



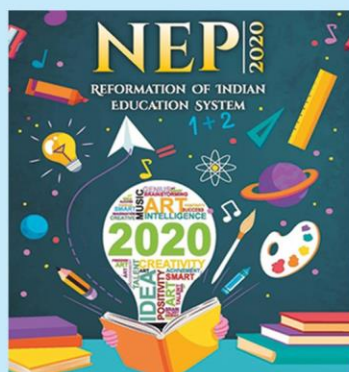
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## **About the College**

S.R.R. & C.V.R. Government Degree College (Autonomous), established in 1937, is a premier institution of higher education in Andhra Pradesh. Accredited with an 'A' Grade by NAAC in 2023 and the college offers 31 undergraduate, 6 postgraduate, and 3 research programs in Chemistry, Commerce, and Mathematics. With modern infrastructure, active research centres, and faculty development initiatives, the institution promotes quality teaching, innovation, and inclusive education. Serving over 3,500 students, it continues to excel as a hub for academic and research excellence under Krishna University, Machilipatnam.

## **About the Department**

The Department of Commerce, established in 1938, is one of the oldest and most prominent departments of the Institution. Starting with a single General B.Com programme, it has steadily expanded in line with academic and industry demands and currently offers 6 UG and 2 PG programmes. The Department contributes nearly 40% of the total student strength of the Institution. Academic performance remains consistently strong, with 80–90% pass rates in core subjects, 90–100% in life-skill and skill-development courses at the UG level, and a 100% pass percentage in PG level. The Department is supported by 21 highly qualified faculty members, including Ph.D., NET, and SLET qualified educators, ensuring quality education and student success.

## **About the Seminar**

India's vision of becoming a developed, inclusive, and self-reliant nation by 2047 (Viksit Bharata) places higher education at the core of national development. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 represents a landmark reform aimed at creating a holistic, flexible, multidisciplinary, and research-oriented education system aligned with 21st-century needs while preserving Indian values. For Andhra Pradesh, NEP 2020 offers significant opportunities to harness its strong network of higher education institutions and its youthful population to drive inclusive growth and innovation. Effective implementation can equip students with advanced skills, global exposure, and innovative thinking, positioning the state as a model for educational transformation.

The proposed seminar seeks to align higher education in Andhra Pradesh with NEP 2020 and national priorities by identifying best practices, innovative models, and collaborative strategies. Its outcomes aim to provide a roadmap for educational excellence, inclusivity, and

sustainability, contributing to a knowledge-driven economy, social equity, and Andhra Pradesh's leadership in educational reform toward Viksit Bharata@2047.

### **Objectives of the Seminar**

1. To analyze the implications of NEP 2020 for higher education in Andhra Pradesh.
2. To explore how higher education can drive innovation, equity, and sustainability in line with Viksit Bharat 2047.
3. To identify challenges in implementing reforms and propose actionable strategies for institutions and policymakers.
4. To promote dialogue on integrating Indian knowledge systems with global best practices.
5. To develop a roadmap for enhancing quality, inclusivity, and global competitiveness of higher education in Andhra Pradesh.

**Theme of the Seminar:** Transforming Higher Education through NEP 2020: Innovation, Inclusivity, and Excellence towards Viksit Bharat @ 2047 – The Andhra Pradesh Perspective

#### **Main Themes:**

- NEP 2020 as a Transformative Framework
- Higher Education for Viksit Bharat 2047
- Andhra Pradesh as a Model State for Educational Innovation

#### **Sub-Themes:**

- Curriculum Redesign and Pedagogical Innovation under NEP 2020
- Status of Higher Education in India – Special Focus on the state of Andhra Pradesh
- Multidisciplinary and Holistic Learning Approaches
- Accreditation and Recognitions of Higher Education Institutions.
- Financing of Higher Education Institutions in AP.
- Technology Integration and Digital Transformation in Higher Education
- Promoting Research, Innovation, and Startup Ecosystems Innovation,
- Industry-Academia Collaboration for Employability and Skills Development
- Equity, Inclusion, and Regional Balance in Higher Education
- Faculty Development, Training, and Institutional Leadership
- Global Competitiveness and International Collaborations
- Higher Education as a Driver for Sustainable Development and Viksit Bharat@2047

## MESSAGE



**Dr. Narayana Bharat Gupta, IAS**  
Commissioner of Collegiate Education  
Government of Andhra Pradesh

I extend my warm greetings to the organizers, participants, and stakeholders of the ICSSR–SRC Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar on “*Empowering Higher Education in Andhra Pradesh: NEP 2020 and the Journey to Viksit Bharat @ 2047.*” during 5 – 6 march, 2026

The National Education Policy 2020 envisions a transformative, inclusive, and multidisciplinary higher education system aligned with the national goal of Viksit Bharat @ 2047. This seminar reflects Andhra Pradesh’s commitment to strengthening access, quality, research, and employability through meaningful reforms in collegiate education.

