

## **Brief History of the college**

In the 1940s there was a long felt need for a full fledged college in the Head Quarters of the *West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh*. This need was fulfilled when late **Sri Rao Saheb Damaraju Venkata Rao**, the then Chairman of the Municipal Council, Eluru, took the initiative in 1944. The Municipal Council under the stewardship enlisted the sympathy and support of the philanthropic citizens in and around **Eluru** and embarked on a collection drive and deposited Rs. 2 lakhs 17 thousand in the Municipal Treasury as an earmarked fund for the starting of the college.

The college was inaugurated on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1945 by **Sir Cattamanchi Ramalinga Reddy**, the distinguished educationist and the then Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University and the college was named after him "Sir C.R. Reddy Municipal College". The college started functioning as a second grade college with **Sri D.S. Subrahmanyam** as the Founder Principal. A constitution was adopted for the Governing Body in the year 1947, according to which the word "Municipal" was dropped for the original name of the college. The college name to be treated as an institution under Private Management by the Government from 1947.

The college was raised to the status of First Grade with effect from July 1951. when the University granted affiliation for B.Sc and B.Com courses. The college was granted further affiliation in Degree Courses for B.A (Maths) and B.A., were started in July 1954. The college opened the Pre-University Course with effect from July 1957 and Three Year Degree Course from June 1958. With the decision of the State Government a Two Year Intermediate

Course started in the year 1969 - 70. Degree Course under New Scheme with one Main and two ancillaries were introduced from the academic year 1971 - 72.

With a view to developing the College and improving the facilities, the Management collected donations from philanthropic benefactors, institutions and generous citizens in 1967. The amount was utilized for the construction of various blocks, cycle sheds and compound walls. Another remarkable achievement was the construction of huge Gymnasium in 1974 providing facilities for all indoor games. As a result of the relentless effort of the Management and the Principal, Post Graduate Course in Commerce was started in 1971. The Management also felt imperative to start Evening College in Degree Courses for the benefit of employees who want to improve their qualification. Thus the Evening College for B.A and B.Com., Courses started functioning in 1971. The Management constructed Modern Library Building in the year 1971.

The celebration of Silver Jubilee in 1971 is another land mark in the history of the college. Eminent Educationalists, distinguished poets, notable public men and popular cine artists graced the celebrations which were held under the able stewardship of **Sri P.V. Krishnaiah**, the then Principal of the College. The Management started Law Course in the Evening College in the year 1976-77. Subsequently B.L., Course was started in the Day College in 1980. A new Campus was constructed for Law College in 1983 under the principalship of **Sri R. Purnachandra Rao**.

## SUCCESSION LIST OF PRINCIPALS

S.No	Name	Period
01	Sri D. S. Subrahmanyam	1945 - 1967
02	Sri P.V. Krishnaiah	1967 - 1986
03	Sri V. Krishnaji Rao	1986 - 1990
04	Sri M.S.V. Sarma	1991 - 1993
05	Sri P. Narayana Das	1993
06	Sri N.V. Subba Rao	1993 - 1994
07	Sri P. Satyanarayanachari	1994 - 1997
08	Dr B. Ananda Rao	1997 - 1998
09	Dr D.V.R.K. Prasad	1998
10	Sri M. Atchuta Rao	1999
11	Sri N.C. Daniel	1999 - 2000
12	Sri P. Rama Rao	2000 - 2004
13	Sri S. Koteswara Rao	2004
14	Sri K. Sreemannarayana	2004 - 2005
15	Sri R. Surya Rao	2005 - 2007
16	Sri V.S.R.K.V. Prasad	2007 - 2009
17	Dr KVRNS Kondayya Rao	2009 - 2010
18	Sri AB Lakshminarayana	2010 - 2012
19	Sri N. Veerraju Chowdary	2012
20	Dr. A. Veerabhadra Rao	2017
21	Dr. N V V S Prasad	2017-2018
22	Dr. K A Rama Raju	2018 (Continuing)

The Management was of the view that some technical and professional courses should be started to provide better employment avenues for the students of this region. This dream came true when they started a Polytechnic Course in 1980. Permanent buildings and modern workshops were constructed in its new premises at Vatluru. It was shifted to new premises in 1983. The Management's desire to start a College of Education to train and mould the graduates

into ideal teachers took shape in 1984 when B.Ed., Course was started. A Public School was started by the Management with the intension of providing better education facilities to the children of this town.

The Management started post Graduate Courses in Politics, Economics and Industrial relations & Personal Management (presently MHRM). The Management strove hard and got M.B.A course in 1985 which has proved to be boon to the graduates of this region. In the year 1986 the Management started B.Sc (Industrial Fist & Fisheries) and B.Sc (Computers) in sciences and two courses in arts namely, B.A (Industrial relations) in 1986 and B.A (Social Work) in 1988-89. Two Vocational courses were opened in 1987-88. They are 1. Radio & TV and 2. Computers.

The College has become a premier educational institution in Andhra Pradesh. It has grown to be a Mini-University. Considering the all-round development and the infrastructural facilities available in the college, the Management was encouraged to apply for the conferment of the autonomous status. On May 11, 1987 the U.G.C accorded the status of autonomy to Sir C.R. Reddy College.

