



**ADICHUNCHANAGIRI
UNIVERSITY**

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B G Nagara - 571448, Karnataka, India

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

ACU's SSS (SERVICE TO SOCIETY- A SPIRITUAL OFFERING)

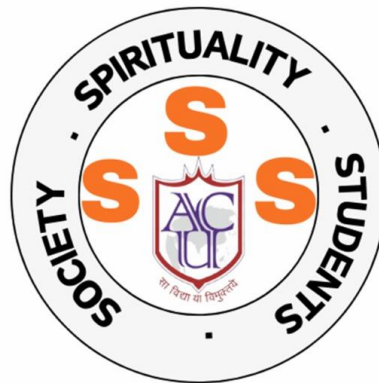
in delivering

Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



QUALITY EDUCATION

- Rural University-KG to PG
- highest scholarships
- 1st generation education
- Diversity and inclusion



HEALTH & WELLBEING

- **SANKALP** (Free plastic Surgery initiative)
- Subsidized medical services
- Organ transplant & Knee replacements
- BGS Walkathon
- Health Camps



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Adichunchanagiri Arogyavani
- Research and innovation
- Village adoptions
- Satsang-building on beliefs



ZERO HUNGER

- Free food in hospital wards



CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

- Sustainable green campus
- Awareness programs (NSS)
- sapling plantations
- Clean environment initiative



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"समाजसेवा साधना चैव सुस्थिर विकासस्य दिशा"(Service to society and spiritual practice as the direction for sustainable development)

Under the guidance of our esteemed Chancellor, Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji, Adichunchanagiri University is driven by their vision, embodying a revered spiritual leader's commitment to prioritizing societal service. Adichunchanagiri University (ACU) functions as an operational body executing programs designed to enhance societal welfare by offering assistance and awareness (guidance) to underprivileged communities. The objectives of ACU are being fulfilled through the following programs, which emphasize global sustainable goals such as health and well-being, food and hunger, quality education, and public awareness.

ZERO HUNGER "अन्नदानेन जीवनं पोषणम्" (Nourishing Lives through the Gift of Food) (SDG 2)

Free food inwards: ACU provides free food for all its inpatients and their caretakers, irrespective of their payment capacity. In the last five years, an approximate average of ₹ 30 lakh rupees has been spent on free food; in 2022-23, the expenditure has risen to ₹ 57 lakhs. Also, the mutt provides free food daily for the visitors.

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING "स्वास्थ्यं सर्वत्र संवर्धनम्" (Promoting Health Everywhere) (SDG 3)

SANKALP: It is a free plastic surgery camp dedicated to transforming the lives of individuals affected by cleft lip, cleft palate, and post-burn contracture and marks. The initiative represents a collaborative effort on both international and national levels, joining forces among ACU, Rotaplast International from the USA, Rotary Bengaluru North (RID: 3192), Rotary Club BG Nagara, and Govt. of Karnataka. The program was initiated in 2006, and 1334 have been registered, of which 1117 have undergone free surgery, costing ACU ₹14 lakhs.



Adichunchanagiri University is conducting the “Free Total Knee Replacement Surgery camp” in association with the AIMS alumni association from 18th Jan 2024 to 20th Feb 2024 in commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Paramapoojya Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji. Fifty patients have already been registered for the surgery, and the expenditure of the program is estimated to be 50 lakhs.

Subsidized medical services: Adichunchanagiri University, through its constituent wing, Adichunchanagiri Hospital and Research Centre, provides subsidized medical services to underprivileged patients visiting for medical aid. ACU has spent an amount of ₹ 2.5 Crores towards free and subsidized treatment during 2022-23 at an average of ₹ 21 lakhs per month.

Free health checkups: ACU regularly organizes camps in its vicinity to facilitate preventive health checkups. ACU has conducted 1256 health camps since 2018, accounting for 62,000 hours of involvement of doctors and technicians, which helped 36,000 patients prevent, diagnose, and treat various ailments. In addition, 180 free eye camps were also conducted as a part of the national program for the prevention of blindness, which benefited around 4729 patients with free cataract surgery and the distribution of spectacles. ACU spent ₹ 28 lakh rupees on these camps in 2022-23.

BGS Walkathon annual events: The event is organized with the theme “Walk Today for Healthier Tomorrow” and is led by the Hon’ble Chancellor of ACU. Every year, 12,000 people, including faculty and students from all the constituent colleges and schools of ACU, the general public, and devotees of Math participate in the program and walk for 5 km to initiate the practice of morning walking among themselves and the society that cost ₹ eight lakhs.

QUALITY EDUCATION "सर्वेषां विद्यायाः समावेशी द्वारा" (Inclusive Gateway to Education for All) (SDG 4)

First-generation education ecosystem: ACU is located on the border of 4 districts and forms an educational hub for the downtrodden and remote villages. The various programs of ACU have effectively fostered a first-generation educational ecosystem (The families in previous generations are uneducated, and the wards are the first generation to get educated) in the region.

ACU prioritizes inclusive education, actively pursuing students from varied socio-economic backgrounds. It provides scholarships and financial aid, ensuring accessibility. With 4,974 students in the current batch, ACU demonstrates inclusivity through encouraging fellowships



to marginalized communities. In the last five years, ten thousand scholarships have been received from various govt schemes along with 996 fee waivers/concessions from ACU, accounting for ₹ 16 crores. Additionally, it boasts a substantial female presence, with 53% of the student population.

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT (SDG 15) "पर्यावरणं रक्षति सः रक्षितः" (He who protects the environment is protected in return)

ACU sprawls across 67 acres of verdant campus, encompassing nearly 60% green coverage with 4585 trees. Engaging in eco-initiatives like Van Mahotsav, SAST planted five crore saplings across Karnataka in collaboration with the government of Karnataka. Regular awareness and cleaning drives (7 programs have been conducted in the vicinity of ACU) are conducted by its NSS wing. Moreover, ACU efficiently manages waste, focusing on reduction and reusing strategies.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES" सेवार्थं ज्ञानविज्ञानसंयोगः" (Integration of knowledge and science for service)

ACU champions community health and education through initiatives like the 'Adichunchanagiri Aarogyavaani' program, with **14 broadcasts** since **November 2023** on **AIR Hassan 102.2**, enriching public health awareness. This commitment is bolstered by engaging online content and a dedicated YouTube channel. ACU boasts 565 publications and 76 patents over five years in research and innovation, targeting health advancements and societal well-being. The Clinical Trials Centre (CTC) further underscores this mission, achieving significant milestones in health research, including early completion of four critical protocols.

The University also has adopted a village, Bramhadevarahalli, to develop the same as a model village by providing basic facilities and awareness programs.

Monthly Satsang, orchestrated by the chief pontiff, convenes about **1500** individuals, including devotees and the general public, to impart the core principles of spirituality and its transformative practices for enhancing overall well-being.