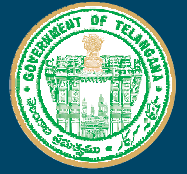


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Message from Chairman's desk....

TGCHE: Transforming Higher Education

"Education must provide life-building, man-making, character-making assimilation of ideas."

-Swami Vivekananda

The Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) is leading the charge in driving transformative changes in higher education. Our overarching goal is to make higher education accessible, affordable and of the highest quality for individuals in need, regardless of their socio-economic background. We firmly believe that quality education should not be a privilege reserved only for those who can afford it.

At TGCHE, we stand with those in need, providing world-class education at an affordable cost without compromising on quality. By leveraging technology, promoting innovation, and enhancing accessibility, we are dedicated to breaking down barriers to education and ensuring that every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and excel.

TGCHE's Three Pillars

Accessibility: Accessibility is a cornerstone of our mission. Through digital platforms, online learning resources, and technology-driven solutions, we are expanding the reach of higher education to remote and underserved areas. This not only increases access but also equips students with the skills necessary for a technology-driven future.

Affordability: Affordability is another key focus. We recognize the criticism that quality education is

often reserved for the wealthy. At TGCHE, we aim to offer cost-effective programs and state-funded scholarships, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder students' dreams and ambitions.

Quality: Quality remains our uncompromising priority. Employability of graduates is a pressing concern, as many students face challenges due to skill gaps and a shortage of qualified educators. At TGCHE, we are committed to enhancing the employability of our graduates by emphasizing outcome-based education, strengthening faculty development programs, and fostering research and innovation. Our initiatives address the shortage of teachers, improve the quality of teaching, and ensure that our institutions produce competent, skilled, and job-ready graduates.

In essence, TGCHE stands as a beacon of hope and progress in the field of higher education. Our vision is to transform Telangana into a hub of academic excellence, where every individual, regardless of their background, has access to quality education that paves the way for personal and professional success. Together, let us pave the way for a brighter, more innovative future in education.

Prof. (Dr.) V Balakista Reddy

Editorial

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the **Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) Newsletter.**

We are excited to launch this inaugural edition of the TGCHE Newsletter, a re-iteration of our continued progress in transforming the higher education landscape of Telangana. Through this publication, we aim to showcase the significant strides we are making in fostering an educational ecosystem that is robust, inclusive, and forward-thinking.

At TGCHE, our mission is simple yet impactful—to create an educational framework that empowers every learner to reach their full potential. In a world that is rapidly evolving due to technological advancements, globalization, and societal shifts, it is imperative that higher education not only adapts but leads. We are committed to shaping an educational landscape that not only produces graduates but also cultivates global citizens—equipped with the skills, knowledge, and values necessary to thrive in the 21st century.

Transformative Initiatives

One of the cornerstones of our initiatives is the T-SAT Network, a transformative digital platform that is democratizing education across Telangana. This network bridges the educational divide between urban and rural areas, providing students with access to a wealth of resources, online lectures, and skill-building programs, ensuring that every learner has the opportunity to succeed.

Beyond expanding digital education, TGCHE is also dedicated to enhancing research and innovation across our universities. By forging strategic partnerships with industries,

international institutions, and fostering Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) collaborations, we are creating avenues for groundbreaking research, faculty development, and the establishment of state-of-the-art learning environments. These efforts ensure that our students and faculty have the resources to excel in an increasingly interconnected world.

Our broader vision is to establish Telangana as a hub for academic excellence, where education transcends the confines of degrees and certifications to promote lifelong learning, critical thinking, and meaningful societal contributions.

Post-Pandemic Priorities

As we transition into a post-pandemic world, TGCHE is committed to the imperative of upholding the highest standards in delivering accessible, affordable, and quality education. We are reshaping curricula to integrate skill-based learning, promote Academic Social Responsibility (ASR), and prioritize employability. These initiatives are designed to ensure that our graduates are not just job-ready but are also equipped with the leadership skills to drive positive change in their communities and beyond.

We are determined to leverage the challenges brought on by the pandemic as a catalyst for innovation, ensuring that every learner in Telangana is empowered to succeed in a rapidly evolving global landscape.

Together, let us inspire, innovate, and lead the way toward a brighter, more inclusive future for education in Telangana.

Editorial Board

Empowering Accessible, Affordable, and Applied Higher Education Opportunities for All Citizens of Telangana

In a rapidly evolving world, access to quality education is essential for empowering individuals to adapt, innovate, and contribute meaningfully to society. It equips people with the skills and knowledge needed to navigate complex global challenges, drive economic growth, and foster social progress. Quality education opens doors to personal and professional opportunities, enabling individuals to reach their full potential and participate actively in shaping a better future for all.

Telangana, a state in southern India, has made significant strides in recent years to expand access to higher education for its citizens. The state government has recognized the importance of ensuring that higher education opportunities are not only accessible but also affordable and tailored to the specific needs of the local population.

With this ideology in mind the Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) aims to establish a comprehensive framework that ensures education is accessible to every individual in various forms. Our goal is to create an environment that not only facilitates learning but also empowers individuals to excel on a global scale. By providing a range of educational resources and support systems, the Council seeks to nurture talent and foster a culture of excellence that transcends local boundaries, enabling individuals to thrive in a competitive international landscape. Thus, we envisioned a system that reflects a commitment to inclusivity and innovation in education, recognizing that diverse educational pathways can unlock opportunities for personal and professional growth.

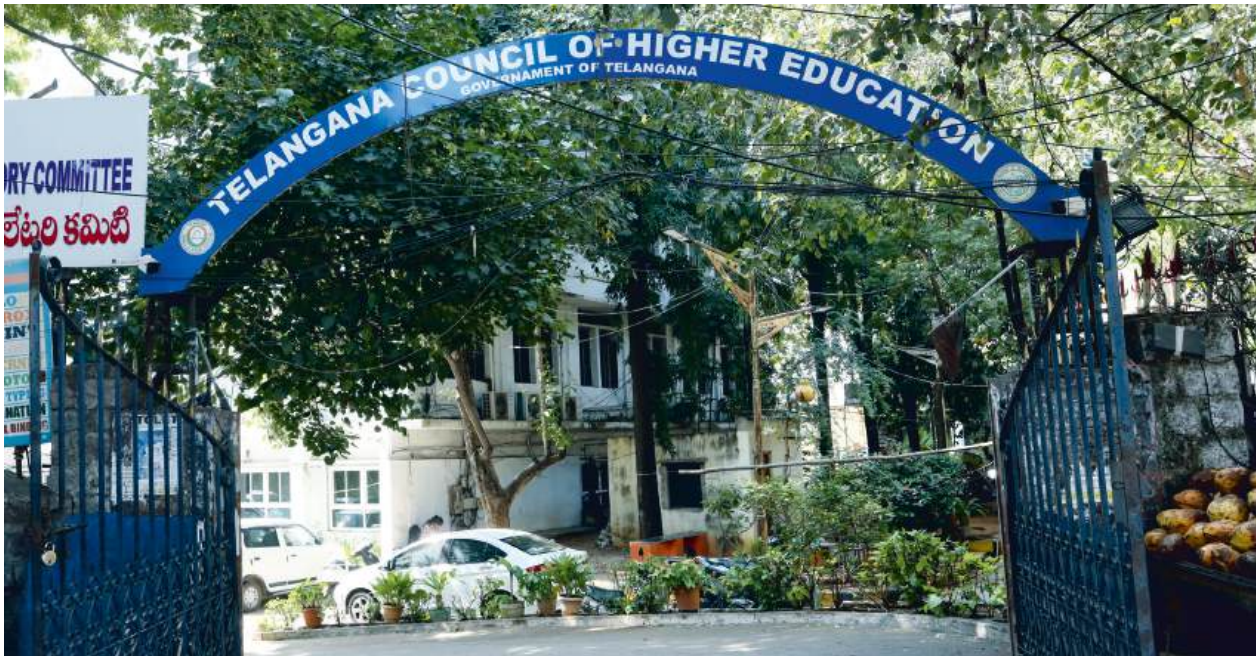
VISION

To shape a future where education serves as a transformative force, accessible to every deserving student, and promotes growth, self-reliance, and social progress across the state of Telangana.

