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Editorial

“Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”

—Malcolm Forbes

The Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) is pleased to share the second issue of its newsletter. This month saw several measures initiated by the TGCHE towards internalization.

The visit of the British Deputy High Commissioner for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana was a step in this direction. The discussion focused on exchange of ideas for working out the modalities to facilitate the transfer of technology and expertise, Faculty Exchange, Student Exchange and capacity building, between universities of the United Kingdom and Telangana. The visit of the Director of the British Council, South India, was also meant towards achieving similar objectives.

The TGCHE has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with T-SAT Network to strengthen digital education access across the state. This collaboration aims to leverage T-SAT's advanced satellite-based network which can be utilised to deliver quality academic content, promote digital literacy, especially in the rural and underserved areas, in our attempt to bridge the inequality between the urban and rural regions.

The visit of Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman of TGCHE, to the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras was also an earnest attempt to explore collaboration for seeking the expertise of IIT-Madras that could promote technological education and hands-on practical experience for students of higher education in Telangana. Similar interactions were held with the Australian Institute of Advanced Technologies.

A series of conferences, seminars and workshops were held and the role of TGCHE was to endorse the academic vigour and dissemination of knowledge in various fields. The International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management (IEOM) addressed the issues pertaining to the new trends in industrial engineering and need for sharing the knowledge and incorporate the changes in the curriculum with due inputs from the industry.

The Seminar on New Criminal Laws: An Era of Transformation of Criminal Justice System, aimed to call for reforms to modernise the criminal justice system, with implications for legal practice and education, including streamlining procedures, enhancing victim rights, and incorporating technology. The TGCHE tried to address the challenges and opportunities in integrating human rights into climate action.

While addressing the students at a National Moot Court Competition, Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, the Chairman of TGCHE, highlighted the importance of adapting legal education to equip students with the knowledge and skills required to tackle complex legal issues in the digital age. In his address at the event on Innovation, Design, and Entrepreneurship, he called for a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among the teaching community.

The TGCHE offered valuable insights and a roadmap on the evolving landscape of academic standards and the crucial role of fostering innovation in the modern education system through a series of interactions with the media, addresses at academic events in universities and training institutes, and engagements at various social, cultural, and intellectual forums.

Collaborative meeting of TGCHE, British Council and few UK Universities:



Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman, Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), held a meeting on 7th November at 10:30 AM with the British Deputy High Commission Team, led by Mr. Gareth Wynn Owen, British Deputy High Commissioner to Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Accompanying Mr. Piyush Awasthi, Senior Trade Adviser for Technology and Education.

The meeting, held in the Chairman's chamber, assumes significance since it focused on exploring potential collaborations between UK universities and Indian universities in research and technology. This initiative aims to foster academic excellence, knowledge sharing, and innovation between the two nations.

Key Discussion Areas:

- Research Collaborations: Exploring opportunities for joint research projects, exchange programs, and seminars between UK and Indian universities.
- Technology Transfer: Discussing ways to facilitate the transfer of technology and expertise between UK and Indian institutions.
- Faculty Exchange: Enabling faculty members from UK universities to teach and conduct research in Indian universities and vice versa.
- Student Exchange: Creating opportunities for students to study abroad, promoting cultural exchange and academic diversity.
- Capacity Building: Enhancing the capacity of Indian universities through training and development programs.

Chief Guest at JNTU Conference:



4th IEOM Conference Concludes with Thought-Provoking Valedictory Session at JNTU

The 4th India International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management (IEOM) successfully concluded on 9 November, 2024 at JNT University, bringing together industry leaders, academicians, and students from across the globe. The three-day conference focused on the latest trends, challenges, and innovations in industrial engineering and operations management.

Chief Guest Prof. V. Balakista Reddy Emphasizes Integration of Law with Emerging Technologies:

The valedictory function was graced by Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman of TGCHE, who stressed the critical need for integrating law with emerging technologies. He highlighted the impact of

technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning, and automation on industries and urged academic institutions to explore their legal and ethical implications.

Prominent Figures and Global Participation

The ceremony was attended by prominent figures, including Prof. K. Venkateswara Rao, Registrar of JNTU, Prof. Manzoor Hussain, Conference Chair, Prof. K. Lakshmi Prasad, Director of Vishnu Educational Society, and Dr. Ahad Ali. The event also saw participation from students and international delegates, making it a truly global platform for learning and exchange.

