

KAKATIYA UNIVERSITY GOLDEN JUBILEE: 1976–2026

Fifty Years of Knowledge, Service and Social Transformation

A Commemorative Souvenir by

Kakatiya University Retired Teachers' Association (KURTA)

KAKATIYA UNIVERSITY: Born of the Aspirations of and Agitations for Telangana

The Golden Jubilee of Kakatiya University is not merely the celebration of fifty years in the life of an educational institution. It is the celebration of a historic journey—a journey born out of the aspirations of the people of Telangana for educational opportunity, regional development, social justice, intellectual advancement, and cultural self-expression.

Established on **19 August 1976**, Kakatiya University emerged during an important phase in the educational and social history of Telangana. Its establishment marked the fulfilment of a long-felt need for a major centre of higher learning in northern Telangana, a region that had remained relatively underserved in access to university education.



From its modest beginnings as a Post-Graduate Centre with only a few departments, the University grew into a major institution of teaching, research, knowledge creation, and public service. Over five decades, thousands of teachers, researchers, administrators, employees, students, and alumni contributed to its development.

For many of us who had the privilege of serving the University, Kakatiya University was much more than a place of employment. It was our intellectual home. Its classrooms were spaces of learning and debate; its laboratories became centres of scientific inquiry; its libraries opened windows to the world; and its departments nurtured generations of students and research scholars.

The campus witnessed our professional growth, enduring friendships, academic achievements, collective struggles, moments of celebration, and shared commitment to the advancement of higher education.

As we commemorate fifty years of Kakatiya University, we remember with gratitude the pioneers who laid its foundations, the teachers who built its academic traditions, the employees who sustained its institutions, and the generations of students who carried its name and values across Telangana, India, and the world.

I: THE HISTORI SETTING: Telangana's Struggle for Higher Education

The establishment of Kakatiya University must be understood within the broader histori and social context of Telangana.

For many decades, Telangana was neglected in Education and all other important sectors by successive governments dominated by rulers belonging to other regions of the undivided Andhra Pradesh. Few available opportunities for higher education were concentrated largely in Hyderabad. Students from Warangal and the northern districts of Telangana did not get opportunities and often had to travel long distances or relocate to pursue postgraduate education and research.

For students belonging to rural communities and economically disadvantaged families, such opportunities were limited. Distance, financial constraints, inadequate transport, and the absence of institutions offering advanced education prevented many talented young people from pursuing higher studies.

The demand for greater educational access therefore became part of the larger aspiration for the development of Telangana and it was in a way lead to the demand and agitation for the separate state of Telangana.

Warangal was a natural location for the establishment of a major institution of higher learning. Historically known as **Orugallu**, Warangal had served as the capital of the Kakatiya dynasty and occupied a distinguished place in the political, cultural, architectural, and intellectual history of the Telugu-speaking people.

The region inherited a rich tradition of irrigation, agriculture, architecture, literature, arts, crafts, trade, and social organisation. The magnificent monuments associated with the Kakatiya period—including the Thousand Pillar Temple, Warangal Fort, and the wider architectural heritage of the region—remain enduring symbols of Telangana's creativity and cultural identity.

It was therefore appropriate that the new University should bear the name “**Kakatiya**”, linking a modern institution of knowledge with the histori and cultural heritage of the region.

II : THE BEGINNING OF A GREAT JOURNEY: From a Post-Graduate Centre to a University



August 19, 1976 : Inauguration of the University

The origins of Kakatiya University can be traced to the establishment of a Post-Graduate Centre of Osmania University at Warangal in **1967**. The Centre began with four departments: Telugu, English, Chemistry and Mathematics. Though modest in size, the establishment of the Post-Graduate Centre represented an important advance in the educational history of northern Telangana. For the first time, many students from Warangal and neighbouring districts gained access to postgraduate education closer to their homes. Later, Physics, Botany and Zoology, commerce and Public Administration were added. The Post-Graduate Centre gradually attracted committed teachers Biruduraju Ramaraju, Satyanarain Singh, Vijaya Saradhi, P. A. James, Keshava Rao, E. V. Sundaram, Ramakoti Shastri, Sirdeshmukh, P.S. Rao, K. L. Narayana, Bir Bahadur, K. T. Rama Krishna etc. New academic programmes were introduced, research activities expanded, and the need for an independent university became increasingly felt. The growing agitations and educational aspirations of the people, together with the expansion of higher education in the region, created the historical conditions for transforming the PG Centre into a full-fledged university.

On **19 August 1976**, the Post-Graduate Centre was elevated to the status of a university and was named **Kakatiya University**. Prof. K. Venkataramaiah (Physics) was appointed as the first Vice-Chancellor.

The establishment of the University marked the beginning of a new era in higher education in Telangana. It created opportunities for thousands of first-generation learners, rural students, women, members of disadvantaged communities, and young people from families with limited access to higher education. The University became not only an institution for awarding degrees but also an important instrument of social transformation.

III: BUILDING THE UNIVERSITY: The Early Years

The formative years of Kakatiya University were years of institution-building. The pioneers of the University more specifically Prof. Venkataramaiah, faced the enormous responsibility of creating physical infrastructure and academic atmosphere: developing established departments, starting new ones, recruiting teachers, designing curricula, introducing laboratories, establishing libraries, constructing buildings, promoting research, and developing systems of administration. Prof. Venkataramaiah persuaded the then senior teachers who came from Osmania University to stay here and recruited new generation of teachers with all integrity and commitment. The University began with limited infrastructure but with considerable academic enthusiasm and a strong sense of purpose.

Later Prof. Jafar Nizam and Prof. T. Vasudev continued the challenging task of university expansion, and successfully completed the recruitment of teaching and supporting staff apart from building additional infrastructure and starting new departments.



Teachers and administrators worked together to establish academic traditions suited to the needs and aspirations of the region. Departments gradually expanded their teaching programmes, research activities with seminars, publications, and interaction with society.



The University campus at Vidyaranyapuri began to take shape. The development of the campus was not merely a physical expansion. It represented the creation of an academic community. Teachers from different disciplines interacted across departmental boundaries. Students from diverse social, economic, linguistic, and geographical backgrounds came together. Research scholars pursued new areas of knowledge. Seminars and conferences brought distinguished scholars to Warangal. A vibrant intellectual culture gradually emerged.

A Campus Becomes a Community

For generations of teachers and students, the Kakatiya University campus became a world in itself. The familiar roads connecting the departments, the shade of trees, crowded classrooms, departmental libraries, laboratories, seminar halls, student hostels, tea-time discussions, cultural programmes, academic debates, sports events, and informal conversations and at times heated and serious student ideological discussions and clashes formed part of the shared experience of University life.



The University was built not only through official plans and institutional structures but also through countless acts of commitment by its academic and non-teaching communities.

Teachers developed new courses, established laboratories, guided research scholars, organised seminars, wrote books, undertook research projects, and participated in public discussions. Employees worked

behind the scenes to maintain academic and administrative services. Students brought energy, curiosity, creativity, and new aspirations to the campus.



Together, they transformed a young institution into a major centre of higher education.

IV: EXPANSION OF ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE

Growth of Faculties and Departments

Beginning with only four postgraduate departments in 1967, the institution expanded over the decades into a multidisciplinary university encompassing the humanities, social sciences, sciences, commerce, management, education, law, engineering, technology, pharmacy, and several emerging areas of study.

The expansion of academic programmes reflected both the advancement of learning and the changing educational needs of society. Departments in the Humanities contributed to the study and development of language, literature, philosophy, history, and culture. The Social Sciences examined the economic, political, social, and developmental challenges facing India in general, focussing in particular on Telangana. The Natural Sciences developed teaching and research in both fundamental and applied areas of scientific knowledge.