MISSION

The mission of the Telangana Council of Higher Education is to deliver higher education to the doorstep of the needy at an affordable cost, without compromising quality, to create an inclusive environment that integrates knowledge with practical skills, supported by technology and expert guidance, to help students build successful careers, and to inspire innovative thinking and a culture of lifelong learning.

About TGCHE



The Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) is a statutory body established by the Government of Telangana to oversee, regulate, and enhance the quality of higher education in the state. Serving as a pivotal advisory institution, TGCHE plays a critical role in planning and coordinating academic programs across universities and colleges within Telangana.

TGCHE advises the government on policy formulation, including recommendations for establishing new universities, colleges, and academic courses that align with emerging trends and societal needs. It is tasked with setting and maintaining academic standards across institutions, ensuring that curricula, teaching methodologies, and evaluation systems meet both national and global benchmarks.

As a coordinating body, TGCHE acts as a bridge between universities, colleges, and the state government, fostering collaboration on academic and administrative fronts. The Council also administers state-level Common Entrance Tests (CETs), such as EAPCET, ECET, ICET, EdCET, PECET, and LAW CET, facilitating admissions to programs in engineering, pharmacy, management, law, and other professional fields.

Committed to faculty development, TGCHE organizes workshops, training programs, and seminars to elevate the quality of teaching and research. It supports research and innovation by providing grants and promoting industry-academic collaborations. Furthermore, the Council prioritizes quality assurance by focusing on the accreditation, assessment, and ranking of institutions, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and accountability in higher education.

Since its inception, TGCHE has significantly contributed to the growth of higher education in Telangana. Its focus on equitable access, quality enhancement, and fostering a research-driven academic environment has been instrumental in aligning the state's higher education system with national frameworks like the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Additionally, TGCHE actively promotes digital learning and works to expand opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds. By driving educational reforms, improving governance in universities, and supporting innovative pedagogical practices, the Telangana Council of Higher Education continues to play a transformative role in shaping the future of higher education in Telangana.

Taking charge as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of (TGCHE)



On October 17, 2024, at 3:10 PM, **Prof. (Dr.) V Balakista Reddy** former Registrar and Professor of Law at NALSAR University, officially took charge as the **Chairman** of the **Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE)**

As the new Chairman of the **Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE)**, Prof. V. Balakista Reddy outlined a forward-thinking vision to enhance job prospects for students through the integration of modern technology and technical skills into the curriculum. He emphasized the need to develop affordable, technology-driven educational programs that will enable students in **Telangana** to thrive in a competitive, globalized world.

In his address to the media, Prof. Reddy spoke about the transformative impact of

globalization, digitalization and the COVID-19 pandemic, stressing that the 21st century is set to be dominated by **Asia**, particularly **India**, with its growing young population. He highlighted the importance of preparing students to leverage these demographic advantages through the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and digital tools.

Building on his experience at **NALSAR University**, Prof. Reddy proposed updating university curricula to incorporate technology-driven courses that align with current global trends and future job market



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demands. He also called for a stronger focus on research and innovation, with the aim of creating a more tech-savvy and future-ready workforce.

Prof. Reddy reaffirmed the role of state universities as key drivers of talent development and committed to ensuring that higher education in Telangana remains accessible, affordable, and relevant to the rapidly evolving digital landscape. With technology integration at the core of his strategy, he vowed to support the state government's efforts to modernize higher education and empower students for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

TGCHE's transformative Initiatives to revamp Telangana educational landscape Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman, TGCHE has embarked on transformative initiatives which are set to reshape the educational landscape of the state. Prof. Reddy is committed to modernizing higher education by emphasizing skill development, research, and innovation, aligning it with global standards.

One of his key priorities is to overhaul university curricula, ensuring that students are equipped with industry-relevant skills in emerging fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Cyber security, and Data Science. Prof. Reddy envisions leveraging digital platforms like the T-SAT Network to make high-quality education accessible across Telangana, particularly in remote and underserved regions.

In addition to academic reforms, Prof. Reddy aims to foster a culture of research and innovation. He is promoting collaborations with industry and international institutions, establishing dedicated research centers, and securing increased funding for groundbreaking projects. By emphasizing

Academic Social Responsibility (ASR), he encourages universities to contribute to societal development through community outreach and skill enhancement programs.

To bridge the gap between education and employability, Prof. Reddy plans to set up skill development centers, offer certificate courses and forge industry partnerships. These initiatives will help prepare graduates for the job market and enhance their professional prospects. Furthermore, Prof. Reddy is focused on strengthening Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) to improve infrastructure, faculty training and provide students with practical, real-world exposure.

His vision also includes global outreach initiatives to promote international collaborations, giving students a broader, global perspective. Recognizing the importance of transparency and good governance, Prof. Reddy plans to implement accountability frameworks and performance assessments to restore trust in state universities.

Inclusivity is a core focus of Prof. Reddy's strategy. He aims to provide scholarships, fee waivers, and support for the marginalized communities, ensuring equal access to education for all. In his efforts to revitalize state universities, Prof. Reddy is conducting comprehensive reviews and implementing reforms to elevate academic standards, with the goal of restoring these institutions as centers of excellence.

Through these innovative and forward-thinking initiatives, Prof. Reddy is poised to transform Telangana's higher education system, making it inclusive, future-ready, and globally competitive.

Chairman of TGCHE and Vice Chancellors meet Governor & Chief Minister



Prof. Balakista Reddy, Chairman, Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) along with newly appointed Vice Chancellors of the Telangana State Universities have called on the Hon'ble Governor Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad today on dt.23.10.2024.

Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), along with the newly appointed Vice-Chancellors of all state universities, met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at his residence in Jubilee Hills on November 2, 2024. During the meeting, the Chief Minister called for a complete overhaul of the university system, inspired by the legacy of previous Vice Chancellors. He stressed the urgent need to address the growing issue of drug abuse on campuses and urged immediate measures to combat it.

Revanth Reddy emphasized the importance of restoring public confidence in state universities, expressing concern over their declining reputation. He directed the VCs to conduct thorough assessments of their institutions' operational efficiency, potentially involving external consultancies, and to submit detailed reports. The Chief Minister warned that any neglect of responsibility would lead to strict action while assuring full support to VCs who perform well.



Profile of Chairman, Prof. V. Balakista Reddy

*"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."
- John C. Maxwell*



Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana Higher Education Council (TGCHE), is a distinguished academic and legal expert in International Law. Formerly, he served as Dean of the School of Law at Mahindra University and held pivotal roles at NALSAR University of Law, including Vice-Chancellor and Registrar. With an LL.M in International Law from Osmania University and an M.Phil and Ph.D. in International Air and Space Law from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Dr. Reddy has over 25 years of teaching and research experience. He has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Meritorious State Teachers Award by the Government of Telangana in 2017 and NALSAR's Excellence in Research Award in 2021.

Dr. Reddy's expertise in International Air and Space Law has been acknowledged globally. He has presented papers at prestigious forums such as the United Nations and was instrumental in bringing the coveted the Nobel Peace Prize Award Winning Institute De Droit

International (IDI) (Institute of International Law) to NALSAR for holding its 78th Session from September 3-10, 2017. NALSAR is the first institute in India and the second in Asia to host this session over last hundred fifty years and saw participation of more than 100 members belonging to 65 different countries including distinguished judges, jurists, arbitrators and practitioners associated with the settlement of international disputes.

Dr. Reddy has been a member of the Drafting Committee constituted by Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for the Drafting of Model Space Legislation for India and the Sensitization Programme on WTO/GATS and Globalization of Legal Profession: Opportunities and Challenges for Indian Legal Fraternity. He is instrumental in bringing various projects and drafting numerous legislations for the Government of India and the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. His DRDO-funded research on "Transfer of Technology in Indian Defence Sector: IPR Issues and Challenges" highlights his contributions to the defence sector.