Key Takeaways

The IEOM conference provided a unique opportunity for:

- Exploring the latest trends and innovations in industrial engineering and operations management
- Discussing the integration of law with emerging technologies
- Fostering global collaboration and knowledge sharing
- Shaping the future of education and industry

Symposium on COP29 Negotiations on Climate Change

The symposium, held from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM, brought together experts and stakeholders on 11 November, 2024 to discuss the crucial aspects of COP29 negotiations and their implications for climate action. The Chairman's participation in the symposium underscores TGCHE's commitment to promoting sustainability and environmental awareness in higher education institutions across Telangana.

The symposium provided a platform for meaningful discussions and knowledge sharing on climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies. The participation of the Chairman has reinforced the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing this global challenge.



Inauguration of Seminar on New Criminal Laws

Justice Nagesh Bheemapak, Judge of Telangana High Court and Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman, TGCHE inaugurated on 9 November, 2024 a Two-day Seminar on New Criminal Laws: An Era of Transformation of Criminal Justice System being jointly organized by Anatha Law College, Vishwabharathi Law College and Osmania College of Law.

As part of the seminar, a special volume of a book, comprising articles by distinguished authors, was launched. The book was unveiled by Hon'ble Justice Nagesh Bheemapaka of the Telangana High Court, along with Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TGCHE)



and Professor at NALSAR University. Prof. Reddy's inaugural speech highlighted the significance of recent reforms in criminal law and their implications for legal practice and education.

MoU Signing with T-SAT



The Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with T-SAT Network on 5 November, 2024 to enhance digital education access across the state. This collaboration aims to leverage T-SAT's advanced satellite-based network to deliver quality academic content, promote digital literacy, and bridge the

educational divide, particularly in rural and underserved areas. The MoU focuses on initiatives such as broadcasting live lectures by expert faculty, creating interactive e-learning modules, and organizing skill development programs aligned with industry needs.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman of TGCHE, emphasized the transformative potential of the partnership, stating that it would empower students and educators with cutting-edge digital tools and ensure that quality education reaches every corner of Telangana. T-SAT CEO highlighted the network's commitment to reshaping education delivery through technology, ensuring inclusivity and innovation in learning. This MoU sets the stage for a new era of higher education in Telangana, fostering digital accessibility and preparing students for a dynamic, technology-driven world.

Address on Law and Technology at National Moot Court Competition



Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), delivered an engaging and insightful address on the critical intersection of law and technology at the **National Moot Court Competition** hosted by **Pendekanti Law College** on the 9th and 10th of November, 2024. The competition brought together aspiring legal minds from across the nation to explore emerging challenges in the legal domain, particularly those shaped by advancements in technology.

In his address, Prof. Reddy highlighted how rapid technological advancements, including artificial intelligence, blockchain, and data privacy, are reshaping legal frameworks and judicial processes globally. He emphasized the need for future lawyers to stay abreast of technological developments, as they increasingly intersect with traditional legal principles. Drawing attention to cases involving cybercrime, intellectual property, and digital evidence, Prof. Reddy stressed the importance of adapting legal education to equip students with the knowledge and skills required to address complex legal issues in the digital age.

Prof. Reddy also praised the participants for their innovative arguments and critical thinking during the competition, commending Pendekanti Law College for fostering a culture of academic excellence. He reiterated TGCHE's commitment to supporting events that encourage interdisciplinary learning and prepare students for the evolving demands of the legal profession. The address served as both an inspiration and a call to action for students and faculty to embrace the transformative role of technology in shaping the future of law.

Partnership between the TGCHE and the British Council, South India

Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman, Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), held a meeting on 12th November 2024 at 2.00 PM with Ms. Janaka Pushpanathan, Director, British Council South India, British High Commission, to discuss their existing partnership and the key priorities in the partnership between the TGCHE and the British Council in Higher Education.



