

I. THE PARTICULARS OF ITS ORGANIZATIONS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

INTRODUCTION

Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University is one of the few language universities in the country. It was established on 2nd December 1985 through an Act of Legislation (Act No. 27 of 1985) as Telugu University with head quarters at Hyderabad and campuses at Srisailam and Rajahmundry. Later in the year 1989 the Siddhendra Kalakshetram at Kuchipudi got merged with the University. The School of Folk and Tribal Lore was established at Warangal during the year 1994. This university was founded with the broad objectives of serving the cause of the Telugu people, both within the State and outside. For this purpose, the state government has merged the Sahitya, Sangeetha, Nataka, Nritya and Lalita Kala Academies, International Telugu Institute and Telugu Bhasha Samithi into the university. Thus, the University was established to function as a central organization for teaching and research in language and literature, history and culture, fine arts and performing arts, religion and philosophy of the Telugu speaking people. It strives to inculcate a sense of identity in them as citizens of India and as responsible representatives of Andhra Pradesh. This university was renamed as Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University in the year 1998. The University Grants Commission has accorded sanction to the University as fit for financial grants since 2.5.1990.

The University has culture-based academics with a four- pronged approach for knowledge dissemination, i.e., Teaching, Research, Publications and Extension Activities. The main aims are:

- 1) To function as a Research Centre in Telugu language, Literature, Fine Arts and Culture;
- 2) To impart training to those residing within and beyond India in studying Telugu language, literature, fine arts, culture and allied subjects;
- 3) To facilitate and regulate advanced study and research in art, culture, music, stage-plays, painting, sculpture, architecture, archaeology, language, literature, grammar, linguistics, history, religion etc.,
- 4) To translate books from other languages into Telugu and vice-versa.
- 5) To develop Telugu as a language of modern knowledge and medium of instruction.
- 6) To compile and publish Telugu words, expressions, colloquial terms, mutual borrowings, words peculiar to industries and other occupations which are used by Telugu speaking people in the State of Andhra Pradesh and also in other countries where Telugu speaking people live.
- 7) To search for and compile epigraphs relating to Telugu language, culture and History and publish them with its findings based on research.
- 8) To provide for research and determine the procedure regarding development of Telugu language embodying in itself all the educational fields existing in the developing world and evolving suitable approach there for.

POTENTIAL FOR EXCELLENCE

1. The areas of potential for this university are mainly the Fine Arts and Performing arts. The faculty of Dance, Music, Theatre Arts, Painting and Sculpture, Folk Arts have proved their capabilities in their respective areas not only within the State but in other places of India and abroad. A few of the students have obtained National Awards in Painting.

2. Some of them have been honoured with State Government awards and Sangeeta Nataka Academi awards and Central Sahitya Academi awards.
3. Almost all the Professors of the University were conferred with the State Government Best Teacher Awards.
4. The School of Folk and Tribal Lore has produced more than 700 video cassettes of documentaries on the culture and arts of different tribals living in and around Andhra Pradesh. These cassettes are extremely valuable in folk and tribal lore research.
5. Most of the Performing Arts faculty and students are associated with electronic media as artistes, directors and writers.
6. The Department of Epigraphy and Written Records at Srisailam is conducting research on Temple Art and Architecture of Andhra Pradesh.
7. The department of journalism is producing many journalists who have made an impact in the fields of print and electronic journalism.
8. The documentaries brought out by the University on eminent Telugu personalities were telecast by the Doordarshan.
9. The two unique programmes of this university are the Department of Lexicography and the Centre for the Preparation of Encyclopedia. They are involved in producing basic material for research which are useful to all disciplines all over the State.
10. The University has 14 colleges (13 from State Government and one private) of Music and Dance under its affiliation, exclusively for the purpose of examinations. The syllabus and examination schedule are prepared by the University, though other academic activities are carried out by the respective colleges. Thus, the curriculum prepared by this university is adapted by all the music and dance colleges of the State.

PHYSICAL FEATURES

The University is spread over Five campuses, i.e. Hyderabad, Rajahmundry, Srisailam, Warangal and Kuchipudi. It has teaching and research in all these campuses. It has two buildings in the main centre, Hyderabad. The building situated at Public Gardens hosts the major teaching departments (staff rooms, seminar libraries and class-rooms) and administrative sections. These also include Publication wing, Extensions Services department and a reading room-cum-library. The second building at Vidyanagar hosts the General Library and Boys' Hostels. The Rajahmundry and Srisailam campuses contain teaching, administrative and hostel buildings.

TOTAL LAND AT PRESENT (2004) IS:		
Hyderabad	Lalithakala thoranam	3.0 ac.
	Telugu Bhavanam complex	1.5 Ac
	Telugu thalli complex (Bachupally)	100 Ac
Sri Sailam		50.0 Ac
Rajahmundry		45.0 Ac
Kuchipudi		4.86 Ac
Warangal		3.4 Ac
Nalgonda		3.0 Ac
Total area in acres		----- 210.76 -----

The University will in future be functioning from the new campus, retaining the other two campuses too. The Evening Courses will be conducted at the Lalita kala toranam campus, which will also host the Museum. The International Centre for Advanced Study in Music, Arts and Culture will be hosted at the Telugu Bhavanam complex.

The University shall have the following powers and functions, namely:-

- to institute degrees, titles, diplomas and other academic distinctions and to provide instructions for such courses of study including the courses of study by correspondence to such persons as are not regular students of the University, as it may determine.
- to confer degrees, titles, diplomas and other academic distinctions on persons who shall have carried out research in the University or in any other centre or institution recognized by the University under conditions prescribed;
- to confer honorary degrees or other academic distinctions in the manner prescribed by the statutes;
- to prescribe conditions under which the award of any degree, title, diploma and other academic distinctions may be withheld.
- to supervise and control hostels and to regulate and enforce discipline among the students of the University and to make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare;
- to co-operate with any other University, authority or association or any other public or private body within or outside India with purposes and objects similar to those of the University on such terms and conditions, as may, from time to time, be prescribed, in respect of such matters as may be agreed upon;
- to institute research posts and appoint persons to such posts;
- to establish and maintain University libraries, research stations museums and press and publication bureau;
- to institute and award fellowships including traveling fellowships, scholarships incentives and prizes in the manner prescribed;
- to establish, maintain or recognize hostels for students of the University and residential accommodation for the staff of the University and to withdraw any such recognition;
- to fix fees and to demand and receive such fees as may be prescribed;
- to hold and manage endowments, medals, prizes and other properties and funds of the University;
- to enter into agreements with other bodies or persons for the purpose of promoting the objects of the University including the assuming of the management of any institution under them and the taking over of its rights and liabilities; and
- to do all such acts and things, whether incidental to the objects and powers aforesaid or not as may be necessary or desirable to further the objects of the University.
- to be open to all persons irrespective of their religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them.