As the Director, Centre for Aerospace and Defence Laws (CADL), Dr. Reddy has pioneered innovative and value-added courses in aviation, space, defence and maritime laws, namely: Master's in Aviation Law and Air Transport Management (MALATM); Master's in Security and Defence Laws (MSDL); Master's in Space and Telecommunication Laws (MSTL); Master's in Maritime Laws; Post-Graduate Diploma in Aviation Law and Air Transport Management (PGDALATM); Post-Graduate Diploma in GIS and Remote Sensing Laws (PGD-GISRSL); Post-Graduate Diploma in Advanced Maritime Laws (PGD-AML). The objectives of these courses are to cater to the needs of unprecedented growth in the country's aerospace, defence and maritime activities and the calls for thousands of skilled human resources to meet the managerial

requirements of rapidly growing airports, airlines, aerospace, defence, telecommunication and maritime sectors.

As the Director, Centre for Tribal and Land Rights (CTLR), Dr. Reddy has acted as a Research and Project Director to draft various legislations for the Central Government and the State Governments of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. To name a few, he has spearheaded the drafting of 112 State Legislations on Revenue and Land Laws for the State of Telangana; Telangana Juvenile Justice Act, 2015; Telangana (Agricultural Produce and Livestock) Markets Act 2016; Andhra Pradesh Right of Youth to Skill Development Bill 2016; Andhra Pradesh Land Acquisition (Resettlement and Rehabilitation) Bill 2016; Telangana Land Acquisition (Resettlement and Rehabilitation) Bill 2017; and Telangana (Agricultural Produce and Livestock) Amendment Rules 2017; Telangana Right of Public Service Delivery Bill 2017; Telangana Municipalities Draft Bill, 2019 etc.,

As the Coordinator, M.K. Nambyar SAARC Law Centre, Prof. Reddy, has played an important role in organizing various National and International Conferences, Workshops and has published Newsletters, Books, and Articles in SAARCLAW Field. The Conferences include the 10th, 11th and 12th South Asian Teaching Sessions on International Humanitarian Law, during the years 2007-2009, in which 50 delegates from all SAARC Nations participated each year. Further, the Centre also conducted a National Workshop on "SAARC Trade Relations: Legal Issues and Challenges" in 2010, an International Conference on "Promoting Intraregional Trade in South Asia: Role of SAARC" in 2011 and International Conference on 'Water Sharing in the SAARC Region: Legal Issues and Challenges', in 2017.

A prolific writer, Dr. Reddy has contributed extensively to various national and international journals on different facets of International law. His books on (1) Air Law and

Policy in India (1994) (2) Recent Trends in International Space Law and Policy (1997) and (3) Emerging Trends in Air and Space Law, (2007) (4) Space Law and Contemporary Issues (2012) (5) Aviation and Space Industry, Future of Transport: Opportunities and Challenges (2023), have won international acclaim. Prof. Reddy is also the Editor-in-Chief of the Indian Journal of Air and Space Law, Indian Journal of Defence and Maritime Laws, M.K. Nambyar SAARC Law Journal and Mahindra Journal of Law & Technology.

At Mahindra University, Dr. Reddy headed numerous innovative initiatives aimed at enhancing academic quality and fostering holistic legal education. He developed a comprehensive Research Manual to streamline academic research and reformed the curriculum's assessment patterns to emphasize practical learning and continuous evaluation. Dr. Reddy also organized high-impact academic events, including an International Conference and the university's First International Moot Court Competition, providing students with global exposure and practical legal training. He established a Legal Aid Cell to offer free legal assistance to marginalized communities. Part of University Social Responsibility he conducted training programs for police personnel on the New Criminal Laws. Through these initiatives, Dr. Reddy significantly strengthened Mahindra University's academic ecosystem and societal impact.

Under his mentorship 16 candidates have completed their Ph.Ds., while seven more are currently pursuing their doctorates. Reddy's dedication and administrative acumen have greatly contributed to strengthening legal education and social justice in India. His efforts helped in securing substantial annual grants from the Telangana Government during his tenure as Registrar, highlighting his exceptional administrative and legislative acumen.

Profile of Vice-Chairman-I, Prof. Etikaala Purushotham



Prof. Etikaala Purushotham is a distinguished academic, researcher, and administrator, currently serving as Vice-Chairman-I of the Telangana Council of Higher Education (TCHE), Government of Telangana. He assumed this role on October 17, 2024, after over 30 years of experience in academia and higher education administration. Throughout his career, Prof. Purushotham has significantly contributed to the development of higher education and educational policies in Telangana.

Born on August 5, 1964, in Gandhamalla Village, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, Telangana, Prof. Purushotham hails from a modest background. He is married to Yashodabai, a government school teacher, and they have three daughters.

Prof. Purushotham's educational journey began in his hometown, where he completed his primary and secondary education. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bhavan's New Science College, Hyderabad, followed by a Master's in Economics from

Nizam College, Osmania University. He later earned an M.Phil. and a Gold Medal for his research on global antipoverty programs, followed by a Ph.D. in Economics with a focus on rural development and poverty alleviation.

He began his professional career in 1988 as an RTC employee before joining Osmania University in 2007 as a professor of Economics. Over the years, he has contributed to numerous research projects, published 12 research papers, and authored books on public finance and international economics. He has mentored 14 Ph.D. candidates and has been an active member of several academic organizations, influencing higher education policy in Telangana.

An accomplished writer and poet, Prof. Purushotham has authored several books in Telugu, including "Anguli" and "Chedu Nijam." His song "Ig Ouko," a cultural anthem for the Telangana Movement, gained prominence during the state's struggle for a separate identity.

Prof. Purushotham has also been deeply involved in social causes, leading labor movements and founding the Dalit Students Association at Osmania University. He played a pivotal role in the Telangana Movement, founding several organizations and contributing to the formation of the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) in 2001. He also served as Co-Chairman and Convenor of the Telangana Joint Action Committee (TJAC).

After retiring from Osmania University in August 2024, Prof. Purushotham assumed the position of Vice-Chairman-I of TCHE in October 2024, continuing his lifelong commitment to the advancement of higher education and social reforms in Telangana. His career reflects unwavering dedication to education, social justice, and policy empowerment.

TGCHE Roadmap to Augment Higher Education

TGCHE aims to position Telangana as a premier hub for higher education in India, with a focus on academic excellence, research, innovation, and skill development. The Council plans to enhance institutional capacity through infrastructure upgrades, faculty development, and curriculum innovation that emphasizes skill-based learning and research. By promoting industry-academia collaborations and establishing innovation hubs, TGCHE will foster entrepreneurship and support digital transformation.

Key initiatives include expanding access to education through scholarships, increasing institutional presence in underserved areas, and implementing inclusive policies. The Council will collaborate with global universities for student exchanges and research partnerships while aligning with NEP 2020 recommendations. A robust assessment framework will track progress and ensure quality. Additionally, sustainability initiatives will guide the Council's efforts, including green campuses and research on sustainable development.

By executing this comprehensive strategy, TGCHE aims to transform Telangana's higher education landscape, meeting the aspirations of its youth and positioning the state as a leader in education nationally and globally.

Accessible and Affordable Education for All

In the dynamic state of Telangana, we envision a future where every citizen has access to high-quality higher education that is both affordable and relevant. Our mission is to empower individuals through a transformative educational experience that integrates theory with practice, guided by expert educators, and supported by hands-on learning and technology.

Achieving equitable access to higher education in Telangana requires addressing challenges such as high school dropout rates,

economic constraints, and regional disparities. We are committed to breaking down these barriers by enhancing secondary education, particularly in underserved areas, to create a strong pipeline of students prepared for tertiary education. Strengthening support for State Institutes of Open Schooling and incorporating vocational training into the curriculum will help retain students and ensure diverse representation in higher education.

Leveraging technology is essential for expanding access. We plan to promote Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online Degree programs, backed by improved digital infrastructure in rural and semi-urban regions. Community-based study centres will provide essential resources for students engaged in online learning. Financial accessibility is also a key priority. Through innovative financing models such as public-private partnerships and targeted scholarships, we aim to eliminate economic barriers, ensuring all students can pursue their educational aspirations without financial strain.