Visit to the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras

Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), visited the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras on 14th November 2024 to explore avenues for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between TGCHE and IIT-Madras. The objective of this collaboration was to leverage IIT-Madras's expertise in setting up research parks and innovation hubs to foster technological education and hands-on practical experience for students of higher education in Telangana. During the meeting, Prof. Reddy discussed various aspects of collaboration, including setting up incubation centres, research parks, and human capacity-building programs. Prof. V. Kamakoti,

Director of IIT-Madras, shared insights into IIT-Madras's successful initiatives like Pravartak, NPTEL, and Vidya Shakti programs, which have significantly advanced the state's technological education landscape. Prof. Kamakoti expressed his support in providing guidance and expertise to TGCHE, particularly in the areas of startup incubation, infrastructure development, and industry-university tie-ups.

Prof. Reddy assured Prof. Kamakoti that all necessary resources, including the support and investments, from the state government would be provided for the successful implementation of these initiatives as the Chief Minister of Telangana Sri. A. Revanth Reddy has shown a



keen interest in advancing technological development in higher education. The meeting also included Prof. Mangala Sunder Krishnan, Dr. Shankar Raman, CEO-IITM Pravartak, Prof. Ramanujam Sarathi, Dean-IIT, Mr. Balamurali Shankar, CKO-IITM Pravartak, Mr. Srinivasan Gowrishankar, Project Manager-IITM Pravartak. The collaboration seeks to enhance the scope of technological education and innovation in Telangana, benefiting students and the region's growth.

Prof. Reddy, also held a series of meetings with prominent leaders from IIT-Madras to explore strategic collaborations aimed at enhancing technological education and practical skills for students in Telangana. In a meeting with Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL Coordinator at IIT-Madras, Prof. Reddy was briefed about the extensive range of NPTEL (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning) courses offered to students in higher education. Prof. Thangaraj highlighted the scope of NPTEL's offerings and assured that TGCHE would be involved in the teaching domain to benefit Telangana students, providing them with access to world-class online resources and certifications.

Prof. Reddy also met Prof. Ramanujam Sarathi, IIT-Madras Coordinator for SwayamPLUS courses, who took the team through the various online learning options available under the Swayam initiative. Prof.

Sarathi emphasized the role of these platforms in providing quality education to students across India, particularly in underrepresented regions like Telangana. The meetings, attended by Ms. Bharathi (Head of Operations, NPTEL), Prof. Mangala Sunder Krishnan (IIT-Madras), Mr. Kannan Krishnamurthy, (Producer-NPTEL Videos) and other senior officials, were pivotal in expanding the scope of technological education and hands-on practical experience for students in Telangana, with both NPTEL and Swayam programs playing key roles in this vision.

Prof. Reddy, during his visit also focused on incubation support, research initiatives, and technology-driven education models and discussed with Dr. M.J. Shankar Raman, CEO of IIT-Madras Pravartak, about the Institute's incubation centers and the various research support programs offered by Pravartak. Prof. Reddy was impressed by the range of services available to foster innovation and entrepreneurship. During his visit, Prof. Reddy was also briefed by Prof. M.S. Ramachandra Rao about the advanced processes of lab-grown diamond manufacturing at the IIT-Madras Research Park. Mr. Rajendra Mootha, Head of New Initiatives, provided additional information about the park's thriving innovation ecosystem, along with an insightful tour of the park's established incubation facilities.

As an expert in Space Technology & Space Law, Prof. Reddy visited the prestigious Rocket Factory, a Space Technology Incubator at IIT-Madras, to explore the potential for similar initiatives in Telangana's higher education system.

The visit was warmly hosted by IIT-Madras, with Prof. Manu Santhanam, Prof. Thenmozhi, and other staff extending a cordial welcome to Prof. Reddy. This engagement marks a step toward fostering future collaborations for technological advancement and research excellence in Telangana.

Graced the Innovation Design and Entrepreneurship (IDE) Boot Camp for Teachers at Pallavi Engineering College...

Hyderabad, 22nd November 2024: Chairman, Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), graced the "Innovation Design and Entrepreneurship (IDE) Boot Camp for Teachers" at Pallavi Engineering College as the esteemed Chief Guest.

The event aimed to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among teachers, and the Chairman's presence added immense value to the program.

Addressing the gathering, the Chairman emphasized the significance of innovation and entrepreneurship in education. He encouraged teachers to think creatively, strive for excellence, and instill these values in their students. The Chairman commended Pallavi Engineering College for organizing this innovative program, which aligns with the government's initiatives to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in higher education.

