Bridge Course on

INDIAN HERITAGE & CULTURE

International Student Guide

Sri Padmavathi Mahila Visvavidyalayam
(Women's University)
Andhra Pradesh, India
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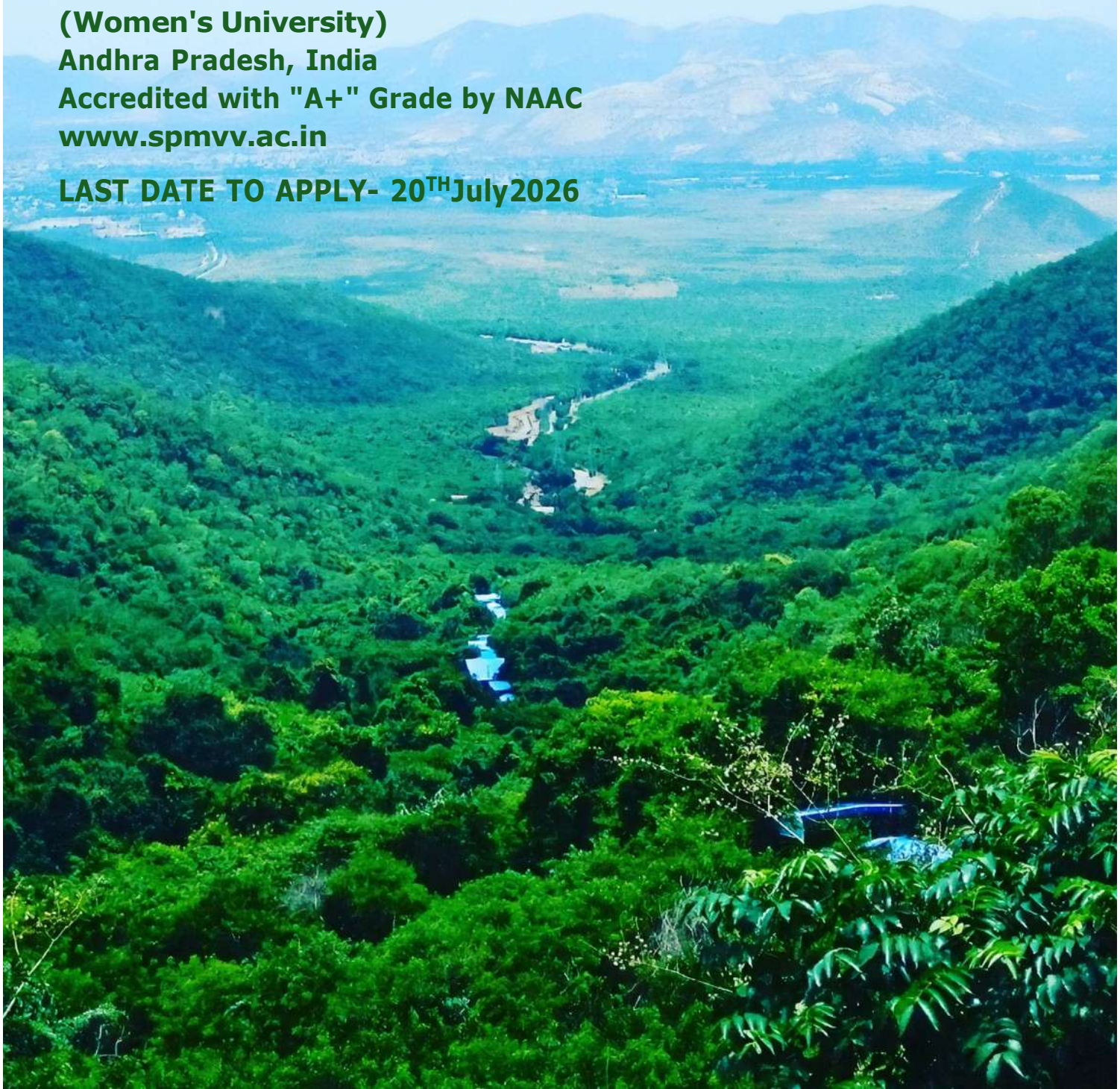
LAST DATE TO APPLY- 20TH July2026



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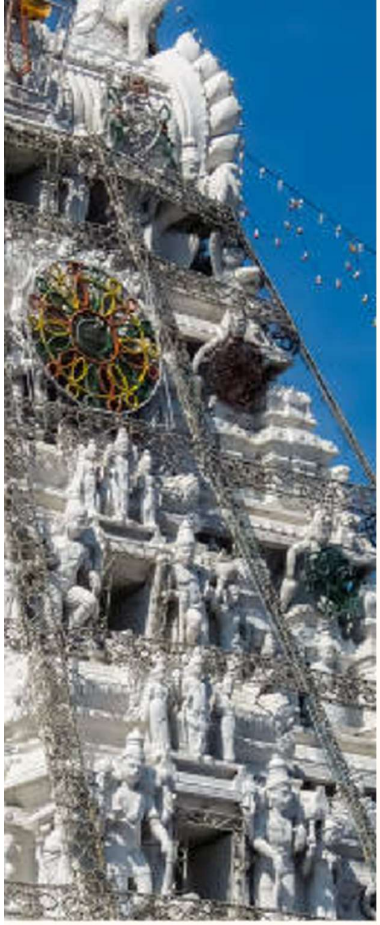


INTRODUCTION

The Bridge Course on Indian Heritage and Culture provides an immersive academic and cultural experience for international female students. Conducted by the Centre for International Relations (CIR) at SPMVV under the PM-USHA scheme, it focuses on India's diverse heritage, traditions, and cross culture exchanges.

