Vice-President (Zone 3) of the **Andhra Pradesh Medical Educators Association (APMEA)** during the elections held at APMEDUCON, GIMSR, Visakhapatnam.

Students Family Discount Voucher

AKC launched the Students Family Discount Voucher Initiative by the AHERF, providing students' parents with access to an Executive Health Check package at a subsidized cost along with discounts on inpatient services.



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