The IDE Boot Camp provided a platform for teachers to acquire new skills, share best practices, and network with peers. The Chairman's inspiring address motivated the teachers to become catalysts for change and drive innovation in their institutions.



Revision of UG Syllabus: Enhancing Employability and Industry Relevance...

The Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) has initiated a comprehensive revision of the undergraduate curriculum in order to align it with global trends and demands of the market. The revised curriculum aims to provide students with a balance of theoretical knowledge and practical skills, making them industry-ready and employable.

Objectives:

- Integrate hands-on learning opportunities and industry-relevant knowledge
- Develop key employability competencies
- Prepare students for the workforce by equipping them with industry-aligned skills
- Enhance job prospects and competitiveness in the global job market

➤ Committee Constitution:

To facilitate the revision process, TGCHE has constituted following committees for each subject group:

- Social Sciences: Vice-Chairman-I, TGCHE
- Sciences: Vice-Chairman-II, TGCHE
- Law & Management Studies: Chairman, TGCHE

Meetings and Progress:

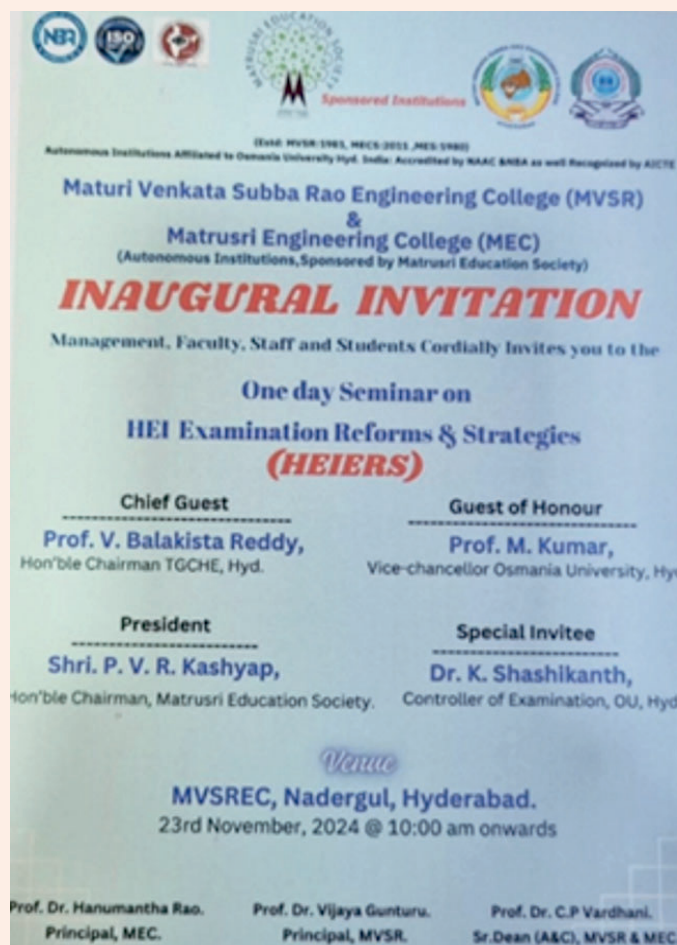
The committees held meetings on 22nd and 30th November 2024 to discuss and finalize the revised syllabus. The revision process is underway, and the new syllabus is expected to be implemented soon.

This initiative demonstrates TGCHE's commitment to enhancing the quality and relevance of undergraduate education in Telangana.

Chief Guest on Reforms and Strategies for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) at MVSR Engineering College...

The “One Day Seminar on HEI Examination Reforms & Strategies” at MVSREC, a timely event was organized by Maturi Venkata Subba Rao Engineering College (MVSREC) and Matrusri Engineering College (MEC), Hyderabad. It focused on addressing the evolving landscape of examination systems in higher education. Prof. V. Balakista Reddy highlighted on the point that as we move towards an era of technological advancement, interdisciplinary learning, and global exposure, it is essential to rethink our approach to various examinations. Traditional models often emphasize rote memorization and fail to assess critical thinking and real-world problem-solving skills. Through this seminar he emphasized a platform for discussing how we can implement reforms that focus on digital integration, continuous evaluation, and skill-based assessments, ensuring that students are not only knowledgeable but also equipped with practical skills that align with the demands of the modern workforce.