Professional programmes in commerce, HRM, law, education, pharmacy, engineering, computer science, and technology created opportunities.

New courses such as Information Technology, MBA, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Sericulture and Tourism were introduced in response to changing employment opportunities, technological development, and social needs.

Through this continuous academic expansion, Kakatiya University opened the doors of higher education to generations of students from all parts of Telangana.

Teaching: Foundation of the University

Teaching remained at the heart of the University's mission. Generations of teachers entered its classrooms with a commitment to impart knowledge, encourage critical thinking, and inspire students to pursue intellectual and professional excellence. Many students who entered the University came from rural schools and colleges. Some were the first members of their families to receive higher education. Teachers often played roles extending beyond formal classroom instruction. They became mentors, guides, counsellors, and sources of encouragement. The relationship between teachers and students contributed significantly to the distinctive academic culture of Kakatiya University.

Former students went on to become teachers, professors, scientists, administrators, lawyers, judges, doctors, engineers, writers, journalists, entrepreneurs, public representatives, and leaders of thought. The achievements of its alumni remain among the University's greatest contributions to society.

Research and the Creation of Knowledge

As the University expanded, research became an increasingly important component of its academic mission. Research scholars investigated questions relevant to science, society, culture, economy, history, language, technology, environment, and regional development. Many departments established specialised laboratories and research facilities. Faculty members received support for research projects from national and state institutions.

The University produced thousands of research dissertations and doctoral theses. Research conducted at Kakatiya University contributed not only to academic knowledge but also to a better understanding of Telangana's economy, society, history, natural resources, environment, languages, literature, and cultural traditions. The University's researchers studied the problems and possibilities of the region and helped bring regional concerns into wider academic discussion. It maintained a close relationship with the social and economic concerns of Telangana.

Faculty members and researchers contributed to studies on Regional economic development, Agriculture and rural livelihoods, Irrigation and water resources, Tribal communities, Public administration, Education, Public health, Environment and biodiversity, Telangana history and culture, Language and literature, Social justice, Women's empowerment, Science and technology.

V: KAKATIYA UNIVERSITY AND TELANGANA SOCIETY

The University and Regional Development

Through research, public lectures, extension programmes, policy discussions, seminars, publications, and community engagement, the University contributed to public understanding and regional development. Scholars documented the political history, social movements, literature, folklore, language, architecture, archaeology, festivals, traditions, and cultural practices of the region. Academic research helped recover histories that had received limited attention in earlier scholarship. The University contributed to strengthening awareness of Telangana's distinct historical and cultural identity. Its departments, researchers, writers, and intellectuals played an important role in documenting and interpreting the social and cultural experience of the region.

Empowerment Through Education

The University played an important role in expanding educational opportunities for women and historically disadvantaged sections of society. Access to affordable higher education closer to home enabled many women to pursue postgraduate studies and research. Educational opportunity helped transform individual lives and families. Students who might otherwise have been excluded from higher education entered academic and professional careers. The University thus became an important institution of inclusion and social mobility. Its contribution cannot be measured only through the number of degrees awarded or research papers published. Its deeper contribution lies in the lives transformed through education.

The University as a Centre of Public Life

Universities are not isolated centres of instruction. They are spaces where society examines itself, debates ideas, and imagines its future.

Over the decades, Kakatiya University became an important centre of intellectual and public life in Telangana. It was but natural that defiance, struggle for justice, sacrifice, questioning and resistance to authoritarian tendencies, the core values of Telangana life are reflected in the campus atmosphere. In its formative years, especially, the campus hosted seminars, conferences, literary meetings, scientific discussions, cultural programmes, public lectures, student activities, and debates on issues of regional and national importance.

Teachers and students participated actively in discussions concerning education, development, democracy, equality, social justice, and regional aspirations.

The University nurtured generations of socially conscious citizens. The restlessness of citizens in the country over the maladies affecting the socio-political fabric of the times found voice and resonance in university campuses, and Kakatiya University was no exception. In fact, it was in the vanguard of such resistance movements. In the early years the leftist student organizations were very active contributing to debate on poverty and income distribution issues in India in general and Telangana in particular. Someone said is it Kakatiya University or Karl Marx University? Prominent leaders emerged from these left organizations who later impacted the political and social space in India.

The second phase of Telangana movement is another instance of active participation in public life. In fact, the seeds for the movement in the late 1990s and at the turn of the century were sown in the University, the momentum spreading to other universities in course of time. The university became a hothouse of different forms of agitation, innovative and non-violent, that culminated in the formation of Telangana in 2013. Kakatiya University could rightfully claim its share in the success story.

The academic freedom, intellectual debate, and social engagement experienced on the campus contributed to the democratic culture of Telangana.

VI: THE PHYSICAL GROWTH OF THE UNIVERSITY

From Modest Beginnings to a Modern Campus

The physical growth of Kakatiya University reflects five decades of institutional development. The University gradually developed a large and green residential campus with academic, administrative, research, residential, cultural, and recreational facilities.

Over the years, the campus came to include: Academic departments, Administrative buildings, University colleges, Central and departmental libraries, Research laboratories, Central instrumentation facilities, Computer and technology facilities, Seminar halls and auditoria, Hostels for students and research scholars, Residential quarters, Health and student-support facilities, Sports grounds and indoor facilities, Roads and green spaces, Examination and administrative infrastructure. These facilities supported the University's expanding responsibilities in teaching, research, student welfare, and public service. The green campus became one of the most cherished features of the University life. For retired teachers returning after many years, every road, building, tree, department, and familiar corner evokes memories of colleagues, students, academic discussions, celebrations, and shared experiences.



VII: FIVE DECADES—COUNTLESS LIVES

The history of a university cannot be told only through dates, statutes, buildings, departments, and official reports.

Its true history lives in its people. It lives in the memory of a teacher entering a classroom for the first time. It lives in the excitement of a student arriving from a distant village to begin postgraduate education. It lives in the patience of a research scholar working late in a laboratory or library. It lives in departmental discussions, seminars, field visits, cultural programmes, student gatherings, and lifelong friendships. It lives in the achievements of alumni who carried the knowledge and values acquired at the University into society. It lives in the contributions of every teacher, employee, student, researcher, administrator, and well-wisher who participated in the University's journey. Every department has its own story. Every teacher has memories worth preserving.

Every generation has contributed a chapter to the history of Kakatiya University.

The Golden Jubilee provides an opportunity to bring these memories together.

VIII: KURTA AND THE LIVING MEMORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

Retirement marks the completion of formal service, but it does not end one's association with the University. The retired teachers of Kakatiya University remain custodians of its institutional memory. They witnessed the establishment of departments, introduction of courses, construction of buildings, development of laboratories, expansion of research, and transformation of the campus.

Their personal experiences preserve aspects of the University history that may not be found in official documents.

The Kakatiya University Retired Teachers' Association seeks to bring these memories together as part of the Golden Jubilee commemoration.

Members are invited to contribute:

- Personal reminiscences
- Departmental histories
- Experiences with colleagues
- Memories of teachers and mentors
- Experiences with students and research scholars
- Important academic achievements
- Research contributions

- Rare photographs
- Historical documents
- Newspaper reports
- Seminar and conference material
- Audio and video recordings
- Accounts of important events in the University history

These contributions will help preserve the human story of Kakatiya University for future generations.

