VISAKHA GOVT. DEGREE COLLEGE (WOMEN), VISKHAPATNAM ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

The prestigious Visakha Govt. Degree College for Women is the **Brain Child** of the famous Vizagette, the freedom fighter and the philanthropist late **Sri. Singavarapu Surya Rao.** Way back in 1970s he could foresight the need for an educational institution for higher studies, exclusively for women and he struggled hard to give a shape to this social cause. On this occasion I acknowledge my humble tributes to him. His sincere endeavours were earnestly supported by the **Rani Saheba of Jeypore**, Orissa, **Smt. Rama Kumari Devi.** Rani Saheba, the **Queen of Compassion**gave her summer resort palace, situated on the Beach Road, popularly known as **HawaMahal** for a nominal rent.

Right from the **inception of the college in 1975**, owing to the endless efforts of eminent educationalists and philanthropists, the institution had provided education at affordable cost to the poor and middle class girls. The college got the **grant-in-aid**in **1978**due to relentless efforts of the Founder President, late Sri. S. Surya Rao. Later the Degree College was taken over by the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh in **1992 November**. It was **another feather in the cap** of VGDCW. The Visakha Govt. Degree College for women, from then onwards,till date attracting more and more students to cherish their dreams ofhigher education and self-sustenance. **Our alumni are in prestigious positions in various fields**.

The college has been **excelling for 43 years** and we are eagerly waiting for the moments to celebrate the GOLDEN JUBLEE year function as the time rolls very quickly. I would like to bring to your attention that ours is the **only** Govt. Degree College for Women in the entire district of Visakhapatnam. The college offers under graduate courses in B.Sc., B.A., B.Com and post graduate courses in M.A. English, M.A. Psychology, M.A. Social Work and M.Sc. Microbiology. VGDC W is the only college in the state which offers a B.A Group in Edn, Sw., Psy.

Even though our college is located in the heart of the city amidst heavy business establishment, the serenity in the campus is incomparable. I proudly convey that I have talented, industrious and dynamic team of faculty. We have Best Teacher Awardees. Even our students got Pratibha Awards. K. Pravallika of Ed. Sw. Psy. is the winner of Pratibha Award for the year 2018. Indumati from 2nd B.Sc. won 25000/- cash prize in Jnanabheri elocution competition.

Dept. of Telugu arranged "Sangeeta Navavdhanam" by Sri. M. Rama Lingeswara Swami which was a musical enticement. The dept. conducted Telugu Bhasha Dinotsavam, vigilance awareness week and Yuvajanostavalu both district and divisional level competitions. The language depts. conducted a programme on International Mother Tongue Day.

The dept. of Hindi has slated a national seminar on 24th March 2019 and conducted a certificate course in 'Spoken Hindi.' Dr. K. Sudhain charge of the dept. has received awards of excellence such as VilakshanaSamajSevi by Vilakshana Sardhak Pehal Foundation, Haryana, Sarabati Devi Samman, Haryana, Excellency Award in Literature by Hindustan aur Himalaya Foundation, Rishikesh, and PratibhaMahila Award by Visakha Journalist Forum.

The dept. of English has arranged extension lectures on "Corporate Etiquette and Communicative Behaviour" by soft skills trainer Mr. Kennedy Babu from APITA, lectures on personality development, grooming and communication skills. An exclusive skill development programme was arranged on 28th Dec with Mr.Pillay from Singapore. All of these are aimed at the enhancement of communication and soft skills of the students and also for the employment benefits of the students.

The dept. of Economics conducted a seminar and chart exhibition on 11th July, the World Population Day. Also conducted a work shop and arranged a guest lecture.

The dept. of Psychology conducted an awareness program on minority welfare schemes of the Govt. on the occasion of Minority Welfare Day. The students went to St. Anthony School and Vidyodaya High School and conducted an awareness program for the adolescent students of class 7th& 8th. The Psychology dept. successfully conducted a project on the "IQ levels of B.A & B.Sc. students.

The dept. of Chemistry conducted a workshop on 17th Sep. the World Ozone Day. It came up with an innovative idea like 'Lab to School Program.' The dept. conducted field visits to CMFRI.