To enhance educational quality, we will prioritize research-driven initiatives, practical training, and internships that prepare graduates for success in the global economy. Effective governance will be essential for realizing this vision, with clear regulatory frameworks ensuring transparent decision-making processes and continuous improvement in higher education.

Addressing regional disparities within Telangana is a core focus. By establishing Special Education Zones in educationally backward districts, we will create supportive environments that encourage enrollment and retention. These initiatives align with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4, which promotes inclusive and equitable quality education for all.

Through a holistic approach that prioritizes access, affordability, quality, and governance, we will create a robust higher education landscape in Telangana. By enhancing secondary education, embracing digital solutions, and supporting financially disadvantaged groups, we will empower citizens to contribute meaningfully to the state's economic and social progress.

1. Identifying Quality Characteristics

- Enhance professional development and placement opportunities for students, as these are key factors in their choice of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).
- Ensure institutions maintain high standards of affiliation and recognition to build credibility and attract students.
- Invest in modern infrastructure and effective classroom management techniques to foster a conducive learning environment.
- Sustain quality by continuously assessing and enhancing academic programs, faculty qualifications, infrastructure, and student support services.

2. Implementing Integrated Practices

- Utilize advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR), and Learning Management Systems (LMS) to improve learning outcomes and administrative efficiency.
- Implement standardized quality assurance mechanisms to ensure consistent curriculum, faculty qualifications and infrastructure.
- Invest in continuous professional development for educators through reviews and training programs to update teaching strategies and technological skills.

3. Developing Policies and Strategies

- Develop policies focused on the identified quality characteristics to ensure HEIs

produce quality outputs that attract more students.

- Plan strategies that emphasize performance traits within HEIs, contributing to economic growth.
- Promote autonomy in HEIs, both academically and administratively.
- Move away from the affiliation model, creating research universities, teaching universities and colleges. Merging institutions will form larger multi-disciplinary education and research centers with greater autonomy for top universities.

4. Skill & Vocational Education

- Integrate industry-relevant skills and vocational education modules from the 3rd semester of undergraduate programs.

5. Industry-Academia Collaborations

- Provide flexible internship durations. Currently, most technical institutions offer fixed-term internships; extending flexibility will encourage more serious industry projects through internships (Earn While You Learn).
- Offer credit for internships that range from a summer period to two semesters.

6. Online UG & PG Programs with Strong Internships

- Allow a significant portion of the curriculum to be delivered online. This flexibility will enable students to combine earning through internships with learning through online courses.

Challenges:

1. Resource Allocation

- Securing adequate funding for infrastructure and quality improvement initiatives is essential but challenging.
- Recruiting and retaining qualified faculty and administrative staff is difficult due to competition and budget limitations.

2. Stakeholder Engagement

- Engaging students and addressing their diverse concerns requires continuous adaptation.
- Some institutions may resist change due to established practices and reluctance to adopt new methodologies.

3. Policy Implementation

- Navigating regulatory requirements and obtaining approvals can delay policy implementation.
- Ensuring consistent policy application across all HEIs and monitoring their effectiveness is critical for sustained improvement.
- Uniform Curriculum Framework: All public universities in Telangana will adopt a uniform curriculum framework and a common credit system to ease credit transfer between universities.
- Industry-Relevant Curriculum: UG programs will consist of one year of basic theory, one year of skill-based learning, and one year of experiential learning or internships. Industry-specific clusters will be established, such as IKP Knowledge Park for biosciences, and THUB for entrepreneurship.
- International Collaboration: Establish dual-degree or joint-degree programs with foreign universities and create an office of International Relations at HEIs for collaboration

Division of Existing State Universities

- It is proposed that the current state universities with a large number of affiliated colleges be restructured into smaller, specialized institutions. These could include non-affiliating multidisciplinary universities and exclusive affiliating universities, each with a limited number of affiliated colleges. This restructuring would help enhance the

focus of each university, foster greater autonomy and improve academic quality.

Model Act for State Public Universities

- To address governance challenges, a comprehensive Model Act for state public universities is proposed. This Act would outline the governance structure of universities, the composition of key bodies and the qualifications and appointment procedures for officers. It would also define the qualifications and selection norms for members of the search committees responsible for appointing Vice Chancellors (Vcs), as well as the VC's tenure and selection process. The Model Act will serve as a guiding framework for revising existing university acts, ensuring that they become more progressive and aligned with modern educational needs.

Adoption of the Model Act

- All universities should adopt the Model Act to stay in step with recent developments in higher education, such as autonomous colleges, university investments, industrial linkages, foreign collaborations, research parks and incubation centers. The power within universities should be decentralized, moving away from centralized control by the Vice Chancellor to speed up decision-making. Transparent, merit-based appointments should be the standard for university positions, and VCs should ensure that departmental heads have both academic and administrative authority. Additionally, VCs should be appointed free from political interference, as proposed by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, with the process managed by a Board of Governors (BoG).

Internal Governance

- Internal governance within universities must be transparent, decentralized, and accountable. A flexible governance

structure responsive to evolving societal needs, global trends and advances in knowledge is crucial for accelerating progress. As higher education becomes increasingly internationalized and competitive, universities must be managed more professionally. Traditional administration methods should be replaced by modern management practices, guided by qualified and proactive administrators. Establishing inclusive advisory boards with specific responsibilities, composed of experts from academia and industry, can further strengthen governance.

Public-Private Partnerships

- The upcoming Skill University in collaboration with MEIL and the Telangana Government is a model for successful public-private partnerships (PPPs). This model should be replicated and expanded to foster similar collaborations across various sectors, enhancing resources and opportunities for students.

University Land Authority

- We should explore the model of Land Grant Universities in the USA, where proceeds from the sale or mortgage of university lands are invested in safe stocks, generating a perpetual fund. This fund would be used to support at least one college focused on agriculture, mechanic arts, and other vocational fields. The endowment would promote the liberal and practical education of industrial classes and help sustain long-term educational growth.

Conclusion

- Improving the quality of higher education in Telangana requires a holistic approach that tackles critical challenges in governance, quality assurance, and

infrastructure. By focusing on professional development, institutional autonomy, and modernized management, we can attract more students and contribute to the region's economic growth. Addressing issues such as resource allocation, stakeholder engagement, and policy implementation will be key to achieving sustainable progress in the higher education sector. TGCHE aims to position Telangana as a premier hub for higher education in India, with a focus on academic excellence, research, innovation, and skill development. The Council plans to enhance institutional capacity through infrastructure upgrades, faculty development, and curriculum innovation that emphasizes skill-based learning and research. By promoting industry-academia collaborations and establishing innovation hubs, TGCHE will foster entrepreneurship and support digital transformation.

Key initiatives include expanding access to education through scholarships, increasing institutional presence in underserved areas and implementing inclusive policies. The Council will collaborate with global universities for student exchanges and research partnerships while aligning with NEP 2020 recommendations. A robust assessment framework will track progress and ensure quality. Additionally, sustainability initiatives will guide the Council's efforts, including green campuses and research on sustainable development.

By executing this comprehensive strategy, TGCHE aims to transform Telangana's higher education landscape, meeting the aspirations of its youth and positioning the state as a leader in education nationally and globally.

Government takes initiative to Fill Vacancies of Vice-Chancellor positions in Telangana State Universities



In a significant move, the Government of Telangana has taken the initiative to fill the long-pending Vice-Chancellor positions in various state universities. To achieve this, the government has constituted search committees and issued orders appointing new Vice-Chancellors to the following universities:

List of Universities with newly appointed Vice-Chancellors

1. **Prof. Kumar Moglaram**, Vice-Chancellor, Osmania University, Hyderabad.
2. **Prof. K. Pratap Reddy**, Vice-Chancellor, Kakatiya University, Warangal.
3. **Prof. T. Yadagiri Rao**, Vice-Chancellor, Telangana University, Nizamabad.
4. **Prof. Khaja Althaf Hussain**, Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda.
5. **Prof. U. Umesh Kumar**, Vice-Chancellor, Satavahana University, Karimnagar.
6. **Prof. G. N. Srinivas**, Vice-Chancellor, Palamuru University, Mahbubnagar.
7. **Prof. Nityananda Rao**, Vice-Chancellor, Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University, Hyderabad.
8. **Prof. A. Govardhan**, Vice-Chancellor(I/c), Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, Basara.
9. **Prof. Aldas Janaiah**, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University, Hyderabad.
10. **Prof. D. Raji Reddy**, Vice-Chancellor, Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University, Mulugu.
11. **Prof. Surya Dhananjay**, Vice-Chancellor, Veeranari Chakali Iamma Women's University, Hyderabad.