IX: LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

As Kakatiya University completes fifty years, the Golden Jubilee is both an occasion for celebration and a moment for reflection. The world of higher education is undergoing rapid transformation. Digital technology, artificial intelligence, interdisciplinary research, environmental challenges, changing employment patterns, and new methods of teaching are reshaping universities across the world. Kakatiya University enters its next fifty years with a rich legacy and new responsibilities. Its future strength will depend on its ability to preserve academic values while embracing innovation. The University must continue to expand access, promote excellence, encourage research, strengthen social inclusion, preserve regional knowledge, and respond to the emerging needs of society. The founding purpose of the University—to serve the educational aspirations of Telangana—remains as relevant today as it was in 1976.

Message from the Vice-Chancellor



It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings on the occasion of the **Golden Jubilee of Kakatiya University**. Over the past fifty years, our University has emerged as a distinguished centre of higher learning, research, innovation, and service to society, while remaining deeply rooted in the aspirations of Telangana. This commemorative souvenir, brought out by the **Kakatiya University Retired Teachers' Association (KURTA)**, is a fitting tribute to the pioneers, teachers, employees, students, and alumni whose dedication shaped the University's remarkable journey. I congratulate KURTA for this thoughtful initiative and wish the Golden Jubilee celebrations every success. May Kakatiya University continue to uphold the highest traditions of academic excellence and inspire future generations.

- Prof. K. Pratap Reddy, Vice-Chancellor

Department Profiles and Members' Memories

Department of English

The Department of English is one of the first four departments started in 1967 by Osmania University at its P G Centre in Warangal. It has got a strong foundation laid by the scholars from the parent department. The Department organized its Silver Jubilee Celebrations in 1992 with an International Seminar on Literatures and Films and Alumni Meet. The Department's Golden Jubilee (1967-2017) was celebrated in 2017. An Alumni Meet was organized on a grand scale in January 31, 2017. To mark the occasion of the Golden Jubilee, a comprehensive volume of the 'Author Index' of *Kakatiya Journal of English Studies* Volumes 1-36 was brought out along with a Souvenir with names of all PG batches since inception, M.Phil and Ph.D awardees.

Prof. P. Shivkumar

In 1991 when I assumed charge of headship, we decided to organize two events to mark the Silver Jubilee Year (1992) of the founding of Department of English in Warangal (1967): (1) a three-day International Seminar on Indian Literatures and Films—a pioneering, interdisciplinary initiative that would bring together the iconic filmmakers, ShyamBenegal, AdoorGopalakrishnan, Pattabhi Rama Reddy, and the distinguished writers, as well as the film and literary critics—and (2) Silver Jubilee Celebrations per se, featuring lectures by distinguished English scholars and writers as well as felicitations to the former Vice-Chancellors, the founding Chairman of the Department of English, Prof Satysnsrain Singh, and the distinguished alumni of the Department of English.



Prof. K. Indrasena Reddy

Retired as Professor of English in 2005



Prof. V. Gopal Reddy

After completing my Graduation in (1971) and PG in English (1974), I started my teaching career in LB College, Warangal. In 1982, I joined KU as Lecturer in English. I spent a large part of my service in UASc College, serving as Lecturer, Reader, NSS Program Officer, Vice-Principal and Principal. I am very happy that UASc College was Accredited with A+ grade and later as the College with Potential for Excellence by the UGC. The Govt. of AP appointed me as 10th Vice-Chancellor of KU. With the help of the co-operation of all my teaching and non-teaching staff I tried to strengthen the Academic Programs in KU, like introducing Sericulture, 5 yr Integrated Chemistry program etc. We could successfully conduct recruitments twice adding more than 60 teachers in different departments. Further, through CAS selections During my tenure I tried to develop infrastructure facilities in the Univ. The building for Exam. Br., Dr.Ambedkar Hostel for Boys, 1st floors over Library, Academic Senate Hall, Biology, and Microbiology buildings etc. With the help of contributions from NRI's and Alumni a few Departments were developed. I thank all my former colleagues for their unstinted support.



Prof. M. Rajagopala Chary

As a proud alumnus and former faculty member of Kakatiya University, I am honored to be a part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations. I pursued my MA in English at the PG Centre, Warangal (1973–75). The classes then were held in sheds near the KU Post Office. Prof.VenkataRamiah, the first Vice-chancellor, used to personally supervise the construction of buildings. We had four distinguished teachers — Prof.Satyanarain Singh with his epigrammatic style, Dr. K.P. Saradhi with his mellifluous language, Mrs. Anita Kumar with vivid explication, and Dr. Lakshmana Murthy with his wit and erudition in Sanskrit My Achievements: Gold Medalist in M.Phil (1978); PhD (1982); first UGC Emeritus Fellow at KU (2015–17). First to secure a UGC Career Award (1986–89); State Best Teacher Award (2009); KU Best Teacher-Researcher (2006); Guided 39 research scholars. Administration: Principal, UPGC Nirmal (1996–2006) & Arts College, Subedari (2011-13); drafted NAAC RAR for KU and Arts College that helped in getting A Grade



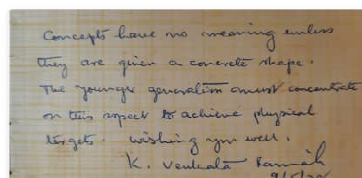
Prof. J. Yellaiah

I cherish vivid memories as a student in the Department of English, Kakatiya University, and later as its faculty member, HoD, as teacher-administrator and as Executive Council Member of Kakatiya University. Although it is difficult to capture everything in a nutshell, I will focus on a few glimpses of my career in Kakatiya University: Teaching was my passion and it gave me utmost satisfaction. My journey from a school teacher to university Professor was marked by struggles against many odds, hard work and dedication. My career offered an instance of what a person from underprivileged background with talent and tenacity could accomplish in the context of social empowerment and social justice. In March 1996 I was appointed as Member of the Executive Council of Kakatiya University and continued till 2004.



Prof. G. Damodar

It is memorable to be part of my alma mater. As a proud student of the first batch of 1976, I cherish this milestone and the memories that come with it. I was an OU graduate in 1976, took my entrance test for M.A. English at Arts College. Out of two options, I preferred the PG Centre in Warangal. The Centre was declared as a university on August 19, 1976 in our first semester. Prof K. VenkatRamaiah was the first VC of the University. I was lucky to get his autograph after completion of my course. (Photo 1) Our first Head, Prof Satyanarain Singh, ennobled me saying, “the study of literature should make you imaginative in dealing with the people.” (Photo 2) These words from VC and HoD, motivated me to establish BIE and work at CKM and KU to concretise my concepts of study at KU and repay my debt to society. We were 16 in the class, and here is the group photo of my batchmates and juniors including the staff (Photo 3). Some get-togethers of my classmates with our teachers were held.



K. Damodar Rao

The university is celebrating its Golden Jubilee and our M.A (English) batch of 1977-79 will enter the Golden Jubilee next year. During our two-year stay, we could feel the aura and grace, charm and dignity of the Professors, sense of belonging of the students. With its pristine surroundings, the University showed assurance and potential. While our teachers of eminence imparted finer sensibility, the university, a hub of activism, imparted values of empathy and oneness. I am fortunate to have served (1991-2017) in the same department, in that atmosphere of assured idealism. My association with my teachers, later senior colleagues in the Department shaped my literary sensibility, manifested in my association with Kakatiya Journal of English Studies, publication of numerous articles, criti anthologies as well as translated works. Many of these have been cited in national and international journals and books. I owe it all to the University, my teachers, colleagues and students in the Department. My career path coincided with the department in its journey from the Silver Jubilee to Golden Jubilee (1991-2017).



