## British, TG varsities must explore common ground for collaboration'

THE BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSION, HYDERABAD AND TGCHE ARRANGE A ROUNDTABLE BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF LEADING UNIVERSITIES FROM TELANGANA AND THE UK

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THE British Deputy High Commission, Hyderabad and the Telangana State Council of Higher Education arranged a roundtable between the leading public & private universities from Telangana and British universities to explore trans-national education partnerships. The event was hosted by the British Deputy High Commission for TG and AP.

Prof V Balakista Reddy, Chairman, Telangana Council of Higher Education, stated that while globalisation is an irreversible process and today exchange between universities of different countries is possible due to liberalisation, privatisation and digitalisation have created a borderless world. Prof Reddy added that the post-Covid world order will be guided by collaboration between universities across the national boundaries, as knowledge-based industries backed by emerging tech-



nologies, which will be governed by transnational structures of governance.

He further urged the representatives of the British and Telangana universities to adopt the best practices in Higher Education of each other and explore common ground for collaboration. Telangana is poised to play a vital role in the growth of the Indian economy, wherein the role of its institutions of Higher Education will play a vital role in providing skilled human resources to the world, he affirmed.

Addressing the gathering, Gareth Wynn Owen, British Deputy High Commissioner to TG & AP stated, "The UK and Telangana share a strong



The roundtable was at-

tended by the Vice-Chancellors of prominent public universities of Telangana – Prof Kumar Molugaram – Osmania University, Prof K Pratap Reddy – Kakatiya University, Prof A Govardhan – Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, Prof T Kishen Kumar Reddy – Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University and Prof M Sitarama Laksh-

mi, Director IRC, Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University. They offered an insight about the academic profile of their respective varsities and expressed their willingness to explore collaboration in the area of their specialisation.

The Vice-Chancellors and senior leaders discussed the opportunities to deepen partnerships and potential synergies in areas such as dual degrees and certifications, teacher and student exchange programmes, joint research projects.

The representatives of prominent British universities which included University of Birmingham, Heriot-Watt University, Manchester Metropolitan University, University of Middlesex, University of Reading, University of Sunderland and the University of Wolverhampton interacted with the leaders of the Telangana universities and deliberated about the significance and opportunities provided by the dual degree programmes.

## T, UK varsities to explore academic partnerships

Hyderabad: To strengthen academic collaboration, representatives from six UK universities and eight Telangana institutions will participate in a round table discussion organised by British deputy high commission and Telangana Council of Higher Education on Tuesday. The conference aims to explore and establish partnerships for joint certifications, dual degree programmes, and collaborative research projects between universities from both regions. This initiative follows a similar successful round table held in Andhra Pradesh earlier this year.

Leading UK institutions, including Manchester Metropolitan University, University of Birmingham, Heriot-Watt University, University of Middlesex, University of Reading, and University of Sunderland, will meet with their Telangana counterparts. The participating institutions from Telangana include universities such as Osmania University, Kakatiya University, Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, and Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University. The initiative builds on existing successful partnerships, such as the dual degree programme in design between Hyderabad-based Woxsen University and Manchester Metropolitan University. TNN