The government's efforts aim to bring stability and leadership to these Universities, which had been functioning with in-charge Vice-Chancellors for an extended period. This development is expected to boost the academic growth and development of these universities. This initiative demonstrates the government's commitment to enhancing the quality of higher education in Telangana. With new leadership at the helm, these universities are poised to achieve greater heights in academic excellence and research.

"The Newsletter proudly presents brief profiles of our esteemed Vice-Chancellors, highlighting their distinguished careers, achievements, and contributions to the field of education."

Brief Profiles of Vice-Chancellors

Prof. Kumar Molugaram

Vice-Chancellor, Osmania University, Hyderabad

Prof. Kumar Molugaram is an eminent academic and researcher in Civil Engineering with a distinguished career spanning over 29 years. An alumnus of Osmania University (B.E.), J.N.T. University (M.E.), and IIT Bombay (Ph.D.), he currently serves as the 26th Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University, a position he assumed on October 19, 2024.

Prof. Kumar has authored over 100 research papers and supervised 90+ M.E. dissertations and several Ph.D. theses. His accolades include the Best Teacher State Award (2018) from Telangana, the Engineer of the Year award (2018), and the Vishwesharaya Best Faculty Award (2019). He has also been recognized for outstanding research at national and international forums.

He has held several prominent administrative roles, including Dean of the Faculty of Engineering (2022–2024), Principal of the University College of Engineering (2018–2021), and Controller of Examinations at Osmania University, where he implemented significant digital reforms. He has been instrumental in initiating the M.E. Transportation Engineering program and securing NBA reaccreditation for UG and PG programs.

Prof. Kumar's international experience spans 20 cities across 15 countries, where he has presented research, chaired sessions, and delivered keynote lectures. A life member of several professional organizations, he has participated in leadership programs at ISB, IIMs, and Monash University under the LEAP initiative by MHRD.

Prof. Kumar is committed to elevating Osmania University to greater heights of academic excellence and innovation.



Prof. K. Pratap Reddy

Vice-Chancellor, Kakatiya University, Warangal

Prof. K. Pratap Reddy, an accomplished neurobiologist and academic leader, has over three decades of teaching and research experience. Born on June 15, 1961, in Yacharam, Telangana, he holds a B.Sc. (Hons) and M.Sc. in Zoology from Osmania University and earned his Ph.D. in Neurobiology in 1988.

During his tenure at Osmania University, Prof. Reddy mentored 28 Ph.D. scholars, published 104+ research papers, and authored seven books. He is widely cited for his contributions to neurobiology. Appointed Vice-Chancellor of Kakatiya University, Prof. Reddy is leading transformative initiatives focused on academic excellence, sustainability, and skill development. His vision includes establishing centers of excellence in fields like bio-resources, technology, and inclusive education, particularly benefiting Northern Telangana's underserved regions. Under his leadership, the university has embraced sustainability, earning recognition in the UI GreenMetric rankings for its initiatives in solar energy, water conservation, and waste management.

Prof. Reddy's tenure emphasizes digital innovation, interdisciplinary programs, and industry collaborations to enhance employability. Recent projects under RUSA 2.0 include the knowledge Hub and incubation centers. His leadership promotes inclusivity, bridging traditional knowledge with modern innovation and positioning Kakatiya University as a premier institution in Telangana and beyond.

Dr. T. Yadagiri Rao

Vice-Chancellor, Telangana University, Nizamabad

Dr. T. Yadagiri Rao, born on January 26, 1965, is an esteemed Indian academician currently serving as the Vice-Chancellor of Telangana University. With a distinguished career spanning 33 years in teaching and research, Dr. Rao holds a Master's degree and a Ph.D., specializing in Public Administration and Human Resource Management.

His academic journey is marked by significant contributions to his field, including the guidance of 21 Ph.D. scholars, 9 M.Phil. students, and 4 post-doctoral fellows. A prolific author, Dr. Rao has published 10 books and over 56 research papers in national and international journals. He has also presented his work at 46 conferences worldwide, including 17 international platforms. His excellence in education was recognized with the State Best Teacher Award by the Government of Telangana in 2021.

Dr. Rao has held several key academic and administrative positions, such as Coordinating Officer of the UGC Unit at Kakatiya University, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Telangana University, and Chairperson of the Board of Studies in Public Administration and HRM at Kakatiya University. He also served as the Head of the Department of Public Administration and HRM. His research credentials include completing a major research project sponsored by the UGC, New Delhi.

His academic pursuits have taken him to countries like the USA, UK, Switzerland, France, Singapore, and Indonesia for research and conferences, showcasing his global perspective and expertise.



Dr. Khaja Althaf Hussain

Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda

Dr. Khaja Althaf Hussain, an Indian national from Atmakur Mandal, Warangal District, is a distinguished academic currently serving as the Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU), Nalgonda. With a remarkable career spanning 38 years in teaching and 37 years in research, he holds an M.Sc. (Gold Medalist) and a Ph.D.

His extensive research contributions include 44 journal papers, 4 international database entries, 3 published books and 2 executed research projects. He was honored with the State Best Teacher Award in 2019. Dr. Hussain has held numerous administrative roles over the past 19 years, including Vice-Chancellor of MGU (2016–2019), Registrar at Kakatiya University, and Dean of the Faculty of Sciences. He has also served as the Principal of multiple university colleges, Coordinator of UGC-DRS-SAP, Director of IQAC, and Head of the Department of

Physics. Additionally, he has chaired various committees, contributed to the Department of Higher Education in Telangana, and served as Chairman of the Peer Team for NAAC over the past seven years.

His expertise spans examinations, academic audits, policy implementation, and university management. Dr. Hussain has been actively involved in academic governance as a Member of the Academic Senate at Kakatiya University and the Academic Council at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU). He currently serves as the Ombudsman for the Central University of Kashmir.

Dr. Hussain has brought significant administrative and academic transformations at both Kakatiya University and Mahatma Gandhi University. His tenure at MGU was marked by infrastructure

development, the introduction of new courses and financial reforms. Hussain is recognized for his principled leadership, commitment to educational excellence and impactful contributions to higher education across the country

Prof. U. Umesh Kumar

Vice-Chancellor, Satavahana University, Karimnagar

Prof. U. Umesh Kumar, a Senior Professor in the Department of Chemistry at Osmania University, possesses extensive academic and administrative experience. He previously served as Vice-Chancellor (In-Charge) (2015) and Registrar of Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda, for three years, as well as Registrar of Satavahana University, Karimnagar, for two years.

He was a Postdoctoral Associate in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, USA, during 2001-2002. With 28 years of teaching and 20 years of research experience, Prof. Kumar has published 36 articles in various national and international journals. He successfully undertook two Minor Research Projects funded by the UGC. Nine research scholars have been awarded Ph.D. degrees under his guidance, and one is currently pursuing their Ph.D.

Prof. Kumar has held esteemed positions, including EC Member of Central University, Andhra Pradesh, and Governor Nominee of Chaudhary Bansi Lal University, Bhiwani, Haryana. He has also served as Dean of the Faculty of Science at Palamuru University.

His academic excellence has earned him several awards, including a Senior Research Fellowship from CSIR in 1990 and first rank in M.Sc. (Applied Chemistry) from Osmania University. He has presented papers at numerous international conferences, including the 222nd ACS National Meeting (Chicago, USA, 2001), the 238th ACS National Meeting (Washington, D.C., USA, 2009), and the 242nd ACS National Meeting (Denver, Colorado, USA, 2011). Prof. Kumar is a member of the American Chemical Society, USA.