Department of Telugu

The Department of Telugu has been functioning from the inception of the Kakatiya University. Previously it was started in 1967 under the leadership of eminent scholar Prof. B. Rama Raju at the Arts & Science College Campus as part of the P.G. Centre under the jurisdiction of the Osmania University. And, it was shifted to the P.G. Centre Campus at Vidyanarayapur. Having started with a staff of four members, it was upgraded to the status of a Department at the Kakatiya University in 1976, and the Department moved into the present Humanities Building in 1980.

Prof. A. Bhoomaiah

ఆచార్య అనుమాండ్ల భూమయ్య సాహిత్య స్వర్ణోత్సవ సంవత్సరం.

1976లో నేను రాసిన “కామవిగోపరాజు సాహిత్య విశ్లేషణ” మొదటి పుస్తకం.

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Prof. Banna Ailaiah



Department of Bio Chemistry

The department was established in 2005 bifurcating the subject from the Chemistry department. Bio-chemistry was one of the optional papers in M.Sc. course and realizing the potential for this subject, the M.Sc. Bio-Chemistry course was started in 1999 under self-finance Scheme. Bio-chemistry was one of the optional papers in M.Sc. course and realizing the potential for this subject, the M.Sc. Bio-Chemistry course was started in 1999 under self-finance Scheme.

Department of Biotechnology

Biotechnology is an interdisciplinary course which encompasses all basic science subjects. It was established with an objective to provide teaching and research to young students and equip them to meet the growing need of the state and country. Department of Botany in the form of introducing Plant Tissue Culture as one of the specialization in Botany during 1984-1985 through the assistance of UGC VII plan. Later the same specialization was restructured as Plant Biotechnology. Through inputs of active teaching and research by committed teachers, the specialization has got enough platform to elevate the specialization into a separate course.

Prof. Abbagani Sadanandam

When I look at Kakatiya University today, I don't just see buildings and classrooms. I see my childhood fields. Seven acres of prime land from my agricultural family were given when this place was still the PG Center. We gave soil. We never imagined that one day, that very soil would raise not just crops, but generations of minds. It was my greatest privilege to walk onto this campus as part of the very first M.Sc. Botany batch. And four of us were honored with the Indian Botani Society's most prestigious commemorative medals: *Prof. A. Sadanandam* and *Prof. N. Rama Swamy* — _Prof. P. Maheshwari Medal_ *Prof. K. Jagan Mohan Reddy* and *Dr. G.V.S. Murthy* — _Prof. V. Puri Medal_ Three of us found our way back home. *Prof. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Prof. Rama Swamy, and I* returned to the Department of Botany. I spent 34 years here. Thirty-four years of lectures, labs, laughter, and late evenings.



Prof. N. Ramaswamy

I am the first batch M. Sc Botany (1976-1978) student of Kakatiya University. Proud to be an old student of this great Institution. Fifty years of building futures and I am so proud to call this my alma mater. I did my Ph. D in the area of Genetics and Plant Breeding from Kakatiya University (1983), published 173 research publications in National and International reputed journals, authored/edited 21 books for Intermediate, Degree, Research students and competitive exams. I Contributions.. As Coordinator of Biotechnology received the funding from UGC for Vocational B.Sc. Biotechnology Course at university Arts & Science College. As DST- FEST program coordinator established the Computer center with Internet Facility for the first time in the Department of Botany . As Head, Department of Biotechnology introduced the Ph. D program and as well as Started 5 year Integrated Biotechnology course.

Received many Coveted Awards/Honors: Academy Of Plant Sciences India Award 2005; Andhra Pradesh Scientist Award-2007; Excellency Award-2009; State Meritorious Best Teacher Award- 2010, Talented Biotechnologist Award-2011 (Srilanka); Talented Scientist Award-2012 (USA); UGC Visiting Fellow to Saint Gadge Baba Amravathi university-2012. Excellency in Research Award-2014; Out Standing Faculty Award-2017; Prof.Panchanana Maheshwari Medal Award-2017; Member on Biosafety Committee; DBT (2010-2016); Visiting Research Professor (VRP-DBT) at NEHU (2018), Shillong; Fellow of Telangana Academy of Sciences-2019 and many others.



Department of Botany

The Department of Botany, one of the oldest departments of Kakatiya University, was established in 1968 in the erstwhile PG centre of Osmania University. The founding fathers with their foresight and vision have laid strong foundation for teaching and carrying out research in plant sciences. Over the years, it has steadily progressed into one of the prestigious departments in the university. The faculty members are engaged in active research through the plan funds of UGC, CSIR, NRSC, IIRS, DBT, DST, ICAR, AICTE and other funding agencies. Most of the teaching faculty members have worked in research labs in UK, USA, Germany, France, Australia, Netherlands, Singapore, Thailand, Brazil, etc. under UGC education and exchange programmes. In recognition of excellent research conducted by the faculty, UGC, New Delhi has sanctioned funds under 7th to 12th plan period and also under SAP-DRS-I, DRS-II, DRS-III & BSR programmes. DST, New Delhi has sanctioned FIST scheme for improving infrastructure for advanced research.

Prof. S. M. Reddy

A Shared Path of Academic and Personal Evolution with my University and Department My academic growth and achievements cannot be seen in isolation without the University and Department. My academic journey with both University and Department is long and more than forty years. After getting my Ph.D. degree from Jodhpur University, under the able guidance of Prof. K. S. Bilgrami, I joined the Arts & Science College (OU) in 1971 and later on transferred to Department of Botany, PG Centre, as a young teacher with immense enthusiasm to excel in teaching and research. My initial teaching was a challenging job since I had to teach a wide range of subjects of Botany and face a cream of enthusiastic students. In those days, the research facilities were scarce and I had to start my research from scratch. Even though I was enthusiastic, I could not start research until 1974, when Sri P. Laxminarayana selected me as a guide.

Department of Chemistry

Established in 1967, it offers courses such as Five Years Integrated M.Sc.course in Chemistry in M.Sc. Chemistry, M.Sc (Chemistry) with specializations in organic, inorganic chemistry and physi chemistry. In addition to these, the department offers Ph.D programme besides Ph.D. programme. Now 12 affiliated colleges and two constituent colleges are offering M.Sc. The major thrust areas of research are 1) Natural Products, 2) Synthesis and Biologi Activity, 3) Synthesis of Homo and Copolymers, 4) Coordinator Compounds and Organ Metallic Compounds, and 5) QSAR Analysis. The department is well-equipped with advanced research facilities like JEO 60 MHz, FT NMR spectrometer. A good number of teachers were selected for prestigious fellowships sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, UGC, Indo- French Cultural Exchange Fellowships, DAAD Fellowships and Commonwealth Fellowship.

Prof. S. Jagannatha Swamy

With great pride I share my association with my Alma Matter, K U. I completed of my B.Sc. from A&Sc College, OU in 1974. I got 36/5000 Rank in ET conducted by OU for the 1st time. I opted for OU PG Centre, Wgl. On my first day I got down bus in front of Chem. Dept./Bank and felt it like Shantiniketan. I had the best training and for my final yr., I moved to OU Campus, Hyd., as Inorg. Chem. Spln., was wound up. I completed my PG with distinction and joined Prof. P. Lingaiah sir's group for my Ph.D. On 01-08-1977 I joined CKM College as Lecturer. I moved to KU as faculty in Chemistry on 05-05-1979. On PDF, I worked in TU Berlin, West Germany. The Great KU gave me a number of opportunities and shaped me as a good teacher, a serious researcher, a Union activist, an able administrator. I retired from KU services with full contentment. I got chances to serve as CO-UGC unit, Registrar, Dean-CDC, and Dean-FoScs. My 16 Ph. D. students are well settled in different Universities and Research Labs. I am indebted to KU.