In embracing these reforms, we must ensure inclusivity and fairness, providing equal access and opportunities for all students, regardless of their background or learning style. By exploring new assessment methods and aligning with global standards, we can equip our students to compete internationally. However, such reforms must be implemented thoughtfully, considering practical challenges, training for educators, and ensuring policy coherence. He encouraged all participants to engage actively in this seminar, share insights, and contribute to shaping the future of examination systems in a way that enhances the overall quality of education and empowers students to succeed in an ever-changing world.



Exclusive Interview - Academic Standards, Foster Innovation by Times of India (TOI) Newspaper

In an exclusive interview with Times of India on 22 November, 2024 Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, the Chairman of the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), shared his insights on the evolving landscape of academic standards and the crucial role of fostering innovation in the modern education system. Drawing from his extensive experience in academia and policy-making, Prof. Reddy emphasized the importance of aligning academic standards with industry needs while nurturing creativity and innovation among students.

Prof. Reddy expressed that maintaining high academic standards is essential for ensuring the quality of education, but he stressed that these standards must be adaptable to the rapidly changing global job market. "Our education system must not only focus on theoretical knowledge but also incorporate practical skills, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities that are crucial in today's fast-paced world," he stated. He highlighted the significance of updating curricula regularly to reflect advancements in technology, research, and global trends, ensuring that students are well-prepared for the challenges they will face in their careers.



Addressing the growing need for innovation, Prof. Reddy emphasized the importance of creating an environment that encourages students to think beyond traditional academic boundaries. He underscored the role of research, entrepreneurship, and interdisciplinary learning in fostering innovation within academic institutions. "Innovation is the key to progress, and institutions must support a culture where students are empowered to explore new ideas and solutions," he remarked. He also touched upon the need for better collaboration between academia and industry to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and practical application.

The interview delved into the future of higher education in Telangana, with Prof. Reddy advocating for policies that encourage institutional autonomy, collaboration, and investment in infrastructure. He expressed optimism about the state's vision to strengthen both public and private educational institutions, ensuring that students have access to world-class education. "It's about creating an ecosystem where students, faculty, and institutions can collaborate, innovate, and thrive together," Prof. Reddy concluded, reiterating his commitment to advancing the standards of higher education in Telangana.

Presentation of Roadmap and Perspective Plan for Telangana Higher Education Landscape at MCHRD Centre, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad...



Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), delivered an insightful presentation on the "Roadmap and Perspective Plan for Telangana Higher

Education Landscape" on 25 November, 2024 at the MCHRD Centre in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad. The session focused on the evolving higher education framework in the state and the strategic vision for its growth and development in the coming years. In his address, Prof. Reddy outlined a comprehensive plan aimed at enhancing the quality, accessibility, and global competitiveness of higher education institutions in Telangana. He emphasized the importance of adapting to changing educational trends, fostering innovation, and ensuring inclusivity across all sectors. His roadmap highlighted key areas such as the need for curriculum updates, infrastructure development, promoting research, and strengthening industry-academic collaborations.

Prof. Reddy also underscored the role of digital transformation in education, encouraging the adoption of technology-driven solutions to facilitate learning, improve administrative efficiency, and expand the reach of educational resources. He discussed the importance of providing students with both academic knowledge and practical skills that align with global industry demands, aiming to create a robust, future-ready workforce.

Chairman, TGCHE, Graces 75th Constitutional Day Celebrations...

The Chairman, Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) attended the 75th Constitutional Day celebrations as the Chief Guest on November 26, 2024. The event, was organized by the College of Law for Women, Andhra Mahila Sabha, Telangana Intellectual Forum, and the Telugu Basha Chaitanya Samithi.

The celebration provided a platform for intellectuals and thought leaders to discuss the significance and relevance of the Constitution in the present scenario. The Chairman's presence emphasized the importance of promoting constitutional values and principles in higher education.

The event highlighted the role of the Constitution in shaping India's advance in economic domain, science, and technology, and as well as its rise in the global order. The Chairman's participation also underscored TGCHE's commitment to upholding constitutional values and principles in higher education institutions across Telangana.