He has held various administrative and academic roles at Osmania University, including Warden of OUPG College, Mirzapur; Principal of OUPG College, Biknur; Youth Welfare Officer for Students' Affairs; Joint Director of the Directorate of Admissions; and Chairman of the Board of Studies and Head of the Department of Chemistry. Prof. Kumar received widespread recognition for his administrative skills as



Registrar of Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda. His efforts were instrumental in the university being awarded the prestigious Indira Gandhi National Level NSS Trophy, which he received from the Honorable President of India on November 19, 2015.

Prof. G.N. Srinivas

Vice-Chancellor, Palamuru University, Mahabubnagar

Dr. G. N. Srinivas, currently serving as the Vice-Chancellor of Palamuru University, Telangana, is a distinguished academic with a Ph.D. from JNTU Hyderabad, an M.E. from Osmania University, and a B.Tech. from JNTU Hyderabad. With a teaching career spanning 29 years, Dr. Srinivas has held positions such as Senior Professor, Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, and Lecturer.

His administrative experience includes serving as Director of the UGC-



Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre at JNTUH, Principal of multiple JNTUH campuses, Vice-Principal, and Additional Controller of Examinations. He also worked as a Project Engineer in the Electrical Department at JNTUH College of Engineering.

Dr. Srinivas is an active life member of the System Society of India. He has presented 35 research papers at national and international conferences and published 30 papers in reputed journals. His mentorship includes guiding six Ph.D. scholars (awarded), with one thesis under review and nine ongoing. Additionally, he has supervised 75 M.Tech and 30 B.Tech projects, authored a textbook, and holds a patent.

Dr. Srinivas's expertise has been recognized internationally. He has visited countries such as Australia, Malaysia, and Singapore for academic purposes, further enhancing his global perspective and contributions to education.

Prof. Veludanda Nithyananda Rao

Vice-Chancellor, Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University, Hyderabad

Prof. Veludanda Nithyananda Rao, born on August 9, 1962, in Manganoor, Nagarkurnool District, is a distinguished academic with over 30 years of teaching and research experience in Telugu literature. He retired as a Senior Professor and Head of the Department of Telugu at Osmania University, where he also served as the Chairman of the Board of Studies. His academic journey includes roles as Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor at Osmania University from 1992 to 2022. He has made significant contributions as a course writer for multiple universities and has actively participated in curriculum development for distance education programs. His teaching portfolio spans postgraduate and undergraduate courses, focusing on Telugu literature and language studies. Prof. Rao was awarded a Ph.D. in 1990 for his research on Telugu Sahityam lo Parody and received the Gurajada Apparao Gold Medal for securing the first rank in M.A. (Telugu) in 1985.



Prof. Rao has guided five M.Phil. and 21 Ph.D. candidates and undertaken several UGC-funded projects. He has authored 17 books, edited 10, and published over 2,000 articles in reputed Telugu dailies and periodicals. His notable works include Vishwavidyalayallo Telugu Parishodhana, Chandrarekha Vilapam, and Telugu Sahityamlo Parody. In recognition of his scholarly contributions, he has received numerous awards, including the Dharmanidhi Puraskaram, Pratibha Puraskaram, and Best Literary Person Award. He has participated in over 80 seminars and workshops and served on various committees, including the Board of Studies for multiple universities. Additionally, he has acted as a subject expert for academic selections in Telugu literature at prestigious institutions.



Prof. A. Govardhan

Vice-Chancellor (I/c) Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, Basara

Dr. A. Govardhan is a Senior Professor of Computer Science and Engineering with extensive academic and administrative experience. He has held key positions such as Rector of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad (JNTUH), Executive Council

Member, Registrar (I/c) at JNTUH, Principal of various JNTUH campuses, and Director of the School of Information Technology, JNTUH. He also served as Convener for TSEAMCET and TSECET.

Prof. Govardhan completed his schooling at Z.P.H.S., Choutuppall, Intermediate from APRJC, Nagarjuna Sagar, B.E. (Computer Science and Engineering) from Osmania University, M.Tech from JNU, New Delhi, Ph.D. from JNTUH, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership from EMERITUS, Singapore. He has undergone leadership training at IIM Tiruchirappalli, IIM Kozhikode, and Wipro Technologies.

He has received 45 international and national awards, including the Visionary EduLeader of the Year Award (2023), Elsevier Lifetime Achievement Award, and Andhra Pradesh State Government Best Teacher Award (2012). He has served as Chairman and Member of Boards of Studies at several universities and is a member of editorial boards for 12 international journals.

Prof. Aldas Janaiah

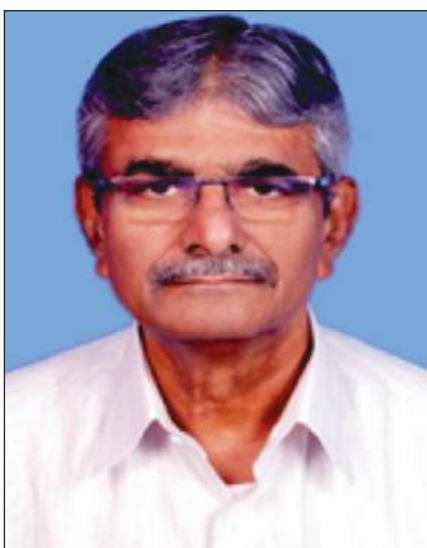
Vice-Chancellor Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad

Prof. Aldas Janaiah holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture and a Master's in Agricultural Economics from the former Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University. He earned his Ph.D. from Banaras Hindu University and completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Social Sciences at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Philippines.

He has 32 years of experience, including roles as an Economist at IRRI and the Asian Development Bank, Senior Scientist at ICAR, and Visiting Professor at RBI's Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai. He has held prominent academic positions at Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University and Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University.

Prof. Janaiah was honored with the Outstanding Academic Leadership Award (2012) by the Government of Maryland, USA, and the Best State-Level Scientist Award (2012) by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. His research on Bt cotton seed pricing (2005-2006) helped reduce prices, benefiting millions of farmers.

He has guided 70 Ph.D. and postgraduate students, published 65 research papers in national and international journals, authored one book, and contributed to 14 book chapters. His research spans agricultural economics, technology impact assessment, irrigation, and policy analysis.



Dr. Raji Reddy Danda

Vice-Chancellor Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University (SKLTHU), Mulugu, Siddipet (Dist.), Telangana

Dr. Raji Reddy Danda, born in the remote village of Kunaram in the Peddapalli district of Telangana state, holds a Ph.D. in Agrometeorology from Gujarat Agricultural University, Anand, awarded in 1992. His areas of specialization include agrometeorology, climate change, and crop modeling. He began his career as a scientist at the then APAU (Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University) and held several significant positions, including Director of the Agro Climate Research Centre, Director of Research, and Director of Extension in

APAU, ANGRAU, and PJTSAU (Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University). Dr. Reddy also worked as a World Bank consultant for the Afghanistan Agromet Services project. He assumed the role of Vice-Chancellor at Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University on October 19, 2024.

Dr. Reddy has an extensive publication record with 130 research papers and extended abstracts, including 58 in reputed national and international journals, 35 in conference proceedings, 3 book chapters, 3 policy briefs, and 30 presentations in seminars and symposia. His research primarily focuses on weather forecasting, remote sensing, and crop modeling. He has guided five Ph.D. students and four M.Sc. (Ag) students as a chairman. As a Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator, he has generated grants worth \$2 million (14 crores) to support innovative agricultural research in climate change and agromet advisories.

Dr. Reddy has received numerous national and international honors from institutions such as the University of Southern Queensland, Australia (2011); the Earth Institute, Columbia University, USA (2012); and CCAFS under the CGIAR group (2012). He has been recognized with prestigious awards, including the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund Award, Janna Reddy Venkat Reddy Memorial Prize, Meritorious ANGRAU Research Scientist Award, Rajiv Gandhi Achiever's Award for Education Excellence, and the Seedsmen Association Annual Award.

As Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Reddy envisions strengthening the academic, research, and extension systems at SKLTHU to provide quality human resources and innovative technologies for the benefit of the farming community.



Prof. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Surya Dhananjay
Vice-Chancellor (i/c) Veeranari Chakali Iamma Women's
University (VCIWU), Hyderabad

Prof. Surya Dhananjay is an eminent educationist, senior professor at Osmania University, and currently serving as the in-charge Vice-Chancellor of Veeranari Chakali Iamma Women's University (VCIWU), Hyderabad. She is also a renowned creative writer. Her achievements in education and literature have inspired many, particularly as the first tribal woman to serve as a faculty member in the Department of Telugu at Osmania University and the first tribal woman academician to become a university Vice-Chancellor. She has over 25 years of experience in teaching and research in Telugu literature.

Prof. Surya holds an M.A. (1997), M.Phil. (2001), and Ph.D. (2006) in Telugu, along with a B.Ed. (1995) and B.L.I.Sc. (1998) from Osmania University. She began her career as a Degree Lecturer at Government Degree College, Sadasivpet, in August 1999. In November 1999, she

joined Osmania University as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Telugu, where she was promoted to Associate Professor in 2007 and full Professor in 2013.

Prof. Surya has received 22 state-level and 5 national-level awards from various prestigious cultural, literary, and voluntary organizations for her contributions to Telugu and Banjara literatures and her service to society. Among her notable awards are the State Award for Meritorious Teachers (2024), Guduru Sitaram Katha Puraskaram (2023), Nari Shiromani National Award (2021), Mahila Shiromani National Award (2021), and the Women Achiever Award (2020) from the Government of Telangana. Additional recognitions include Janapada Sahitya Ratna (2018), Acharya Birudu Ramaraju Janapada Vignana Prize (2015), and the Savitri Bai Phule National Award (2018).

Global Military Exchange on Human Security Challenges



Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman, TGCHE participated in an interactive session as the Chief Guest at the Center for Human Security Studies (CHSS) on October 25, 2024. The session included 31 senior military officers from six countries: Australia, New Zealand, UAE, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka.

Participants exchanged ideas on various topics including human security challenges, counter-terrorism strategies, international relations, and coastal security management. Prof. Reddy's insights into higher education, combined with CHSS's research expertise, fostered a productive dialogue. This gathering highlighted the importance of international collaboration for promoting peace and stability. The event also underscored CHSS's pivotal role as a think tank focused on national security, human security, and external affairs. Prof. Reddy's participation reinforced the need for collaborative efforts between academia, government, and international organizations. The event's success further elevated CHSS's standing as a hub for intellectual discourse and policy research.

Promote Education Rooted in Human Values : TGCHE Chairman

Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman TGCHE, emphasized the critical importance of imparting education that is rooted in human values. He urged government school teachers to focus on value-based education as a means of shaping future generations.

He was speaking at the retirement function of social studies teacher Tippa Ramamurthy at Zilla Parishad High School in Kummera, Nagar Kurnool Mandal. Prof. Reddy expressed his commitment to using Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds to contribute to the development of government schools. He mooted the concept of Academic Social Responsibility (ASR), likening it to CSR, as a tool for enhancing the quality of education. Further, he acknowledged the commitment of the Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy to improve education at all levels, from primary schools to universities. Prof. Reddy encouraged students to embrace technical knowledge to stay competitive in the global landscape, sharing that he himself had studied in government schools. The event honored the



dedicated service of Tippa Ramamurthy. The District Education Officer, Govindarajulu, and other dignitaries attended the event and lauded Ramamurthy's invaluable contributions to education.

Integrate Technology with Higher Education



Prof (Dr) . V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman , TGCH, stressed that adopting technological innovations in education is crucial for meeting global standards, especially in the 21st century. However, he maintained that it was important to preserve India's rich educational heritage, which has long embraced holistic learning.

In his address at the inauguration of the three -day national conference on Indian Knowledge Systems-2024 at Osmania University, Prof. Reddy coined the term “Covidization” to describe the profound influence that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on education worldwide, particularly with the shift to digital learning. Prof. Reddy predicted that the 21st century will belong to Asian countries, especially India, as it continues to emerge as a global educational leader.

Prof. Reddy also released several books on ancient Vedic knowledge systems, reinforcing the event's focus on bridging tradition with modern educational advancements.

AIAT - TGCH Forge Alliances



The Australian Institute of Advanced Technologies (AIAT) visited TGCH, expressed its strong intent to collaborate and develop specialized educational programs aimed at enhancing the skills and employability of students in Telangana.

AIAT, based in Adelaide, South Australia, focuses on providing high-quality, personalized higher education courses designed to meet the future needs of the technological world. By focusing on real-world applications and industry transformation, AIAT is training a new generation of global leaders in emerging technologies.

This visit on October 30, 2024, reects the growing interest in global collaboration to enhance educational opportunities in Telangana, and the partnership between TGCH and AIAT promises to address the evolving needs of students and industries alike.

Empowering Telangana with Quality Education through T-SAT Network



Prof. V. Balakista Reddy is also committed to delivering quality education across Telangana through the T-SAT Network. During his visit to TSAT, he emphasized the council's efforts to improve the delivery of digital educational content, streamline exam results, and offer resources across 52 educational modules. By leveraging this satellite-based platform, the council is striving to ensure that quality education reaches all corners of the state, particularly remote and underserved regions.

T-SAT's role in bridging the digital divide cannot be overstated, as it provides a critical infrastructure for accessible learning. Prof. Reddy's efforts aim to make educational content more effective and timely, offering students in every corner of Telangana the resources they need to succeed academically.

This structure places the most crucial and overarching points at the beginning and gradually introduces supporting initiatives and details towards the end. Let me know if you need further renements!

TGCHE New Initiatives



With the appointment of Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy as the Chairman of the Telangana State Higher Education Council (TGCHE), a new wave of transformative initiatives is set to redefine the educational landscape of the state. Prof. Reddy is committed to modernizing higher education, emphasizing skill development, research, and innovation to align with global standards.

A key focus is on revamping university curricula to equip students with industry-relevant skills in emerging fields like Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, and Data Science. He envisions leveraging digital platforms, particularly the T-SAT Network, to make quality education accessible across Telangana, even in remote areas. Prof. Reddy also aims to foster a research-oriented culture by promoting collaborations with industry and international institutions, establishing dedicated research centers, and increasing funding for innovative projects. Emphasizing the concept of Academic Social Responsibility (ASR), he encourages universities to contribute to societal development through community outreach and skill enhancement programs.

To bridge the gap between education and

employability, he plans to establish skill development centers, certification courses, and industry partnerships to better prepare graduates for the job market. Additionally, Prof. Reddy is focused on strengthening Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) to enhance infrastructure, faculty training, and student exposure to real-world practices. His vision includes global outreach initiatives, fostering international collaborations to provide students with a global perspective. Recognizing the need for transparency and effective governance, he plans to implement accountability frameworks and performance assessments to restore faith in state universities. His strategy also prioritizes inclusivity, offering scholarships, fee waivers, and support for marginalized communities to ensure equal access to education. Prof. Reddy is dedicated to revitalizing state universities by conducting comprehensive reviews and implementing reforms to elevate academic standards, aiming to restore these institutions as centers of excellence. Through these innovative strategies, Prof. Reddy is poised to transform Telangana's higher education system, ensuring it is inclusive, future-ready, and globally competitive.