Prof. S. Srihari

Having joined the Kakatiya University as a Chemistry faculty in 1979, three years after its formation, I had the fortune of growing under its remarkable shelter. The University provided me, all through, with a strong and gratifying platform that richly enabled my professional success. I hail, with pride, its spectacular glory endowed with a motherly nature. On the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebrations of the illustrious Kakatiya University, I earnestly wish the institution continues its glorious legacy of shaping the lives of many, many generations to come.

Prof. G. Balaswamy



Prof. V. Ravinder

My journey with Kakatiya University began even before the University was formally established. In 1975, I joined the B.Sc. (BZC) programme at Arts & Science College, Subedari, then a constituent college of Osmania University. Admission was highly competitive, and only meritorious students could secure a place. Under the strict and disciplined leadership of Sri L. Janardhan Reddy, Principal, supported by a highly experienced faculty, the college was considered one of the best institutions in the entire region. We were privileged to be among the first batch of students under the semester system.

During PG admissions, many of our classmates preferred Kakatiya University even when they had opportunities to join Osmania University. In 1978, twelve of our B.Sc. classmates joined M.Sc. Chemistry at Kakatiya University. The Department of Chemistry had eminent teachers such as Prof. E. V. Sundaram, Head of the Department, and Prof. T. Vasudev, Principal. The academic environment was exceptionally disciplined and vibrant. The faculty were highly talented and dedicated.

The students of the 1978–80 batches have gone on to occupy distinguished positions in the State, Central Government, academia, science, industry and other fields.



Department of Geology

Department of Geology was started in the year 1989 the U.G.C. permitted Postgraduate Course i.e., M.Sc. Geology with an intake of 12 Students later enhanced to 30 seats.

The Department of Geology has been striving hard to impart quality education and training the students mainly in the field of Hydrogeology, Economic Geology, Environmental Geology, Remote Sensing, GIS and Petrology. Research output in the field of Petrology and Geochemistry is considerable from the Department. Impressive work has also been done in the fields of Hydrogeology and Environmental

Geology. In the last few years the Department of Geology had phenomenal development and growth as distinctive scientific and technical center for Academic Excellence, in relation to regional and National requirements.

Department of Computer Science

Although the Computer Science Course were started in the year 1992 with PGDCA and MCA as independent courses, with senior teachers from related departments of Mathematic and Economics on deputation. (Prof. K. Mrithyunjaya Rao, Prof. SSVN Sharma and Prof. A. Sadanandam) The 'Department of Informatics' was established in the year 2001. The department presently is offering MCA (Four Semesters), M.Sc. (Computer Science) (Four Semester), and it also has the academic control over other courses such as B.Sc.(Computer Science), BCA and M.Sc. Information Systems offered at constituent and other affiliated colleges. The student intake in AICTE approved MCA course is 60 and in M.Sc. Ph.D.

Department of Mathematics

The department of Mathematics was one of the first four departments started in the erstwhile post-graduate centre, Warangal of Osmania University, Hyderabad in 1967 with two faculty members. Subsequently, two more members joined the department in 1969. Department is fortunate to have Prof.B.Viswanatham as faculty member of the Department till 1973 who produced a piece of fundamental Research work entitled " The General uniqueness theorem and successive approximations, J.Indian. Math. Soc. Vol. 16.(1952) PP 69-74, which has been a noted reference in the Literature of Differential Equations.

Department of Microbiology

The department of Microbiology has a humble take off in 1993 with minimum financial support from UGC seventh plan. Thirupathaiah, have made a strong foundation to this department in teaching and research frontiers. The successful installation of UG Program in many degree colleges has given a great responsibility to the department and developed a sound curriculum and converted it in to a job oriented vocational program. Slowly and steadily many colleges offered this course in UG and PG levels. At the same time, Ph.D. program was also initiated and all the staff is actively engaged in this research activity. Considering the contribution of the department in the research the DST has sanctioned FIST and UGC recognized under SAP.

Department of Physics



The Department of Physics at Warangal was started in June 1968 in Post Graduate Centre of Osmania University. Department of Physics offers teaching programmes in Physics and Electronics viz., at the B.Sc. at University Arts & Science College, aided and private affiliated colleges. M.Sc., and Ph.D., programmes at the Department in University College and affiliated colleges under Kakatiya University. The Department has vigorous ongoing research programmes to train Ph.D. scholars and has achieved national and international recognition in the areas of Condensed Matter Physics, Spectroscopy, Theoretical Physics, Solid State Physics, Materials Science and Nuclear Radiation Physics. The specific areas of research include Crystal Growth Characterization, Molecular Spectroscopy, Density Functional Theory, Glasses and Ceramics, Liquid Crystals, Thin films, Semiconductors, Nanostructured Materials, Ferroelectrics and Gamma Ray absorption coefficients. Besides developing its own research programmes, the department has strong interactions with national and international institutes/laboratories. The department has been selected by the UGC under SAP at DRS-I and DRS-II level to strengthen teaching and research programmes through the financial Assistance. Present intake into the M.Sc.

Prof. N. Gopikrishna



My Cherished Memories It gives me immense joy to look back on the many cherished memories I shared with my teachers and colleagues in the Department of Physics. My association with the department began in 1978 when I joined as an M.Sc. student. In 1981, I was fortunate to receive a CSIR Fellowship and pursue my doctoral research under the able guidance of Prof.DinkerSirdeshmukh. Later, I served the department as an ad hoc teacher in 1983 and again in 1985. In January 1986, I had the privilege of joining the department as a permanent faculty member, along with Prof. A.S. Nageswarao and Prof.KhajaAltaf Hussain. I still vividly remember the excitement and sense of fulfillment I felt on being appointed as a permanent teacher. It was a unique blessing to work alongside my own teachers—scholars of exceptional brilliance, integrity, and dedication to academics.

Department of Zoology

The Department of Zoology was established in the year 1968 as PG Centre under Osmania University, Hyderabad. Later, it was shifted to the existing campus in 1973 as a full-fledged Department, with spacious classrooms, laboratories for students and research labs for faculty members in addition to museum, library and state-of-the-art Conference Hall, Computer Lab with internet facility, all housed in a built area of about 15,000 sft and Laboratory space of about 8,000 sft. Since then it is flourishing into a quality education centre for the students and research scholars in the subject ZOOLOGY.

Prof.A.Purushotham Rao

In 1974 I was selected as Lecturer in Zoology by Osmania and posted at PG Cntr. Then the campus was looking like a forest there were few deptts deep inside amidst lush green & euyptus trees. The deptt., sheds were close by so we all from different deptts., were able to meet everyday at the bank in Chemistry, at PO in Maths dept or at canteen which was in car shed behind Physics. We used to move like a family. In my 32 yrs service, got opportunity to serve at various levels. The most memorable one was my service to our teaching community as V.P & President of AKUT. At the dept my specialization Entomology started with me & continued till retirement. A separate dept of Sericulture established by me in 1990, after having hands on work training at Central Silk Board Institute, Mysore. It was a wonderful period with Scholarly faculty, visionary Vice-Chancellors, co-operative non-teachng staff & sincere, regular students.

Prof. Ch. Sammaiah



Department of Statistics

The Department of Statistics was started at University Arts Science College, Subadari, Hanamkonda in the Academic year 1996-1997. The aim of Starting statistics Dept was to impart quality education of UG & PG level to the students of this region .The dept has been shifted to university campus during the academic year 2012-2013. The dept is offering M.sc (Statistics) course with an in take of 36 students and also providing guidance to Ph.D.