WHO CAN APPLY-

Female students from Singapore, Thailand, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Sweden, the USA, the UK, Vietnam, and RENPER member countries, as well as international students pursuing their studies in Indian universities, are eligible to apply.

Duration: 6 days
Venue: Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati
Last date to apply: 20th July 2026

Course Objectives-

- **To introduce holistic well-being through Yoga and Meditation.**
- **To enhance understanding of Indian heritage, culture, traditions, music, dance, and cuisine.**
- **To encourage community engagement and experiential learning.**
- **To foster intercultural understanding through cultural exchange.**

Established in 1983, Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam is India's second women's public university, accredited with NAAC A+ and ISO 21001:2018. With over 6,500 students, it offers programs in sciences, social sciences, engineering, nursing and pharmacy.

The Centre for International Relations promotes student exchange, joint research, dual degrees and international cultural events with partner universities worldwide.

Tirupati and Course Structure

Tirupati — honored as India's Best Heritage City — blends spiritual depth with modern education. Located in Andhra Pradesh, it is home to the famous Tirumala Venkateswara Temple and many heritage and natural sites.

Popular Attractions: Tirumala Temple, Kapila Theertham, Talakona Waterfalls, Chandragiri Fort, Zoological Park, Planetarium, Kalamkari Art Centres, Sri City Eco Zone.

COURSE SCHEDULE : 9.08-2026-15.08.2026

9 August 2026 –

Arrival and check-in at the campus hostel.

15 August 2026 -

Closing Ceremony. Participants may depart on the same day or the following day (16 August 2026).

Note- A detailed schedule of activities will be shared at a later date.

SPMVV's campus is safe, eco-friendly and women-exclusive. Students enjoy comfortable hostels, vegetarian meals and a scheddle combining learning, yoga and cultural activitie.

Nearest Airport: Chennai (130 km from Tirupati). Free pickup is arranged. Carry passport, visa and ID copies and inform Centre of International Relations of arrival details a week in advance.
Local transport includes autos, Ola taxis and buses; university vehicles handle official visits.

SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTs

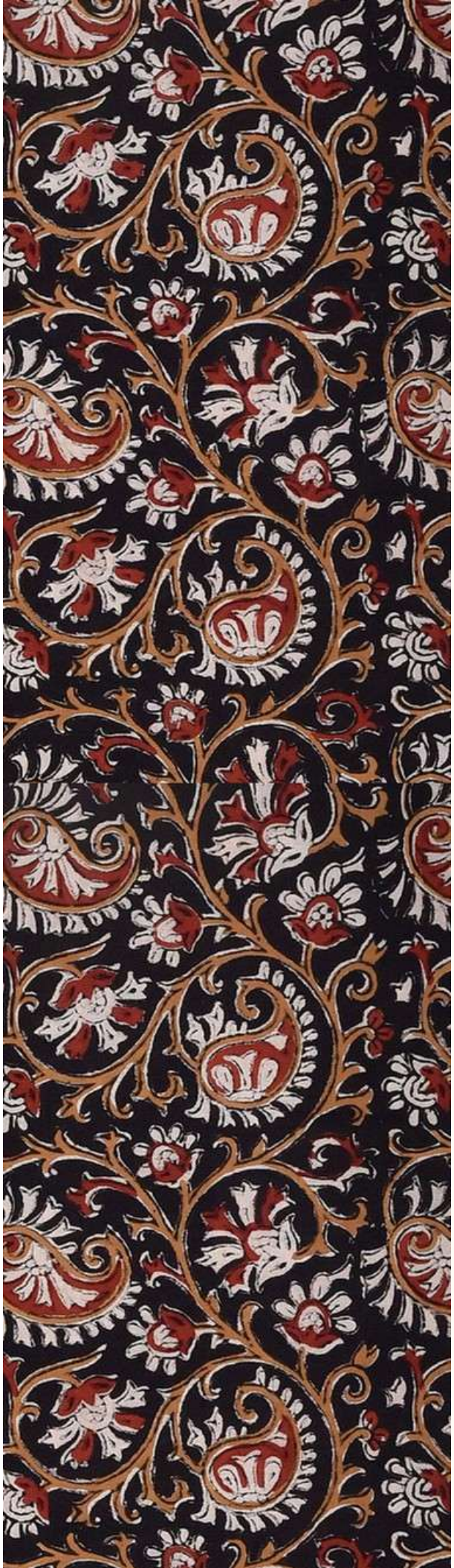
Opening a Bank Account
Banks: SBI, HDFC, ICICI, Canara. Bring passport, visa, university letter, photos and hostel proof. Accounts can be Savings or NRO.

Getting a SIM Card Providers:
Jio, Airtel, VI. Submit passport and visa copies + photo. Activation in 12–24 hours. Recharge online or via shops.

Shopping & Essentials Supermarkets:
D-Mart, Reliance Smart, More Local Bazaars: Gandhi & Prakasam Road for clothes and souvenirs Digital payments (GPay, Paytm) widely accepted

Healthcare
On-campus clinic available.
Nearby hospitals: SVIMS and Apollo. Emergency numbers: 108 (ambulance), 100 (police), 101 (fire).

Transport
Auto-rickshaws, Ola taxis and Rapido bikes for short trips. Trains and buses connect Tirupati to Chennai and Bangalore..



APPLICATION & SUMMARY

APPLICATION PROCESS

Fill out the Bridge Course Application Form (Appendix I).

Attach: CV, Passport copy, Transcripts, Photo, University Letter, 250-word Statement of Purpose.

Email to cirpmushaspmvv@gmail.com (CC: spmvvpmusharp@gmail.com)

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The SPMVV Bridge Course unites learning and cultural exploration in India's spiritual heart — Tirupati.

Through workshops, yoga, heritage visits and community exchange, students gain academic insight and personal growth.