

# Rajya Sabha Passes Central Universities (Amendment), Bill, 2023 for establishment Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in Telangana

Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal university to cater to regional aspirations, enhance quality education and promote research among tribal communities—  
Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

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The Rajya Sabha on December 13, 2023 passed the Central Universities (Amendment), Bill, 2023 further to amend the Central Universities Act, 2009 for establishment Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University at Mulugu in the State of Telangana. The Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

Speaking on the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2023 in [#RajyaSabha](#).  
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— Dharmendra Pradhan (@dpradhanbjp) [December 13, 2023](#)

Union Minister for Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan in his response to the discussion on the Bill in Rajya Sabha said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, yet another promise made to the people of Telangana has been fulfilled. He thanked all the MPs who voted to make this bill a reality. The passage of the bill reflects the collective commitment to improve access and quality of higher education in the country, he added.

Shri Pradhan added that the university will cater to the regional aspirations for years to come, enhance quality and promote research among tribal communities, including in subjects such as tribal art, culture, customs and traditional knowledge systems. The university will be a harbinger of progress for our tribal brothers and sisters across states, he emphasised.

He mentioned that the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Act, 2019 ensured the rights of SC/ST/OBC/EWS of reservation envisaged under the Constitution.

He informed about the Balvatika initiative, which includes activities like Jaadui Pitara, has been started for 3-5 year kids to inculcate teaching-learning methods. The Skill-based education & training has been started in schools, he added.

Shri Pradhan also highlighted the international acceptance of NEP. He informed that Iran has done a Persian translation of NEP 2020 to implement the policy in Iran and Mauritius has sought cooperation in developing an institution, similar to NCERT in their country.

The University will be established at a cost of Rs. 889.07 crore. In the University, there will be graduate, postgraduate and Doctoral level courses under the five schools having 11 departments. A total of 2790 UG and PG students are proposed for the initial seven years of operation of this Tribal University. The establishment of this University will create direct employment in the form of faculty and non-faculty positions. Besides, it will also create employment avenues through outsourcing/ contractual basis. It will result in developing surrounding areas through several services and commercial activities which in turn will generate indirect employment opportunities.

The University has been named “Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University” on the mother and daughter, Sammakka and Saramma (commonly known as Sarakka), who are believed to be manifestations of Adi Parashakti sent to protect the tribal communities of Telangana.

**THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

**PASSED BY PARLIAMENT**

**Big Push to Tribal Education**

- Amendment to the Central Universities Act, 2009 to set up Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University *in Telangana*
- New University will improve access & quality of higher education.
- New University will remove regional imbalances.
- Advance research in tribal art, culture and traditional knowledge systems for peoples benefit.

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