I appreciate the efforts of the organizers and thank the Indian Council of Social Science Research – SRC for their support.

Best wishes for the seminar’s success.

## MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION



**Dr. Ch. Krishna**  
Joint Director,  
Commissionerate of Collegiate Education,  
Andhra Pradesh

Dear Organizers, Resource Persons, and Participants,

I extend my heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to the Department of Commerce, SRR & CVR Government Degree College (A), Vijayawada, for successfully organizing the ICSSR-SCR Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar on "Empowering Higher Education in Andhra Pradesh: NEP 2020 and Journey to Viksit Bharat @ 2047" on March 5-6, 2026.

This timely seminar aligns seamlessly with the transformative vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, fostering critical discussions on strengthening higher education to contribute to India's goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047. The active participation of scholars, educators, and stakeholders underscores the college's commitment to academic excellence and innovation in Andhra Pradesh's educational landscape.

I commend Dr. K. BhagyaLakshmi, Principal, & Dr. D. Ch. Appa Rao, Convener, and the entire organizing team for their meticulous planning and execution. Events like these not only enrich knowledge but also inspire actionable strategies for collegiate education's future.

Wishing you continued success in all future endeavors.

Warm regards,

## **MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION**



**Prof. B. Tirupati Rao**  
Secretary,  
Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education,  
Andhra Pradesh

It is with immense pleasure and pride that I extend my heartfelt felicitations to the Department of Commerce, SRR & CVR Government Degree College (Autonomous), Vijayawada, for organizing the prestigious ICSSR-SCR Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar on *Empowering Higher Education in Andhra Pradesh: NEP 2020 and the Journey to Viksit Bharat @2047*, scheduled for March 5-6, 2026.

This timely and visionary seminar resonates profoundly with the transformative ethos of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which envisions a holistic, multidisciplinary, flexible, and inclusive higher education system grounded in excellence, equity, innovation, and the cultivation of critical thinking and creativity. By fostering meaningful deliberations on strategies to advance Andhra Pradesh's higher education landscape, the event underscores the critical role of our institutions in driving the nation's progress toward a Viksit Bharat by 2047—a developed India characterized by knowledge-driven growth, skill empowerment, and inclusive prosperity.

I extend my warm congratulations to Principal Dr. K. Bhagya Lakshmi, Convener Dr. D. Ch. Appa Rao, and the entire organizing committee for their exemplary dedication, foresight, and commitment to academic excellence. The Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) stands firmly in support of such progressive initiatives that elevate the quality, accessibility, and relevance of higher education across the state.

I extend my sincere wishes for productive and thought-provoking discussions, valuable scholarly outcomes, and a sustained, positive influence on the future trajectory of higher education in the state and the nation.

May it inspire continued efforts toward realizing the shared dream of a globally competitive and equitable education ecosystem.

With best wishes for a booming success and every future endeavour

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



**Dr. K. Bhagya Lakshmi**, Principal  
SRR & CVR Government Degree College(A),  
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings on the occasion of the **ICSSR–SRC Sponsored Two Day National Seminar** on “*Empowering Higher Education in Andhra Pradesh: NEP 2020 and the Journey to Viksit Bharat @ 2047.*”

This timely academic initiative reflects our collective commitment to the transformative vision of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and the progressive framework of the National Education Policy 2020. The theme of the seminar is profoundly significant, as it aligns higher education reforms with the national aspiration of building a developed and knowledge-driven India by 2047.

Higher education institutions play a pivotal role in shaping human capital, fostering innovation, strengthening research ecosystems, and promoting inclusive growth. In the context of Andhra Pradesh, the effective implementation of NEP 2020 offers new pathways for multidisciplinary learning, academic flexibility, skill integration, digital transformation, and outcome-based education. This seminar provides a valuable platform for academicians, researchers, policymakers, and students to deliberate on these dimensions and to evolve actionable strategies for meaningful reform.

I am confident that the scholarly deliberations, research presentations, and intellectual exchanges during this seminar will significantly contribute to strengthening higher education in the state and advancing the vision of *Viksit Bharat @ 2047*. The publication of this souvenir stands as a testament to the collective academic efforts and will serve as a valuable reference for future research and policy discourse.

I sincerely appreciate the efforts of Dr. D. Ch. Appa Rao and the Organizing Committee, the Department of Commerce, invited speakers, research scholars, and participants for their dedication in making this seminar a grand success.

I extend my best wishes for the fruitful conduct of the seminar and for the continued academic excellence of our institution.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CONVENER



**Dr. D. Ch. Appa Rao**

Convener & Associate Professor of Commerce,  
SRR & CVR Government Degree College(A),  
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

It is my distinct privilege to extend warm greetings to all esteemed participants, scholars, academicians, and dignitaries gathered for this ICSSR-SRC Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar on "Empowering Higher Education in Andhra Pradesh: NEP 2020 and the Journey to Viksit Bharat@2047."