Universities / Educational Institutions in Telangana

I. Public Universities:

A. Conventional/ Technical Universities (12) under jurisdiction of Higher Education Dept.,

1. Osmania University, Hyderabad
2. Kakatiya University, Warangal
3. Telangana University, Nizamabad
4. Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda
5. Palamuru University, Mahabubnagar
6. Satavahana University, Karimnagar
7. Veera Naari Chakali Ilamma Women's University, Hyderabad
8. Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad
9. Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture & Fine Arts University, Hyderabad
10. Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, Basara, Nirmal
11. Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University, Hyderabad
12. Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad

B. Specialized Universities (5)

13. Prof. Jayasankar Agricultural University, Hyderabad
14. Kaloji Narayanarao University of Health Sciences, Warangal
15. Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University, Hyderabad
16. Sri P. V. Narasimha Rao Telangana State Veterinary University, Hyderabad
17. NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad

II. Private Universities (10)

18. Anurag University, Hyderabad
19. Mahindra University, Hyderabad

20. Woxsen University, Hyderabad
21. Malla Reddy University, Hyderabad
22. SR University, Warangal
23. Sreenidhi University, Ghatkesar
24. Gurunanak University, Ibrahimpatnam
25. MNR University, Sangareddy
26. NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Shamirpet
27. Kaveri University, Wargal, Siddipet Dist.,

III. Central Universities (3)

28. The English & Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad
29. The University of Hyderabad (UOH), Hyderabad
30. Moulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad

IV. Deemed Universities (4)

31. ICFAI, Sankarpalli Road, Hyderabad
32. International Institute of Information Technology, Gachibowli, Hyderabad
33. Chaitanya University, Warangal
34. Aurora Higher Education & Research Academy, Hyderabad.

V. National Institutes (2)

35. National Institute of Technology, Warangal
36. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad

VI. Specialized (State Level) Institution (1)

37. NIMS – Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad

TGCHE in Media

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CM moots revamp of universities for restoration of reliability

- Expresses concern over declining reputation of institutions
- Asks newly appointed VCs to prepare a report on performance of universities

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy meets the newly appointed vice-chancellors of State universities in Hyderabad on Saturday

CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy floated the idea of revamp of all state universities following the collapse of the functioning of the established systems in the institutions in the last 10 years.

Newly appointed vice chancellors from all State universities, along with Professor Balakrishna Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana State Higher Education Council, met with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy here on Saturday. The Chief Minister addressed the vice chancellors with a call to restore trust and credibility in the State's universities, expressing concern over the declining reputation of these institutions. "The reputation of our universities has diminished in recent years," he said. "It's time to rebuild and en-

hance their reliability."

The Chief Minister has asked the newly appointed vice chancellors to prepare a report on the Status of the performance of the universities first and then take necessary steps for the makeover institutions.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister gave certain instructions to Vice Chancellors. They have been asked to work hard to instill trust in the universities. The CM

expressed concern that universities are losing their reputation for some time now and needed to enhance their reliability.

Systems have been collapsed in the universities, Revanth Reddy said, asking the VCs to conduct a comprehensive study on the present condition of universities and take action accordingly. Hire consultancies, if required, and prepare a report on the functioning of the universities, the

CM said.

Stating that new vice chancellors have been appointed without any influence, the Chief Minister said that the government has selected the Vice chancellors purely on the basis of merit and social equations. He wanted the VCs to strive hard and bring laurels to the State government. Government will not hesitate to take stringent action if anything goes wrong, he warned.

The vice chancellors have

been given liberty to perform and the government will always support those who do excellent job. "The universities should be revamped 100 per cent. Students used to remember the vice chancellors for years in the past. Now, the situation is not the same," Revanth Reddy said, instructing the university authorities to pay special attention to drugs and ganja trafficking in universities and keep a vigil on students by counseling them.

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Prof V Balakista Reddy appointed

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THE Telangana State government on Wednesday appointed former Registrar and Professor of Law at NALSAR Law University, and currently Dean, School of Law of Mahendra University as the new chairman of Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TGCHE).

Dr V Balakista Reddy is known for conducting exten-

• Academician known for launching futuristic courses

• The brain behind the launch of Air and Space, Defence and Maritime legal studies at NALSAR University of Law

sive studies in national and international jurisprudence. He has organised various national and international legal conferences at NALSAR to



promote India as a platform for legal discussions. In

2017, he represented India at the prestigious International Peace Conference hosted by NALSAR, with participation from around 75 countries, former and current judges of the International Court of Justice, and jurists. It was the first time such a prestigious conference was held in India.

His contribution bore fruit with the Centre for Aerospace and Defense laws at NALSAR getting recognition by the United Nations for its

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Balakista Reddy TGCHE Chairman

HYDERABAD: The State government appointed Dr V Balakista Reddy, Professor of Law, as Chairman, Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE). Dr Reddy, who is Dean School of Law, Mahindra University, has been given a three-year term. Earlier, he served as Registrar at NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. He also served as a professor of International Law.



హయ్యర్ ఎడ్యుకేషన్ చైర్మన్ గా బాలకిష్టారెడ్డి వైస్ చైర్మన్ గా ఇతియోగ పురుషోత్తం ఉత్తర్యులు జూబ్లీ హిల్స్ సర్కార్ ఆఫీసులో వైస్ చైర్మన్ గా మహిళా వర్సిటీకి గోవర్ధన్.. మహిళా వర్సిటీకి సూర్య ధనుంజయ్

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Balakista Reddy new TGCHE chairman, to take charge today

Hyderabad: The state govt has appointed Nalsar University of Law former registrar V Balakista Reddy as chairman of Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE). Reddy, who also acted as in charge VC of Nalsar and dean of the school of law at Mahindra University, was appointed as the chairman for a three-year term. He will be replacing R Limbadi as the head of the council. He would take charge as TGCHE chairman on Wednesday. The orders pertaining to Reddy's appointment were released by the higher education department.



I want to bring in innovative courses at the degree level. Changes in the syllabus will also be brought in as we are living in a world one has to either perform or perish. Balakista Reddy | TGCHE chief

Govt issues appointments in higher education dept

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad THE state government has made new appointments in the higher education department, including the Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) and various state universities in separate orders issued on Tuesday. According to the orders, Prof V Balakista Reddy...

Prof I Purushottam, a retired economics professor, as vice-chairman I of TGCHE, both for a term of three years, with immediate effect. Additionally, the government has appointed Prof Dhanvath Surya, from the Department of Telugu at Osmania University's College of Arts & Social Sciences, as the in-charge vice-chancellor of Vengal Rao University.

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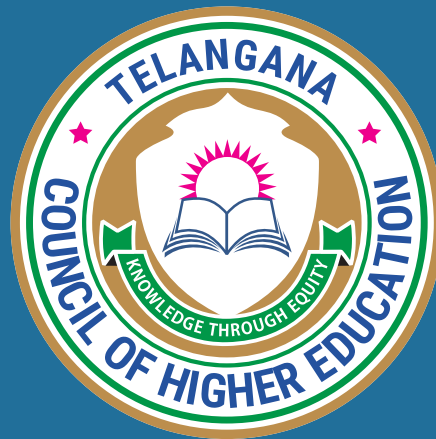
ted as new chairman of TGHEC

academic contributions and its courses were included in the UN directory. The Centre for Tribal and Land Rights has reviewed, revised, and redrafted nearly 112 land and revenue laws in Telangana. Under the esteemed stewardship of Prof Balakista Reddy as the Director of CTRL, the Telangana Agriculture Produce Act and Rules 2016, the Telangana Municipal Act 2019, the Telangana Child Protection

Acts, and other laws were drafted by the CTRL Team. The Center for Child and Youth Justice at NALSAR is involved in making policies, drafts, laws, and enforcement programmes related to the rights of children and women's welfare. NALSAR provides legal advice and guidance to various government departments and conducts training on national and international law for senior officials. The Centre

for Tribal and Land Rights has also provided legal services to the neighbouring State of Andhra Pradesh. During his tenure, the Ministry of Home Affairs asked the NALSAR University to study the implementation of the procedures enshrined in Schedules 5 and 6 of the Constitution of India at the field level. A team of jurists set up under the auspices of the Director of the Centre for Tribal and Land Rights

travelled through remote areas to understand the living conditions, government benefits, and the implementation of welfare schemes. NALSAR's innovative initiatives have received praise. The Justice B P Jeevan Reddy Centre for International Trade and Business Laws (JRCITBL) was an initiative aimed at teaching and researching contemporary issues in international trade and business laws.



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