

**About the College :**

Government College for Men, Ananthapuramu was inaugurated on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 1916 as the "Ceded Districts College" in 1947. It is the oldest and most prestigious government institution in the Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh State. People often call it "The Grand Old Lady of Rayalaseema". Now the college is heading towards Centenary Celebrations. It has been rendering Yeoman service to the noble cause of education. Its distinctive history, gradual growth and development, adaptability to the ever-changing times and its mission made it a unique one when compared to the other institutions. The old college building is amazing with rare galleries and monumental labs. Today, it is the biggest college in the state of Andhra Pradesh with more than 8,000 students and 140 teaching staff offering 33 different combinations at UG Level and 14 PG courses.

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the former President of India and renowned philosopher was the Faculty Member of this college. Some of the distinguished alumni of the college are : Dr. Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, former President of India; Dr. Damodaram Sanjeevaiah, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh; Sri J.C. Diwakar Reddy, present Member of Parliament of Ananthapuramu Lok Sabha Constituency; Dr. V. Prabhakar Choudary, present MLA of Ananthapuramu Urban Constituency; Dr. Y. Venugopal Reddy, former RBI Governor Dr. K. Lakshinarayana, former Director of Collegiate Education and Sri J.V. Ramudu, present DGP for the State of Andhra Pradesh etc., and the list goes endless with great academicians and legal luminaries.

The college has many unique features besides being the LEAD COLLEGE in Ananthapuramu district. It has the Jawahar Knowledge Centre, the Students Management Hostels accommodating more than 2,000 students, a separate women's hostel accommodating more than 150 students two Senior Division NCC units (one for men & one

for women), five NSS units, a very big Central Library with more than 1 lakh volumes and a Reading Room working from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. Academic and Career Guidance Cell, Eco-Club, Red-Ribbon Club, Students' Open Forum, Inspiration Point, Grievance Redressal Cell etc.,

**About Ananthapuramu City:**

Ananthapuramu is one of the largest districts in India. It is located in south-western part of Andhra Pradesh State and well connected to Hyderabad and Bangalore by NH-44, Chennai by NH-205 and also by train route (Delhi-Bangalore, Mumbai-Bangalore-Trivandrum, Calcutta Bhubaneswar Bangalore). The nearest air port is Bangaluru (200 Kms.) Interesting places very near to Ananthapuramu city are : Prasanthi Nilayam (Abode of Sri Lord Satya Sai Baba), Timmamma Marrimanu (World's biggest Bannian tree spread over 11 acres which is a Guinness world record), Lepakshi (Nandi idol), Belum Caves, Tirupati (270 Kms).

**About the Seminar :**

*"The evolution of the human rights movement clearly illustrates humanity's ongoing struggle towards creating a better world"*

- Robert Alan

Civil Society is the set of civic rights, including primarily everyone's right to participate in Public Life. These rights provide the compass which helps us to steer the right course between system of state with all its competence of power, and the corporate cartel of organizations and institutions which in some circumstances can be equally dangerous to freedom.

It goes without saying that the role of civil society in promoting human rights takes in this context a fundamental value. Ultimately, it is about forming a citizen sufficiently armed to defend his / her rights. The aim is to achieve the empowerment which entails the participation of individuals in the definition of their rights and freedoms. Beyond its role of monitoring respect for human rights, laws and

their constitutionality, safeguarding the physical security of person, safeguarding public properties, elements that are central in the protection and empowerment, civil society has a role to play as:

- a force of proposal of new social values that respect human dignity, physical security of person, freedoms and responsibilities, as every right implies its corollary: a duty;
- a force of change by mobilizing people;
- a force for generating ideas with the support of experts and researchers;
- a catalyst for new practices on the ground that gives its work a social pillar, strength and legitimacy.

Civil society must also have foundation in a mature democracy and a mature political culture. It can be built only if there is widespread determination on the part of society to demand respect for, and observance of, individual rights, and popular will to hold accountable anyone or any institution, which violates them. India is the largest democracy in the world. But without its lively NGO scene, many ills in society would continue unchallenged. Civil society derives its strength from the Gandhian tradition of volunteerism, but today, it expresses itself in many different forms of activism.

**Expected outcome of the Seminar :**

This Seminar will definitely harvest positive results by creating awareness among the students, teaching community and in the public towards the Nature, scope, and importance of Human Rights and they learn more about how to protect and promote human rights as expected by the UGC in its Guidelines under item No.13.

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### Sub-Themes :

1. Human rights and Civil Society : Meanings and Intersections.
2. Human Rights Movements : Dynamics and Dimensions
3. Human Rights and Institutional Mechanisms.
4. NGOs and Human Rights.

### Call for Papers

Participants may please send the abstracts of their papers in about 250 words in English only. The full paper should be in about 1500 words. The text must be in MS Word, Times New Roman-12 pt format with 1.5 space on A-4 size paper. The abstract or complete paper, or CD may be sent to Dr.ACR Diwakar Reddy, Organizing Secretary, or Dr.T.S.Shyam Prasad, Organising Member of National Seminar either by Post or email to the following mails.

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### Registration Fee

Registration Fee for Teachers Rs.300/-

Research Scholars / Students Rs.200/-

### Important Dates

Last date for submission of Abstracts :

**20-11-2015**

Last date for submission of Full papers :

**25-11-2015**

### Hospitality

Local hospitality will be provided. Registration fee includes conference kit, snacks, tea and working lunch. It does not include accommodation charges. Accommodation will be provided on payment.

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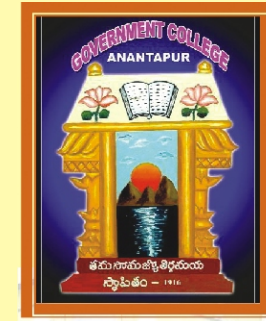
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