Department of Commerce & Business Management

In 1968, the Department started with B. Com and M. Com programmes in Post-Graduate Centre of Osmania University and subsequently upgraded into Kakatiya University in 1976. In 1978, PGDBM programme was started. In 1985, the Department introduced MBA Program. In 1989, the State Govt. introduced M. Com programme at PG Centre, Khammam, subsequently taken over by KU. In 2002, MBA and in 2004 M.Com were introduced in PG Centre, Nirmal. In 2013, the Department converted into full-fledged College and named as University College of Commerce & Business Management.

Prof. N. Narasimhamurthy

During 36 years of my service in K.U, I could recollect many experiences and memories which continue to inspire me even today. My earliest memories include receiving my Ph.D degree in 1984, and my appointment as Professor in 1992 in thrust area of rural marketing. These two paved way for my professional growth subsequently. As a teacher I always enjoyed class room teaching and mentoring outside the class. Successfully guiding 10 Ph.D scholars, 7 M.Phil scholars, conducting 8 National level seminars, writing books and research papers, and visiting many Universities on academic assignments, actively involving in Department events are some of my happy moments which I treasure always. As EC member of Indian Commerce Association, Member of UGC Taskforce on Training University Administrators, Serving as Head, Dean, Chairman BOS, Discharging administrative responsibility as Principal, University PG College, maintaining warm relations with colleagues leave unforgettable memories in my heart. I always feel proud to be member of Kakatiya University and wish bright future to my great University.

Prof. R. Sudarshan

My association with the Department of Commerce & Business Management began before I joined its faculty. I secured admission to the M.Com. programme through the first KUCET (1976) conducted by Kakatiya University after its formation. Graduating as the batch topper with three Gold Medals remains one of my proudest achievements. Soon after the results, the first HOD, Late Prof. S.P. Vijaya Saradhi, recommended my appointment as Assistant Professor. I was later promoted to Associate Professor and Professor. Looking back on my journey from 1978 to 2009, I feel immense pride and gratitude. I remain deeply thankful to my teachers, colleagues, successive Vice-Chancellors, administrative officers, and non-teaching staff. Even after retiring in 2009, my bond with the Department remains unbroken, and I continue to cherish its memories. I am proud to see the institution continue to flourish.



Department of Education

Established in 1984 as a department, it was upgraded into Institution of Advanced Study in Education (IASE) in 1996 and was renamed University College of Education in 2005. The UCE offers M.Ed. (Master of Education), M.Phil. and Ph.D. Programmes in Education. The college library has 5797 subject books and it subscribes to many Indian and foreign research journals. It is undertaking various in-service training programmes for the teachers and teacher educators of the university area to ensure quality education. The faculty have published 13 books and about 30 research articles in reputed journals. The faculty are specialized in Philosophy of Education, Educational Psychology, Teacher Education, Education Technology, Computer Education, Environmental Education, Elementary Education, Non-formal, Adult & Continuing Education, Population Education and Economics of Education and are pursuing research in these areas.

Prof. D. Rajendra Prasad

I joined the M.Sc. Chemistry programme in 1976, as part of the very first batch of students at Kakatiya University. Those were difficult times. The university had itself been born out of the Telangana movement of 1969, a movement that came at the cost of the sacrifice of 369 students. We never forgot them. It was because of their sacrifice that we were able to study, and later, to serve as faculty, at this university. I joined as faculty of education as Chemistry department was not expanding as we had hoped, shifting to Education discipline graduating in Education. I can say with real pride that we were the founder faculty of the School of Distance Learning and Continuing Education. That school went on to serve the rural poor and, in particular, women across Telangana, bringing education to their very doorsteps and helping to empower them in ways that would otherwise not have been possible. And yet, I must be honest to say that we could not do everything we might have, as a faculty, to preserve the university's glory in the years that followed the ones I knew as a student. The state's approach to faculty recruitment grew lenient over time, a pattern seen across Telangana as a whole, and the university has not been spared its consequences.



KU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

The KU College of Engineering and technology was established in 2009 with four programs in CSE, EEE, ECE & ME. Currently, KUCET is offering programs of Six UG (CSE, ECE, EEE, Civil, ME & IT), two PG (DC, CSE), and PhD programs. The College has received admissions from foreign students for Master and PhD engineering programs. Apart from the regular curriculum, the University also concentrates on the arranging value addition programs and courses designed to meet specific requirements in the technical as well as areas of personality development and communication skills. The AMCAT test and TASK programs are there for enhancement of placement opportunities. Department of Mechanical Engineering was co-organizer of International Conference On Vibration Problems (ICOVP-2015) held in February 2015. The proceedings of this conference is published in the form of special series by Journal of Physics (JOP) of Institute of Physics (IPP) UK. In addition, the college also has organized several student co-circular activities of student workshop on Defense Electronics and KLIEO'12 Students Fest. The guest lectures are being arranged from expert faculty from premier institutes and organizers. This college also has established a IETE (Institute of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers) student's chapter in 2017 and also successfully organized National Workshop on PCB Design and Fabrication. The students chapter is actively involved in the current trends in communications. The Department of Mechanical Engineering has bagged 2nd position in Anveshan- Central Zone Research Convention organized by Association of Indian Universities. Some faculty members publish research papers in journals of UGC CARE, SCOPUS, SCI, EI, and Web of Science Impact Factor.

Department of Law

The department of Law is established in the year 1980 with a built-up area of 789.96 sq.mt in the university college campus and is currently headed by Dr.Ranga Rao. The department have academic, administrative and financial autonomy. The department is equipped with advance facilities such as Advanced Public Address System, Television, Over Head Projector, Computer facility.

Department of Pharmacy

Established in 1974 as department of Pharmacy, it was given the status of a college in 1981 and named University College of Pharmaceuti Sciences. It is recognized as one of the best Pharmacy Colleges in India and enjoys worldwide recognition in the field of research. and M.Pharm courses are offered in the College besides Ph.D programme. It has produced 60 Ph.Ds during the last 12 years and the State Govt. i) Pelletization technology iii) nasal drops for leprosy prophylaxis v) mucoadhesive patches vii) lipid particles for targeting and The college was identified by the UGC under the DRS-SAP programme and sanctioned Rs 46.60 lakh and the DST has sanctioned assistance of RS 32.00 lakhs under the FIST. The research activity of the department include natural product isolation and characterization, computer aided drug design, synthesis and characterization of new chemi entities for asthma, cancer, depression, etc., prelini screening of natural and synthetic chemis, chemoprophylaxis of leprosy, molecular biology of cancer and aging, drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics, development of novel drug delivery systems, liposomes, niosomes, nanoparticles, lipid particles, transdermal drug delivery systems, mucoadhesive drug delivery systems prodrugs, plant tissue culture and medicinal plant biotechnology, mono/polyherbal formulations, etc.

Prof. M. Sarangapani

Memories of Prof M Sarangapani of International Conference on Recent Advances in Drug Discovery October 22-24, 2010 during the period of Principal, University College of Pharmaceuti Sciences KU.



Department of Economics

Started in 1974, the department offers undergraduate, post-graduate, M.Phil and Ph.D. research programmes. Apart from the main department, P.G. course in Economics is also offered at P.G. A large number of the faculty have major research projects to their credit. The thrust areas of research are Agricultural Economics, Labour Economics, Rural Development, Tribal Studies.

