

HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE

Viswa Kavi Vemana Government Degree College, Kothapeta was started in the year 1979 with the blessings of the Chief Minister Dr. Marri Chenna Reddy and Sri M.V.S. Subbaraju, Promoter and the M.L.A of Kothapeta Assembly Constituency.

Before 1979 there was no Degree College in Kothapeta Taluk though it was one of the biggest taluks comprising the present Mandals of Kothapeta, Ravulapalem and Atreyapuram. Kothapet is located centrally in Konaseema. At that time, the students of this area had to go to places like Rajahmundry, Kakinada and Amalapuram for under-graduate education. This had caused many hardships to the students (especially girl students) and the parents.

Keeping this in view philanthropists like Sri M.V.V. Subba Raju put in great efforts and secured the sanction of this college with the nomenclature “Viswa Kavi Vemana” Government Degree College.

Subsequently the College has been much benefited by the benevolent work done by the successive M.L.As Dr.Ch.Soma Sundara Reddy, Dr.I.S. Raju, Sri.B.Satyananda Rao and Sri. Ch.Jaggi Reddy. For the establishment of the college, a trust named “The Kothapeta Taluk Educational Improvement Trust” worked very hard. Sri.M.V.V.S.Subba Raju was the promoter, Sri Venkata Rao was the Trust and Sri Venkata Rao was the Secretary.

The Degree College was originally started in the premises of local Government Junior College. The College had the privilege of having able administrators as its principals who have left their mark in the history of the college.

At the inception of the College there were the following courses:

1. B.A. (HEP)
2. B.Com.

Later on, the Science courses were also introduced from the year 1985-86 with the following combinations:

1. B.Sc. (MPC) Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.
2. B.Sc. (BZC) Botany, Zoology and Chemistry.

In the Year 1996, the college was shifted to its new and own premises (though the science Laboratories were left in the old premises). Coming over to the new premises was not an easy task. The campus was like a jungle. It was uneven with pits and mini ponds. However with the determined and positive work of the Principal, Sri Veerabhardra Rao, it was possible that every hurdle was overcome and the college was led to enter its own premises in the time of Sri.

K.V.Ramana Murthy. At the time of shifting, the college had only 5 Class rooms and a Principal Room in which the office was also accommodated. Later on, with the relentless work of Sri.B.Satyananda Rao,M.L.A., the college has acquired additional class room accommodation(4 rooms), Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Open University Room which was opened by the Honourable Minister for Higher Education Sri G.M.C.Balayogi and Office-cum-staff Room from M.P. Funds which was opened by Sri.B.Satyananda Rao,M.L.A; and a ladies waiting room with toilets which was constructed with the amount received in the name of late Smt. Jampa Bangaramma and Veerabhardra Rao to which matching grants was sanctioned from the “Jnana Bhumi” funds and the waiting room was opened by Dr.M.Satyanarayana Rao, the Honourable Minister for Co-Operation.

Sri V. Rama Raju, former Lecturer of this College, planted trees in the college campus. He used to spend four hours daily to water the plants. As there was no compound wall he took much pain to safe-guard the plants.

Two self finance courses started in this year 2005

1. B.Sc. Computers
2. B.Sc. Biotechnology

Later on, due to uneconomical strength B.Sc. Biotechnology course was discontinued. In the year 2021, keeping in view the demand from the students community, two self-finance courses B.Com Computer Applications and B.A. Tourism and Travel Management were introduced and B.Com Computer Applications was successfully running with full pledged strength and other one B.A. Tourism and Travel Management was discontinued due to lack of students and one more self-finance course B.A. Computer Applications course was introduced from the academic year 2022-23. At present this college offers seven UG programmes.