

Government Degree College for Women, Srikalahasti, affiliated to Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, was established on 13th August 1988 by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, with the noble objective of imparting higher education to women from rural and economically weaker sections of society. The college received UGC recognition under Sections 2(f) and 12(B) on 27th September 2004. It was re-accredited by NAAC with a grade of B+ (2.73 GPA, Cycle-2) on 24th September 2019. Situated in the scenic temple town on the banks of the Swarnamukhi River, the college provides a serene learning environment conducive to academic pursuit and moral development. It is the only Government Women's College in Tirupati District with a hostel facility, encouraging women's education, empowerment, and holistic growth.

The institutional motto, "*Vidya Dadati Vinayam*"—"Knowledge generates humility"—guides every endeavor of the college to promote quality, inclusivity, and moral excellence. The institution offers need-based, single-major, skill-development, life-skill, and certificate courses integrating blended learning and research orientation. E-governance, infrastructural growth, student support systems, and best practices are key features of its quality sustenance initiatives.

Vision

"Transformation and Empowerment of Women through Knowledge, Life Skills, and Blended Learning to enable them to be Responsible Citizens."

Mission

To promote quality human resources through innovative teaching, learning, and research that responds to the needs of the emerging socio-economic context.

Institutional Achievements

The college is selected under the Pradhana Manthri Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA, RUSA) Scheme, a Central Government initiative aimed at enhancing access, equity, and excellence in higher education.

Academic Profile

During the academic year 2023–24, a total of 109 students were admitted across undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The college achieved 80% pass percentage for the year.

New academic reforms introduced include Single Major and Minor courses with multiple exit and entry options. Departments such as History, Botany, Computer Science, and Commerce operate under this framework, while Zoology and BBA were introduced as new single-major programmes during the reporting year.

Human Resources

- Teaching Staff: 24
 - 14 Regular Lecturers
 - 7 Contract Lecturers
 - 2 Guest Lecturers
- Non-Teaching Staff: 5

Faculty members actively engage in curriculum design, content development, and capacity building as members of university-level Boards of Studies and academic panels.

Institutional Strengths

- Proximity to Sri City SEZ and nearby industries offering internship and employment opportunities.
 - Highly qualified faculty with NET/SLET/Ph.D. credentials.
 - Optimal teacher-student ratio ensuring personalized mentoring.
 - Functioning Jawahar Knowledge Centre (JKC) and APSSDC for employability training.
 - Wi-Fi enabled campus, digital library with INFLIBNET access, and active NSS units.
 - Campus Recruitment Training and IT-skills programmes for job readiness.
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Women Empowerment and Citizen Engagement

The Women Empowerment Cell (WEC) undertakes initiatives such as National Girl Child Day, Gender Equity Day, International Women's Day, health and hygiene awareness, and legal rights sessions.

Citizen engagement activities include patriotic observances like Republic Day, Independence Day, and National Integration Day, along with government programmes such as *Swachh Bharat*

Abhiyan, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, G-20 University Connects, Mann Ki Baat, and Viksit Bharat Abhiyan.

Green Campus Initiatives

The institution observes No Vehicle Day and Plastic-Free Day on every second Friday, organized by the Eco Club and NSS. Activities include tree plantation, energy conservation through LED lighting, use of natural ventilation, and promotion of eco-friendly festivals by distributing clay Ganesha idols.

JKC and Career Guidance

- Awareness programmes on job opportunities and career planning.
- Mega Job Mela.
- Training in communication, computer, analytical, arithmetic, and reasoning skills.
- Short-term Internships: 100 students
- Long-term Internships: 135 students

MoUs established:

- Department of Chemistry with Glory Pharma Chem India Pvt. Ltd., Tirupati.
 - Department of English with S.P.W. Degree & P.G. College, Tirupati.
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Student Support System

The college extends multi-dimensional support through NSS, JKC, WEC, ECO Club, Red Ribbon Club, Career Guidance Cell, and Anti-Ragging Committee. Facilities include biometric attendance, scholarships, hostel accommodation, library, laboratories, and physical education resources.

Community Service Projects, industrial visits, and field trips are integral to experiential learning.

Best Practices

1. Morning Assembly and Meditation

2. Free Mid-Day Meal Scheme
 3. Cleanliness Drive (First Saturday of every month)
 4. Student Welfare Fund
 5. Plantation of Medicinal Plants
 6. Menstrual Hygiene Management and Sanitary Napkin Distribution
 7. Proficiency Awards and Endowment Prizes
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Major Events and Observances

Key events organized during 2023–24 included:

- International Yoga Day (21.06.2023)
 - National Deworming Day (10.08.2023)
 - Telugu Basha Varotsavalu (23–29.08.2023)
 - National Sports Day (29.08.2023)
 - Workshop on SWOC Analysis by the Department of English (04.09.2023)
 - Employability Skills Training (25–30.09.2023)
 - Cyber Smart Certification (26–27.10.2023)
 - World Science Day (10.11.2023), National Library Week (16–21.11.2023)
 - International Women’s Day (07.03.2024)
 - International Webinar on “Recent Advances in Nanotechnology” (03.04.2024)
 - English Language Day (23.04.2024)
 - Celebration of Traditional Festivals – *Sankranthi Sambaraalu*
 - 21-Day Student Induction Programme
 - Inter-Faculty Forum and TOT Training for Faculty
 - National Science Day (28.02.2024)
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Faculty Achievements

Board of Studies Members:

Dr. T. Malathi Gabriel (English), Dr. M. Usha Rani (English), Dr. P. Kumari Neeraja (Telugu), Smt. Sai Vandana (Physics), Smt. Sumathi (Computer Science).

Dr. M. Usha Rani serves as a State-level English Subject Expert for LMS, Co-author of English Workbook (SEM-III), and Master Trainer for E-content Generation. Faculty have rendered expert services as district-level jury members for science fairs and as resource persons for academic workshops.

Sports Achievements:

Sri A. Narasimha Rao, Physical Director, served as Manager for S.V. University Women Athletics Team and as Subject Expert for Guest Faculty selection at Government IACE, Rajahmundry, and represented at the South-West Zone Inter-University Judo Championship, Amritsar.

Through continuous pursuit of academic excellence, women empowerment, and social responsibility, Government Degree College for Women, Srikalahasti, stands as a beacon of transformative education in rural Andhra Pradesh.