



**VIVEKANANDA GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE, VIDYANAGAR, HYDERABAD**

***(Affiliated to Osmania University)***

**Accredited by NAAC with “B” Grade ISO 9001:2015**

### **Institute Distinctiveness – 7.3.1**

**If you are planning for a year sow rice.**

**If you are planning for a decade, plant trees.**

**If you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.**

(Chinese Proverb)

Vivekananda Government Degree College was founded by Prof. Khandavalli Lakshmi Ranjanam, the eminent Scholar, Educationist at Vidyanagar, Hyderabad, in 1966. The College initially functioned as Evening Composite College with B.A. T/M and was known as SVS Telugu Kalasala. Subsequently, the College was taken over by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in 1982 and B.com was introduced. Later it was converted into day College in 1990. With the bifurcation of plus two programme in 2002 the College was renamed Vivekananda Government Degree College, affiliated to Osmania University.

The mission, vision, and objective of Vivekananda Government Degree College is amply reflected right from its inception in 1966 till today as it strives to achieve excellence in providing quality education by empowering students from socio-economically weaker sections of society by developing in them a thirst for knowledge, research, freedom of expression, respect for culture and generating sensitivity towards one’s environment.

The college ensures that the Staff works effectively as a team towards delivery of the organizational mission. It exercises effective control, displays integrity, openness, and transparency in working in alignment with its vision. The college has a perspective plan of development that covers all aspects viz. academic up gradation, faculty development, infrastructure, research and extension services and community engagement. During the last five years collective efforts are made to implement them smoothly and create a dynamic teaching /learning environment.

John Dewey said, “Education is not preparation for life; Education is life itself”. VGDC has adopted a five-pronged approach to bring about consistent growth in academics and strengthen it with infrastructure development to provide students from socially and economically weaker sections of society and often first-generation learners with facilities that would equip them to face the challenges of life with boldness and courage.

- **Introduction of CBCS System:** The Institution adopted Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in 2016 to promote skill and outcome-based education. The system offers a plethora of combinations and courses to choose from such as core, elective, soft skills. The introduction of Semester system and Continuous Internal Evaluation has allowed an effective student centric teaching/learning platform with contemporary appropriateness in the College.
- **Introduction of New Courses:** The Institution has been offering 3 courses in BA, 3 courses in B.Com and B.Sc Statistics, until 2017. In 2018-19 five new courses were added and in 2019-20, 3 new courses and two MOOCs courses were introduced across faculties of Arts, Commerce and Sciences so that students have full benefit of CBCS.
- **Increase in Student Strength:** The Commissionerate of Collegiate Education (CCE) recognising the Institution's commitment to providing quality tertiary education has enhanced the student intake from the academic year 2018-19. This facilitated an incremental growth in student strength from 653 in 2015-16 to 1791 in 2020-21. Experienced teaching faculty, up gradation of infrastructure facilities and the location advantage were the key factors for students to opt for the Institution in the online admission process DOST (Degree Online Services Telangana), and today we can proudly claim that the College is among the top 20 Government colleges of Telangana State.
- **Teaching Faculty:** To meet the demands of increasing strength and new courses, the Government sanctioned several posts in various subjects in 2018-19. Senior and highly qualified faculty were posted to the Institution during the General Transfer. The College has 42 teachers. Faculty are members of the Board of Studies of Universities and Autonomous Colleges, have International teaching experience and are involved in research. They are constantly updating their skills and knowledge to enhance the quality of teaching-learning and academic culture of the Institution. The teaching Staff makes every effort to impart value-based knowledge to the students and prepare them with life skills and employable skills.
- **Structural Expansion:** Until 2016, the college functioned with few rooms out of which six sheds as classrooms, a small library, the Principal's office, the college office, and a general staff room with a few toilets shared by staff and students. A donation of Rs.10 lakhs for computers by Sri K. M. Khan, Member of Parliament led to establishing a Computer Lab in 2002. In 2010, UGC sanctioned funds of Rs.9 lakhs led to the establishment of the second computer lab. In 2016-17 CCE, Government of Telangana State recognising the Institution's commitment to provide quality education to deserving students sanctioned Rs.2.25 cores for the construction of new building in the open land. It facilitated the construction of 7 spacious, well ventilated classrooms, 3 Staffrooms, a computer lab and toilets for both staff and students. In 2019, the College was sanctioned an amount of Rs.2 Cores by the RUSA. This funding has enabled the Institution to consolidate its infrastructural up gradation. 2 floors consisting of 4 large classrooms, 4 laboratories, 2 staffrooms and additional washrooms for staff and students has equipped the college to meet its physical infrastructure needs. Lab equipment, e-classrooms, and furniture

to cater to the increased strength ensure that teaching -learning takes place in a comfortable environment at VGDC. The Institution is further looking to mobilizing funds from Government and Non-Government sources and strengthen the infrastructure as per the quality norms.

The distinctive focal points around which the Institution works is to provides tertiary education to deserving students in a secular environment and is committed to serve the cause of economically weak and socially underprivileged students. During the last six and a half decades the college has grown from strength to strength and the periodic Academic Audit by CCE, Government of Telangana and the ISO Certification is 2019 assures us that we are actively involved in providing students to access to quality higher education. Pursuing the vision of Empowerment through Knowledge, the thrust area of our Institution is to provide quality education to young men and women realize their potential and become empowered, active participants of the society and nation.