Department was recognized by the UGC under the Special Assistant Programme (SAP - DRS) in 2004 and it is being implemented very effectively. During the X Plan, the Department was also sanctioned a research centre led Telangana Study Centre. Recently, the Department was sanctioned a Research Project on “Gandhian Approach and Rural Development” by the National Council of Rural Institutes, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India

Prof. T. Jyothirani

Joined as Lecturer in the dept of economics in 1978 and retired as Professor 2014



Prof. K. Venkatanarayana

As a participant in both the first and second phases of the Telangana state movement , I have seen the establishment growth of Kakatiya University. As a teacher in the department of economics KU from 1976 to 2012 I have been a participant and active observer in the qualitative, quantitative growth, and development of the university. Kakatiya University is considered to be a Rural University since most of the students are drawn from North Telangana districts - Warangal Khammam Karimnagar and Adilabad. It was an excellent center of teaching, research and extension services. Prof G Ram Reddy, prof Sundaram, Prof Satya Narayan Singh, Prof PA James, Prof Deshmukh, Prof Satyavati, Prof Deshpande, Prof RamkotiShastri, KovalaSampath kumara charya were some of the stalwarts contributed for it's glorious past. The second phase of Telangana movement was initiated in Kakatiya University. The students, scholars and teachers of Kakatiya University reacted to the discrimination meted out to the Telangana region in respect of education, irrigation, financial allocations, employment in both government and private sectors. Students, scholars, and teachers of the University participated in the Telangana movement and to its logi conclusion i.e. formation of the state.



Prof. A. Sadanandam



I did my MA Economics during 1975-1977 and the admission was made by OU and certificate of MA was issued by KU. Therefore, we were the first outgoing MA batch of KU. I joined in dec 1977 as adhoc lecturer and got regular appointment in March 1978. I could scarcely imagine the remarkable journey that both the University and I would undertake over the decades. The University's Golden Jubilee is therefore not merely an institutional milestone; it is also an occasion to reflect upon a significant part of my own life's journey.



Teaching Economics was my profession, but learning has always been my vocation. The classroom taught me that education is not the transfer of information but the cultivation of curiosity, critical thinking and social responsibility. My greatest satisfaction lies not in publications or positions, but in having witnessed generations of students grow into teachers, administrators, researchers, entrepreneurs and responsible citizens. Academic life gradually expanded my interests beyond Economics. I developed a deep fascination for information technology and its transformative potential in higher education. Long before digital governance became commonplace, I found myself exploring databases, Linux servers, web technologies and software development—not as a hobby alone, but as instruments for improving institutional efficiency and public service. Even after retirement, this interest enabled me to contribute as an IT Consultant to the Telangana Council of Higher Education, where I worked on systems for academic verification and digital records management. Retirement, to me, has never signified withdrawal from intellectual life. Instead, it has provided the freedom to continue learning, experimenting and serving in new ways. Whether

working on web portals for KURTA, exploring open-source technologies, or mentoring colleagues in digital initiatives, I have found immense satisfaction in remaining a student throughout life.

Department of History & Tourism Management

The Department of History came into existence in 1984 under the sixth plan with one Professor, one Associate Professor, and two Asst. Professors. There was a long felt need from both the student community and educated to open this basic social science discipline in this University which has been the only University situated in the center of the Telangana region. We are offering M.A., M.Phil, and Ph.D Degree Programmes in History with Annual intake of 70 into M.A. Programme. Department of History & Tourism Management and 35 to PG College, Subedari under self-finance.

Department of Political Science

The Department of Political Science had been worked with interdisciplinary way at University Arts and Science College since 1980s, where it was constituent college for Osmania University. Post Graduation courses were started in 1990 as the Department of Public Administration and Politi Science at University College, Kakatiya University. Later on The Department of Politi Science has been emerged as full pledged Department in 1992. The Department of Politi Science has been offering courses such as B.A., M.A., M.Phil (upto 2019-2020 academic Year), Ph.D.



The Department conducted an International Seminar “Social Movements in India: Issues and Challenges”. Ramon Magsaysay Award recipient Mr. Rajender Sing was the main speaker who said that economic disparities, exploitation and suppression of basic human rights are the root cause for social frictions and movements, Telangana is the result of such people’s struggles.

Department of Public Administration & HRM

This Department of Public Administration was established during the academic year 1968-1969, as part of the erstwhile Post-Graduate Centre of Osmania University in 1976 emerged as Independent Department. Ph.D. Programme in Public Administration was started in the year 1976 and M.Phil. Programme was started in 1979. The Department was further strengthened in 1991 by the addition of P.G. Department of Public Administration at the University P.G. College, Nirmal, Adilabad District. The

addition of Politi Science wing in 1985, the Department had become a composite Department of Politi Science and Public Administration. Afterwords the Department was bifurcated into two in 1992. A Professional P.G. Course, Master of Human Resource Management (MHRM) was started in 1993. Consequently, its name was rechristened as the Department of Public Administration and Human Resource.

Prof. V. Shivalinga Prasad



I am happy to note that the Kakatiya University Retired Teachers Association (KURTA) is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Kakatiya University. As a former Faculty member of Development of Public Administration I have had many memories of commendable academic life in the University. The Department of Public Administration, with distinguished faculty and active students has achieved national recognition for “publicness” focus of its study programs and research. Living upto glorious Kakatiya traditions of dissent and resistance, the University faculty and students were active in academic dissent and social resistance. The University has provided a large space for ideologi debates and discussions. The students have combined studies and struggles achieving distinctions in studies with significant contributions

for social transformation. I had the privilege of working with many distinguished faculty and social activists during my more than a decade academic life in CKM College, an affiliated college of Kakatiya University and in the University Department of Public Administration. Out of more than four decades of my academic life in many institutions and places, I consider my academic life in Warangal as a golden period. I hope and wish the Kakatiya University will continue to be a “people’s university “, contributing to flourishing human potential and for development of equitable and just society.

I am thankful to Prof A. Sadanandam, President, KURTA for giving me this opportunity to share my memories on the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebrations of the University,

- Prof. V.S. Prasad

Prof. Ch. Balaramulu

My association with KU came full circle with my faculty appointment in 1981. Serving in the Department of Public Administration for over three decades, I benefited from the mentorship of senior scholars and collaboration with junior colleagues. My professional journey allowed me to contribute to several milestone initiatives: organizing the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Department; serving at the PG Centre as Professor and Special Officer; guiding numerous Ph.D. scholars in Social Sciences during my tenure as Dean; and contributing as Coordinator of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), where my inputs in drafting seven reports culminated in KU receiving the prestigious NAAC ‘A’ Grade.



