

 **Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam (SPMVV)**

 **(Women’s University)**

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**TIRUPATI-517 502**

 **ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA**

 **Centre for International Relations**

 **(Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan)**

 **Activity-14.4 PM-USHA**

 **Bridge Course on Indian Heritage and Culture**

**SPMVV invites application from Female International Students to participate in a Bridge Course on Indian Heritage and Culture**

Are you transitioning between fields of study or preparing for the next level in your education? Whether you’re eager to explore a new cultural perspective, our **Bridge Course on Indian Heritage and Culture** offers a unique opportunity to expand your horizons.

Designed for International students, this course helps you to immerse in the vibrant traditions, history and philosophies of India. It’s perfect for those who want to strengthen their academic foundation and gain a deeper appreciation of one of the world’s oldest living cultures.

No matter your background or field of study, if you're curious about India and passionate about learning, these 10 days programme is your gateway to your cultural enrichment.

**Discover India Through Culture and Learning**

India, known for its rich traditions, music, dance, and deep reservoirs of knowledge, is a land of diverse cultures unified by harmony. From art and architecture to yoga and philosophy, Indian culture offers a holistic learning experience.

To foster global academic exchange, the Centre for International Relations (CIR) at Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam (SPMVV) proposes a 10-day Bridge Course for international students from Singapore, Thailand, Nepal, Bhutan, Srilanka, Malaysia, Sweden, USA, UK and Vietnam. This program aims to strengthen international partnerships and offer a unique introduction to Indian heritage and culture.

**Objectives:**

* Experience the benefits of Yoga and Meditation
* Foster Understanding of Indian Heritage and Cultural Diversity
* Promote Community Engagement ((Interaction with School children, farmers, women in villages etc.)
* Enhance Cultural Awareness through lectures and Visits to Tourist Sites in Tirupati.
* Expose Students to Indian Classical and Folk Dance and Music
* Encourage Cross-Cultural Exchange and experiences

**Day 1 - Arrival**

**Day 2 - Promote Well-being and Tour to SPMVV**

Conduct of sessions in Yoga and Meditation to encourage physical and mental wellness and Interaction on Indian (Dravidian) languages.

**Day- 3 Introduce Indian Heritage**
Organization of one**-day workshop** highlighting key aspects of Indian history, philosophy, and cultural diversity.

**Day – 4 Encourage Community Engagement**
Interactive sessions with **school children, farmers, and women in local villages** to build cross-cultural understanding.

**Day - 5 Industrial Visit:** Chennai – Innovation Hub

**Day - 6 Celebrate Indian Arts**

Conduct a **music and dance workshop** showcasing classical and folk forms.

**Day - 7 Explore Local Attractions**

Visits to **notable tourist sites** to experience the region’s heritage and natural beauty.

**Day - 8 Savor Indian Cuisine**
Offer a **cooking workshop** focused on preparing authentic traditional Indian dishes.

**Day - 9 Foster Cultural Exchange**
Organize a **cultural program** in collaboration with SPMVV students to share performances and experiences.

**Day - 10 Departure**

**Eligibility criteria**

* Applications are hereby invited from currently enrolled International students pursuing undergraduate or postgraduate studies for participation in the programme. Check for Guidelines and Application **(Appendix- 1)**

**Benefits:**

1. No Registration Fee
2. Free On-Campus Accommodation
3. Local transport To & Fro from the nearest airport to University will be provided
4. Field visits are arranged by the university
5. Traditional Indian meals will be provided on campus
6. Certificate of Participation

**General Guidelines**

1. International Travel cost and other expenses must be borne by selected participants.
2. The selected participants are responsible to obtain a valid visa if selected.

**Important Dates:**

**Application Release date:** 31st May, 2025

**Application submission date:** 15th July, 2025

**Announcement of Results:**  10th August, 2025

**Commencement of Programme:** 4th Week of October, 2025

**No. of Participants:** 10

**Countries:** Students are from these countries (Singapore, Thailand, Nepal, Bhutan, Srilanka, Malaysia, Sweden, USA, UK, Vietnam) are invited to apply.

**About SPMVV:**

Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam (Women’s University) was established in the year 1983 the fervent desire to train women students as better builders of the Nation and to inculcate skills of leadership in all aspects of life. The University functions across four Schools viz., School of Sciences, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Management, School of Nursing and School of Engineering and Technology. It offers around 50 programmes. The University providesa stimulating and vibrant campus atmosphere with more than 6500 girl students on campus

**About SPMVV**: Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam (University for Women) was founded in the year 1983 the fervent desire to train women students as better builders of the Nation and to inculcate skills of leadership in all aspects of life. SPMVV is accredited with NAAC A+. SPMVV is in the band width of 50-100 NIRF State Public University ranking.

The university received 100 crores INR (USD 12.7 million dollars) under PM-USHA (Pradhan Mantri uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan) Scheme which further strengthen University Infrastructure, Lab Facility, International Academic & Research Activities. Bridge course is offered to international students under PM-USHA.

**About CIR**

The Center for International Relations (CIR) at the University coordinates academic and research programs, including entrepreneurial events. The Center for International Relations Office acts as nodal centre to facilitate strategic international linkages between Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam (Women’s University) and different foreign Universities and Institutions for academic and research collaborations.The CIR facilitates student and faculty exchanges , Dual Degree Programs, Ph.D programmes, Advanced Diploma in Music and Dance to Indian diaspora in association with knowledge partners etc..

**Location of SPMVV**

SPMVV Located in the quaint city of Tirupati in the state of Andhra Pradesh in southern India. The city was named “Best Heritage City” by India’s Ministry of Tourism. University is 24kms away from International Airport, Tirupati. There are metro cities located near to Tirupati i.e, Chennai and Bangalore. Chennai is at 130kms and Bangalore is at a distance of 240kms. Both Chennai and Bangalore have international airports.