The session was well-received by educators, policymakers, and stakeholders, all of whom recognized the significance of Prof. Reddy's vision in shaping the future of Telangana's higher education landscape. The roadmap proposed by the Chairman not only aims to elevate the standards of education within the state but also seeks to make Telangana a prominent hub for academic excellence, innovation, and research in the country.



At College of Law for Women, Andhra Mahila Sabha



Telugu Basha Chaitanya Samithi at Ravindra Bharathi

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On Constitution Day, BC Welfare Association State Secretary Jajula Lingamgoud was honored for his long-standing struggle for the rights of the poor and weaker sections. Education Council Chairman Balakrishna Reddy felicitated Lingamgoud during a Kavi Sammelan at Ravindra Bharathi. Lingamgoud, who has been advocating for social justice for the backward classes, expressed gratitude for the recognition and vowed to continue his work for the BCs' social justice and statehood. The event was chaired by Bade Saab, President of the Telugu Language Awareness Committee.

In a significant gesture of recognition, the Chairman of the Telangana State Council of Higher Education

(TGCHE), Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, honored prominent BC leader, Lingamgoud, for his exemplary contributions to the community and his efforts in advancing the cause of education and social upliftment. The ceremony, which took place at a special event organized by the Council, celebrated Lingamgoud's relentless work in advocating for the rights of the BC communities, particularly in the field of education and empowerment.

Prof. Reddy, in his address, lauded Lingamgoud for his dedication to promoting education as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty and creating opportunities for the underprivileged. He highlighted Lingamgoud's tireless advocacy for educational reforms that ensure access to quality education for all, regardless of caste or social status. The Education Council Chairman also emphasized the importance of such leadership in driving social change and fostering inclusivity in Telangana's higher education landscape. The event was attended by several dignitaries, educators, and community leaders, all of whom acknowledged Lingamgoud's significant role in shaping a more equitable and accessible educational system for the marginalized sections of society.

Visit to Palamuru PG Centre at Nagar Kurnool...



Chairman, TGCHE, visited the Palamuru PG Centre at Nagar Kurnool on 29th November 2024. During the visit, the Chairman held a meeting with students and staff, fostering a dialogue on various aspects of education and institutional development. This interaction aimed at promoting a collaborative



environment, in order to encourage students and faculty members to share their perspectives and ideas. The visit underscored the Chairman's commitment to an inclusive education system, engaging with educational institutions and promoting excellence in higher education.

Graced the Convocation ceremony of Sultan-UI-Uloom College of Law, Hyderabad:

Chairman, TGCHE, graced the Convocation ceremony 2024 of Sultan-UI-Uloom College of Law, Hyderabad, as the Chief Guest on 30th November 2024. Addressing the graduating students, he emphasized on the importance of integrity, ethics, and social responsibility in the legal profession. The Chairman congratulated the students on their academic

achievements and encouraged them to strive for excellence in their future endeavors. The convocation ceremony marked a significant milestone in the academic journey of the students, and the Chairman's presence added to the grandeur of the occasion.

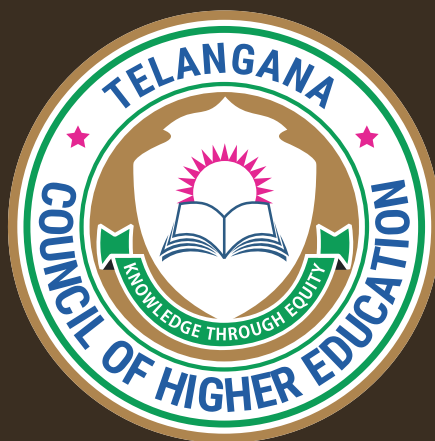


Meet at T-Hub, Hyderabad, to explore collaboration opportunities b/w Australian Institute of Advanced Technologies and Telangana:



Chairman, TGCHE, attended a meeting on 30th November 2024 at T-Hub, Hyderabad, to explore

collaboration opportunities between the Australian Institute of Advanced Technologies and Telangana. The meeting aimed at fostering partnerships in areas such as education, research, and innovation, with a focus on promoting knowledge exchange, skill development, and economic growth. The Chairman's participation in the meeting highlighted TGCHE's commitment to facilitating international collaborations that can enhance the quality and relevance of higher education in Telangana.



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