Prof. K. Seetha Rama Rao

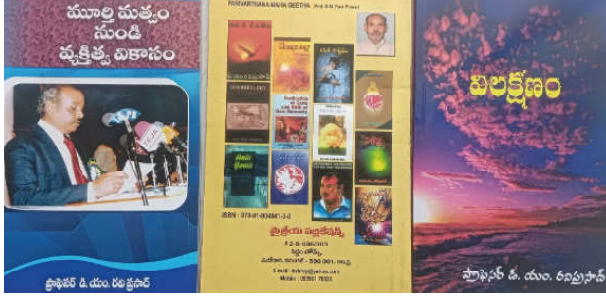


నాకు ఎం.ఏ. పబ్లిక్ అడ్మినిస్ట్రేషన్లో ఎనిమిదవ ర్యాంకు. ఉస్మానియా ఆర్ట్స్ కళాశాలలో అడ్మిషన్ వస్తే నేను నిన్ను హైదరాబాదులో చదివించలేను. ఇక్కడ పి.జి. సెంటర్లో చదువుకోలేకపోతే చదువు బంధు చేయమన్నాడు. అగో అట్ల నా ఎం.ఎ. చదువు వరంగల్ పి.జి సెంటర్కు మారింది. అది ఒక రకంగా నాకు అనుకోని వరం (Blessing in disguise) గా మారింది. 1976 లో ఉస్మానియా విశ్వవిద్యాలయానికి అనుబంధంగా ఉన్న పి.జి సెంటర్ కాకతీయ విశ్వవిద్యాలయమయింది. దీనికి మొదటి వైస్ ఛాన్సలర్ ప్రొఫెసర్ వెంకటరామయ్యగారు. ఒక రోజు మా బాచ్ విద్యార్థులందరం వి.సి.గారికి ఓ విన్నపం చేసుకున్నాము. మాకు ఉస్మానియా డిగ్రీలు కావాలని. ఇది కొత్త విశ్వవిద్యాలయం మీరెక్కడికి పోవాల్సిన అవసరం లేదు. ఫస్ట్ ర్యాంకర్లందరికి ఇక్కడే టీచర్ జాబ్ ఇస్తానని వాగ్దానం చేశారు. ఆ విధంగా వి.సి. గారు తన మాట నిలబెట్టుకోవడంవలన, నాకు ఎం. ఎ రిజల్ట్ వచ్చిన ఆరు నెలల్లో, డిశంబర్, 25న అడ్ హాక్ అపాయింట్మెంట్ వచ్చిన మూడు నెలల్లో, మార్చి 10 నాడు రెగ్యులర్ / పర్మినెంట్ టీచర్ గా మారాను. ఈ విషయంలో నాకు మరో అద్భుతం / అద్భుతం ఏమిటంటే నాకు టీచర్ అయిన మురళీ మనోహర్ గారు, నా ఇమిడియట్ సీనియర్ అయిన శోభగారు ఒకే ఆర్డర్లో యూనివర్సిటీ సర్వీసులో జాయిన్ అవడం, అక్కడి నుండి 37 సంవత్సరాలు నాలుగు నెలలు పని చేసి జూలై 2015లో ప్రొఫెసర్ గా రిటైర్మెంట్ అయ్యాను.

Department of Sociology & Social Work

Established in 1991 as the first department at the University P.G. College, Nirmal, it offers M.A.(Sociology) course, M. research programmes. It subscribes to several journals and maintains a departmental library with a good collection of reference works and textbooks. The department is using the expertise of the personnel at ITDA, DRDA and other district agencies to strengthen the ADIVASI MUSEUM, besides acquiring the artifacts and articles from different sources. The department successfully organized the 6th Sociologi Conference of the A.P. The department of Social Work has established in the year 2007 under self- finance basis, since then, nine batches were passed out successfully and got the placement in various GOs and NGOs in the State of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Prof. D.M. Raviprasad



మానవతా దృక్పథంతో ప్రజలకు బోధిస్తుంది. ఈనాడు వికాస తరంగాలు విద్యార్థులను తట్టి లేపుతుంది. సృజనాత్మకతతో దేశానికే దిక్కుచి కాబోతుంది. నూతనత్వంతో వినూత్నమైన పరిపాలనతో ఎదుగుతుంది. కె. యూ. వేయి రేకులుగావిశ్వంలో పరిమళాన్ని వెదజల్లుతుంది. కే. యూ. గోల్డెన్ జూబ్లీ ఉత్సవాలు.

Department of Library & Information Science

Department of Library and Information Science, is Eighteen years old department and formally established in the year 2005. Very soon we will be celebrating two decades anniversary of the department. This department is the biggest in North Telangana and based in the Heritage City, Warangal, Telangana. It has been catering to Library Science Student needs of North Telangana. Since its inception department is growing and offering C.L.I.Sc, B. Departmental activities. Various activities like Workshops, Conferences, and Symposiums etc. are organized in these 25 years. Department was initially housed in the University Library premises and later shifted to the present premises in August, 2008.

Prof. K. Ramanaiah

My association with the University Library of Kakatiya University evokes profound feelings of gratitude, pride and fulfilment. Fewer individuals are fortunate enough to be associated with that journey throughout the most formative years of its growth of the Kakatiya University and its Library. The University Library has never been merely a repository of books to me; it has been the intellectual heart of Kakatiya University, a sanctuary of learning, and the centre of countless academic aspirations. The true legacy of a university library lies in the minds it has enlightened, the research it has inspired and the generations it has empowered. It is with profound gratitude and quiet satisfaction that I offer these recollections, hoping they will serve as a tribute to all those whose dedication transformed the University Library of Kakatiya University into a lasting symbol of knowledge, scholarship and academic excellence.



School of Distance Learning and Continuing Education (SDLCE)



The School of Distance Learning & Continuing Education (SDLCE) was established in the year 1988 to help the students who could not get opportunity to pursue higher studies through regular stream. The school offers 75 programmes at different levels through 70 study centres including 16 MoU centres with a total number of about 35000 students. Apart from classroom teaching, audio-video programmes are organized separately as part of the learning process. The school broadcasts lessons and arranges phone-in-programmes through All India Radio, Warangal station. It brings out regularly a research journal Kaktiya Journal of Distance Education and a newsletter. The School has established a Media Production Centre with the financial assistance by DEC and has been producing audio & video lessons. The institution has evolved a number of creative activities for others to adapt. The School has undertaken collaborative research with likeminded organisations such as Indian Distance Education Association, Open Learning Society and apex bodies like Distance Education Council, New Delhi and Commonwealth of Learning, Canada, and Athabasca University, Canada. The SDLCE has been recognized as a Nodal Agency for undertaking Training and Research in the field of Distance Education with the establishment of Distance Education Quality Support & Training Institute (DEQSTI) with full financial assistance from the Distance Education Council, New Delhi and under its auspices it has organized several programmes. Department of Mass Communication and Journalism.



The Master of Communication & Journalism (M.C.J)

Department was established in the 2012-2013 Academic year at Kakatiya University. At present, the department has Eight faculty members. 2017onwards according to the UGC guidelines nomenclature was changed to the M.A. Journalism and Mass Communication (MA. JMC) is a full-time course covering important applied papers like Essentials.



EPILOGUE

Kakatiya: Our University, Our Shared Legacy

Fifty years ago, a new University began its journey in the historic city of Warangal.

It began with limited resources but immense hope. Over the decades, classrooms were built, departments grew, laboratories expanded, libraries accumulated knowledge, and generations of students entered and left its gates.

Teachers devoted their lives to education and research; Students transformed their aspirations into achievements.

The University became part of the intellectual, cultural, social, and emotional life of Telangana.

Today, as we celebrate its Golden Jubilee, we remember the past with gratitude, celebrate the present with pride, and look towards the future with hope.

For those of us who spent the most meaningful years of our lives within its campus, Kakatiya University will always remain more than an institution.

It is where we taught and learned.

It is where we formed lifelong friendships.

It is where we pursued knowledge and shared ideas.

It is where generations of students entrusted us with their dreams.

It is where many of our own dreams found fulfilment.

The classrooms may have changed.

New buildings may have risen.

New generations may now walk along the familiar roads.

Yet the spirit of the University continues.

The memories remain.

The friendships endure.

The legacy lives on.

Kakatiya University is not merely a place in our past. It remains a living part of who we are.

Golden Jubilee Message

“As we celebrate fifty glorious years of Kakatiya University, let us honour the Senior retired teachers who laid its foundations, remember the teachers and employees who strengthened it, celebrate the generations of students who carried its name across the world, and renew our collective commitment to knowledge, social justice, and service to society.”

— Kakatiya University Retired Teachers’ Association (KURTA)