In view of the need of Engineering Education, the Management started Engineering College in the year 1989. The Management started a Women's College in 1987 to cater to the needs of the growing women populations in and around Eluru, seeking higher education. So the Management started a Degree College for Women and Junior College for Women. The Management started a Model High School and attached it to the B.Ed training college.

The Management started many more new courses such as B.C.A, M.Sc (Computers), B.Sc (Bio-Chemistry, Micro-Biology and Medical Lab Technology), M.C.A, M.Sc (IS), M.Sc (Physics), B.Sc (Bio-technology, Bio-Chemistry and Chemistry), B.Com (Computers) and M.Sc (Organic Chemistry). The College won many more distinctions not only in academic sphere but also in athletics and fine-arts. Its alumni have been in high positions in several walks of life not only in the country but also abroad and they cherish the memory stay in the Alma-Mater.

**Sri Alluri Bapineedu** had been the president of the Governing Body for about three decades and was mainly responsible for the phenomenal growth and development of the college. He had been a source and strength and inspiration to the Management, Principal, Staff and students.

Sri A.S. Chowdary stepped into the shoes of his father in 1992. Sri V.V.N. Prasad acted as Correspondent and Secretary respectively for more than two decades and involved himself timely in the smooth administration bringing out the growth and development of our institutions till 2003. Sri Gutta Subba Rao acted as Secretary till end of the tenure of the committee. Under the leadership of Sri Kommareddy Rambabu, Managing Committee was elected and it took charge on 26-02-2007 and continued for three years up to 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2010. During these three years the management strived hard for the development of institutions, constructed huge buildings and established well equipped laboratories in all institutions come under Sir C R Reddy Group of Institutions. In the month of March, 2010 a new Managing Committee was elected and the particulars of this committee are available in the [Administration](#) link in this site. Sri AB Lakshminarayana assumed the Office as Principal on 01-04-2010. After his retirement Sri N. Veerraju Chowdary, SG Lecturer in Chemistry assumed the office as Principal on 01-04-2012.

July, 1987. Sir C.R. Reddy College started functioning in its new status as an Autonomous college from the academic year 1987-88. All the statutory and non -statutory bodies were setup, committees formed and the Autonomy is being used in the right spirit envisaged by both the U.G.C and the Andhra University.

The Management Started a Women's College in 1987 to cater to the needs of the growing women population in and around Eluru, seeking higher education. So the Management started a Degree College and a Junior College for Women in Vatluru. Realising that there is a great demand for Engineering Education in these parts, the Management started an Engineering College in 1989. Keeping in view of the demand in Pharmaceutical Sciences The Management Started Sir C R R College of Pharmaceutical Sciences in November 2007. Sri D.S. Subrahmanyam was the founder Principal of the College and served the institution with distinction for well-over two decades. He was succeeded by Sri. P.V. Krishnaiah in May 1967. After an eventful career stretching over 19 years as Principal, Sri P.V. Krishnaiah retired on 1st May 1986. Sri V. Krishnaji Rao, who had been serving as the Vice-Principal succeeded him and assumed charge as Principal on 10th May 1986. After a successful career spanning over 36 years, Sri V. Krishnaji Rao retired as Principal on 31-12-1990. Sri M.S.V. Sarma, Head of the Dept. of English was promoted as I/C Principal and he assumed charge on 1st January, 1991. Having served successfully for a period of two years, he relinquished his job as I/C Principal on health grounds. Sri P. Narayana Das who succeeded him as I/C Principal did his level best to improve the administration though he held the post for a short span of six months. When Sri Narayana Das retired as I/C Principal on 31st July 93, Sri N.V. Subba Rao Head of the Dept. of Economics was promoted as Principal. He strained every nerve to tone up the Administration. He retired as Principal on 30-11-94. Sri P. Satyanarayanachari Head of the Dept. of Politics was