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 marks a transformative milestone in India's pursuit of educational excellence, equity, and innovation. This seminar serves as a vital platform to deliberate on its implementation in Andhra Pradesh, charting a roadmap towards a developed India by 2047. Through insightful deliberations, we aim to foster strategies that empower higher education institutions, nurture research, and equip our youth for global challenges.

I sincerely thank the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR-SRC), State Bank of India, and Union Bank of India for their generous sponsorship, our resource persons for their profound contributions, and all participants for their active engagement. Special appreciation to the Advisory Committee, organizing committee, faculty, and staff whose tireless efforts made this event a resounding success.

Let us commit to translating these discussions into actionable reforms, propelling Andhra Pradesh's higher education towards a brighter, more inclusive future.

## Message



**Prof. Lokanandha Reddy Irala**  
Professor  
School of Management Studies (SMS)  
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Dear Colleagues and Esteemed Partners in Education,

Higher education stands as the cornerstone of *Viksit Bharat@2047*, transforming India into a developed nation by 2047. In this direction, we should equip our youth with cutting-edge skills, help our institutions foster innovation, and shall drive research that addresses national challenges in economy, sustainability, and technology—aligning perfectly with the vision of *Atmanirbhar Bharat*.

I am excited to learn about the seminar "**Empowering Higher Education in Andhra Pradesh: NEP 2020 and the Journey to Viksit Bharat@2047**", where I am sure the delegates will explore:

- NEP 2020's transformative reforms, including multidisciplinary learning and research ecosystems.
- Andhra Pradesh's strides in accreditation, skill development, and equity in its higher education institutions.
- Strategies to align curricula with Viksit Bharat goals, from AI-driven analytics to global competitiveness.

Wishing the Seminar, **All the Very Best**

## Message



**Prof. D. Suryachandra Rao,**  
Professor, Department of Commerce & Business Management,  
University College of Arts and Sciences,  
Krishna University, Machilipatnam – 521004, Andhra Pradesh

I am delighted to associate with the ICSSR-SCR Sponsored Two Day National Seminar on “Empowering Higher Education in Andhra Pradesh: NEP 2020 and the Journey to Viksit Bharat @ 2047”, being organized by the Department of Commerce, SRR & CVR Government Degree College (Autonomous), Vijayawada, during 5–6 March 2026.

The National Education Policy 2020 envisions a transformative higher education system that promotes multidisciplinary learning, research orientation, innovation, digital empowerment, and global competitiveness, while preserving India’s cultural and ethical foundations. In the context of Andhra Pradesh, effective implementation of NEP 2020 is crucial for building quality-driven, inclusive, and future-ready higher education institutions aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

This seminar provides a timely and meaningful platform for academicians, researchers, and policymakers to deliberate on reforms, challenges, and strategic pathways for empowering higher education. I sincerely appreciate the Organizing Committee for choosing a theme of profound national relevance and academic significance.

I am confident that the deliberations of this seminar will generate valuable insights and constructive recommendations for strengthening the higher education ecosystem. I extend my best wishes for the grand success of the seminar.

## Message



**Dr. P. Anil Kumar**  
Principal, APSCHE

### **ICSSR–SRC Sponsored Two Day National Seminar “Empowering Higher Education in Andhra Pradesh: NEP 2020 and the Journey to Viksit Bharat @ 2047”**

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings on the occasion of the ICSSR–SRC Sponsored Two Day National Seminar on “Empowering Higher Education in Andhra Pradesh: NEP 2020 and the Journey to Viksit Bharat @ 2047.”

The vision of Viksit Bharat is deeply interconnected with sustainable development. Universities and colleges are no longer confined to classrooms; they are catalysts of innovation, entrepreneurship, social equity, environmental responsibility, and technological advancement. Higher Education institutions must therefore serve as engines of knowledge creation, cutting-edge research, industry-aligned skill development, social transformation, and inclusive growth aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) NEP 2020 emphasizes holistic and multidisciplinary education, Academic Bank of Credits, multiple entry–exit systems, strengthened research foundations, digital learning platforms, and strong industry–academia linkages. When implemented effectively, these reforms can empower Andhra Pradesh to emerge as a model state in knowledge-led growth and innovation. This seminar provides an important intellectual platform to deliberate on policy implementation, governance reforms, quality assurance, digital transformation, research funding, and inclusive access. The deliberations and recommendations emerging from this national forum will undoubtedly strengthen the roadmap for empowering Higher Education in Andhra Pradesh.

I commend Dr.D.Ch. Appa Rao, Convenor, Dr. K. Bhagya Lakshmi, Principal, SRR & CVR Government Degree College (A) Vijayawada and the organizers for bringing together academicians, policymakers, researchers, and stakeholders to engage in meaningful dialogue. I am confident that this seminar will contribute significantly to shaping a sustainable, equitable, and innovation-driven Higher Education



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