The Computer Science dept. along with dept. of physics and Green club in collaboration with **Green Waves Club** conducted a workshop on **E-Waste management**and also conducted a one day hands-on session on PHP-Web development, a very useful program for the computer science students.

Dept. of Mathematics conducted Maths Day on 22/12/18.

Dept. of Microbiology conducted Blood group determination for all the 1year students and conducted an awareness seminar on National Nutrition Week. It has also organized a food festival by the students to promote healthy nutritious diet.

I am happy to announce that our final year students gave a live programme in MANA TV under the guidance of Dept. of Biotechnology.

Health Club organized in association with Kala Hospital for staff, students and general public. Dental camp was conducted in association with Apple Dental Hospital.

In this globalized and digitalized world our students are reaping the fruits of technology based education. In our college we have **3 virtual classrooms** worth 9,61,000 /- and **3 digitalclassrooms** worth 4,35,000/- Our faculty have been imparting education through these **E**-**Learning** tools and technology. Our faculty were also trained in developing **E-Content**.

Our students are also beingexposed to co-curricular activities. The dept. of Hindi had taken the students to Kurnool for a field trip where the students were exposed to different geographical and cultural identities. The depts. of commerce, English and Telugu went to an educational tour. Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science and Mathematics depts. have taken the students to GITAM University. The depts. of Economics, History, Political Science, Botany, Microbiology and Biotech organized a trip of historical site seeing in and around Vizag.

It's my privilege to announce that ours is one of the colleges funded by **RUSA** which had sanctioned **2 crores** of which **70 lakhs** were spent on the construction of a spacious seminar hall and a library. Beautification of the college was done with **70 lakhs** and purchased **60 lakhs** worth equipment. I am happy to inform you that we are taking part in the environment friendly initiatives as we are utilizing **solar energy**. Our college has 16 solar panels worth 16.85 lakhs.

I am honoured to convey that our college was recently sanctioned an NCC wing in 2017. Dr.Sudha is the NCC in charge. The 56 NCC cadets have been actively participating in all the social service activities including beach cleaning, cleaning the statues of great personalities and national leaders and participating in Swaccha Bharat rallies. The NCC 2A Girls conducted a candle march on 20th Feb to pay tribute to the **Pulwama martyrs** of Jammu and Kashmir.

The university results are very encouraging with a pass percentage of 90, for the academic year 2018-19, no. of students appeared the examinations are 317 and number of students passed are 286.

We have **two units of NSS**. These two units along with active involvement of faculty members and students, are participating in all the Govt. Programmes like **Janmabhoomi,Swaccha Bharat, ODF, Domala pi Dandayatra** etc. The NSS units have adopted the nearby areas like **Bheemnagar, Allipuram, Abedkar Colony** etc. and striving hard to bring a social change on various issues. They have also conducted medical camps and awareness programmes. **NSS mega camp** was held from 2/1/19 to 8/1/2019.

We at VGDC (w) are not only catering to the needs of the local areas as a part of the **Social Responsibility**but also working hard **to fulfil the dreams of the studentsthrough JKC**. The **Jawahar Knowledge Centre-JKC** unit has been relentlessly trying to improve the life skills and communication skills of the students so as to enable them in becoming successful citizens in the society and also shaping them as employable candidates for the job sector. Our students are proving their ability in the Job Drives and becoming economically independent. This academic year we have conducted **2 Mega Job Drives** in the months **September and February** and a total no. of **110** students were selected/ short listed or got offer letters. The JKC has conducted a special training programme in collaboration with **JCI vizag**, for **5** days from 5/2/19 to 11/2/19 on interview skills, grooming, presentation skills etc.

Finally apart from excellence in curricular, co-curricular activitieswe stronglybelieve in the all-round development of the students. The college has a well-equipped gymnasium which provides an opportunity for the physical fitness of the staff and students. Our students are representing various events in various championships and tournaments. They are bestowed upon laurels in Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Kho-Kho, Ballbadminton, and Shot-Put. Our athletes secured gold and bronze medal in High-Jump events. 6 players represented AU in South Zone Inter University Tournaments.

G. Lakshmi in Badminton, Lakshmi Lavanya and SaiLatha in Volleyball played in the **Nationals** which is a proud privilege for the college and to the department. Our girls stood winners in Jnanabheri Zonal Competitions and in various other district level competitions.