promoted as Principal of the college on 01-12-94. He retired as Principal on 31-07-97. Dr. B. Ananda Rao, Reader & Head of Dept. Of Economics was promoted as I/C Principal on 01-08-97. He retired as I/C Principal on 31-05-98. Dr. D.V.R.K. Prasad, Reader & Head of the Dept. of Zoology was appointed as I/C Principal on 01-06-98. Sri M. Atchuta Rao, Head of the Dept. of Physics took charge as I/c Principal from Dr. D.V.R.K. Prasad. He retired as I/C Principal on 31-01-1999. Sri N. Churchil Daniel, Head of the Dept. of Commerce was appointed as Principal on 01-2-99 and retired on 31-3-2000. Sri Surapaneni Koteswara Rao, Lecturer in Commerce was appointed as Principal on 01-03-2004. Sri K. Srimannarayana took charge as Principal (FAC) on 24-11-2004 and retired on 30-06-2005. Sri R. Surya Rao, Head of the Dept. of Politics took charge as Principal on 01-07-2005 and retired on 31-05-2007. Sri V.S.R.K. Prasad, Lecturer in commerce was appointed as Principal on 01-06-2007 and retired on 31-08-2009. Dr KVRNS Kondayya Rao, Reader and Head, PG Department of Commerce took charge as Principal (FAC) on 01-09-2009 and he relinquished his job as I/C Principal on health grounds on 20-03-2010. Sri A B Lakshmi Narayana, SG Lecturer in Chemistry took charge as Principal (FAC) on 20-03-2010. He retired on 31-03-2013. Sri N V Chowdary, SG Lecturer in Chemistry was appointed as In-charge Principal on 01-04-2013. Dr. A Veerabhadra Rao, Associate Professor in Physics took charge as In-charge Principal on 30th June, 2017. Dr. NVVS Prasad, Reader in Chemistry took charge as In-charge Principal on 16th Dec., 2017. A new combination in B.Sc., i.e., Maths, Electronics and Computer Science was also started in the academic year 1998-99. Another new combination in B.Sc., i.e., Bio-Chemistry, Micro - Biology and Medical Lab Technology has been introduced in the academic year 1999-2000 and Micro-Biology, Bio-Chemistry and Chemistry during the year 2001-2002. And the Management of the college has started two P.G. Courses i.e., (1) MCA course and (2) M.Sc., (IS) in the same year. The management has started

M.Sc., course in Mathematics during the year 2002-2003 and M.Sc., Physics, B.Sc., Bio-Tech, Bio-Chemistry and Chemistry during 2003-04. New combinations in B.Sc. viz., MGCs, (Maths, Geology and Computer Science), MCCs, (Maths, Chemistry and Computer Science), MSCs, (Maths, statistics and Computer Science) are added in the academic year 2017-18. New a combination in B.Sc.FZC (Fisheries, Zoology, Chemistry) and MEC (Maths, Economics, Commerce) in Intermediate are added from the academic year 2018-19. The college won many distinctions not only in the academic sphere but also in athletics and fine-arts. Its alumni have been in high positions in several walks of life not only in the country but also abroad and they cherish the memory of their stay in the Alma-Mater. The college has hosted Andhra University Inter Collegiate Youth Festivals in 1988 and in 1999. Sri Alluri Bapineedu had been the President of the Governing Body for about three decades and was mainly responsible for the phenomenal growth and development of the college. He had been a source of strength and inspiration to the Management, Principal, Staff and Students. Sri A.S. Chowdary stepped into the shoes of his father in 1992. Sri V.V.N. Prasad acted as Correspondent and Secretary respectively for more than two decades and involved himself actively in the smooth administration bringing out the growth and development of our Institutions till 10-3-2003. Later, Sri Gutta Subba Rao acted as secretary till the end of the tenure of the committee. On 26-2-2007, Managing Committee of Sri C.R. Reddy Group of Institutions took charge. Sri Kommareddy Rambabu and Sri Kakarala Rajendra Vara Prasada Rao (Raja) took charge as President and Secretary respectively. Sri Chava Rama Krishna Rao, an educationist and a veteran politician took charge as President and Sri Kakarala Rajendra Vara Prasada Rao was re-elected as Secretary and Sri Jasti Raja Ramamohan Rao took charge as Correspondent of Sir C R Reddy Autonomous College and completed their tenure in March 2013. The Governing Body under the Leadership of



Sri Alluri Indra Kumar took office in May 2013. Dr. MBSV Prasad as Secretary and Dr.VV Rajabhushan Prasad as Treasurer & Dr. K S Vishnu Mohan as Correspondent of Sir C R Reddy Autonomous College have completed their tenure in June 2016.

This College was one among a very few colleges accredited at “A” Grade by National Assessment and accreditation council (NAAC), Bangalore in February 2005. University Grants Commission (UGC) conferred Autonomous status to the college in 2006-2007. During the year 2009-10, the University Grants Commission selected our Institution as ‘College with Potential for Excellence’ (CPE). Our College was Re-Accredited at ‘A’ Grade by NAAC, Bangalore in the month of March 2011. CPE status was given in the second phase under the XII plan in November 2014. A 30 KW solar power plant is installed for the supply of Solar Power to the classrooms and Labs in the main Degree Block. Research centre is strengthened by the purchase of Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (AAS) and other equipment. A new Dining Hall is constructed for the convenience of the students and the Canteen is totally renovated. Up-Gradation of Gymnasium, Refurbishing of Degree Chemistry Lab and PG Seminar Hall has been done. Internet connectivity is updated with the replacement of existing Internet cable with advanced Fibre optic cable. INFLIBNET facility is availed of for access of e-journals etc. by the Library. The new Management Committee of Sir C R Reddy Educational Institutions took office with Sri Kommareddy Rambabu as President, Sri N V K Durga Rao as Secretary, Smt. Magantti Padmavalli Devi as Treasurer and Sri U S Ram Prasad as Correspondent in June 2016. Towards the end of the academic year, 2016-17, NAAC Peer Team, Bangalore, visited the college from 9th to 11th March, 2017 and has re-accredited the College at ‘A’ level in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle of Assessment.