

XI. THE PARTICULARS OF FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO CITIZENS FOR OBTAINING INFORMATION

University Museum

Telugus through the Ages Museum has three Galleries. The first Gallery History through Paintings has 52 oil paintings. The second Gallery, Contemporary Art has 124 canvas paintings by eminent artists. The third one , Portrait Gallery displays 220 portraits of Telugu luminaries in various fields and 211 Nataratnas, distinguished stage artists acquired from Dr. Mikkilineni Radhakrishna Murthi.

International Telugu Centre

Formally known as the International Telugu Institute established in 1975, the Centre could be aptly called precursor for the University. At the inception stage, it served as the nucleus of the University. Its main purpose is to serve the Telugus in other states of India and Abroad.

Its principal functions can be classified as follows:

1. Offering Telugu Language Correspondence Course in B.A
2. Correspondence Courses leading to Certificate and Diploma
3. Short-term Orientation Courses for Telugu teachers outside Andhra Pradesh
4. Translation of Text Books in to Telugu from other languages
5. Extending financial assistance to Telugu Schools and Associations outside the State for purchase of Books, Equipment, Construction of Class Rooms etc.
6. Sending cultural troupes to Telugu Associations outside the State
7. Providing of Telugu teaching material through multi-media
8. Conduct of World Telugu Conferences and All India Telugu Conferences
9. Organizing of Memorial Lectures outside the State
10. Establishment of Telugu Chairs in the Universities outside the State
11. Granting of fellowships for students of Telugu University from Abroad
12. Conduct of language contact study tours for Telugu teachers in other States and conduct of Seminars, Lectures, Symposia for their benefit
13. preparation of monographs on prominent Telugu People in other States
14. Publishing a bi-monthly house journal "Telugu Vani" Projecting the activities of Telugu University and Telugu Associations outside the State

Extension services division

This is a major extra-curricular activity of the University as a unified successor of the former five academies mentioned earlier. The duties of the Division are varied and onerous duties to perform in the fields of arts, culture and literature. The following list is illustrative but not exhaustive

1. Annual Awards and felicitations to creative writers, literary critics and people who have opened up new vistas of knowledge in several fields

2. Annual visishta puraskaram of Rs. 50, 000
3. Presentation of Endowment Awards
4. Conduct of Endowment Lectures
5. Financial Assistance to writers for publishing their books
6. Opportunities for young and talented artists by creating platform for their performances
7. Organizing of Cultural Exchange Programmes
8. Conduct of Seminars, Workshops, Cultural and Literary Festivals
9. Participate in Inter-University Youth Festivals.

Publications

For any University, Publications Division constitutes an important component. In the case of Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University, the Division, as the Successor unit of the former Sahitya Academy has assumed wider significance. The University brings art classics, Lexicons, vocational glossaries, treatises, art works on Language, Literature, Music, Dance, Drama, Fine Arts, Folk Arts, Folklore, History, Culture and other subjects including translations. In an average 40 books are brought out annually. The publications of the University are quite popular with the scholars, literary circles and reading public at large. “vyakhya sravathi” is a unique series comprising commentaries by distinguished scholars on kavya prabhandas. Recognizing the imperative need of translation, the University gets outstanding modern and ancient Telugu literary works translated into English and Hindi and publishes them. The University has also taken up a novel scheme of selecting best stories published every year, compiling them and bringing out Telugu, Hindi and English versions. Telugu translation of 11 volumes of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s works and speeches is a major publication venture of the University. “vangmayi” of the University serves as a standard research Journal. There are 250 titles to the credit of the University as on date.

Centre for preparation of Encyclopedia

The former Telugu Basha Samithi established in 1947 for the preparation and publication of Encyclopedias in Telugu, was merged with the Telugu University in 1986 continues its monumental work of preparation of multi-volume subject-wise series. A volume entitled “History and Culture of the Andhras” has been brought out in English. The Centres publication “Andhra Bhasha Charitra” and “Dravida Bhasha Charitra” are in a great demand. So far the Centre has Published 18 volumes in different subjects.

Library

The University has a full fledged unique library with over one lakh titles in Hyderabad. The other campuses also have considerably large unit libraries. The main library, which inherited the books of the former International Telugu Institute and Procured books from various sources has a rare collection of reference books, classics, Compilation of old news papers like Bharathi, Krishna Patrika, Palm-leaf manuscripts, Kaifiyats, rare collection of Microfilms and so on. It also acquired the personal libraries of noted academicians like Nelaturi Venkata Ramanaiah and Mallampalli Somasekhara Sarma which have a rare collection of Books. It has the facility of the micro reader. The Library provides the facility of Xerox.

Department of Audio-Video Documentation

The University has a Documentation Centre, which does video recordings of interviews with eminent personalities above 70 years of age, who have made great contribution to the cultural, social and political eminence of the State. Andhra Pradesh Govt. sanctioned Rs. 20 lakh for this documentation. 55 documentaries are ready to telecast. In this 30 documentaries telecasted by Doordarshan. Similarly, Audio recordings are made of the novels and short stories for Telugus abroad in the voice of the Authors. At present, Doordarshan, Hyderabad is telecasting these documentaries on Saptagiri Channel (Saturday 7:30 p.m.) under the title Telugu Velugulu programme.

Art Gallery

As a long cherished dream of Artists in the State, an Art Gallery was established in Lalitha Kala Kshetram Campus, Public Gardens Hyderabad to exhibit the paintings of artists with all modern facilities inclusive of Air Conditioning.