



Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati

Department of Ancient Indian History Culture & Archaeology



Vision

- ◆ The History and Archaeology department aims to make the students aware of the past and its legacies through Teaching, Research and Extension activities
- ◆ The main vision of the department is to impart knowledge and skills in Archaeology, Ancient and Medieval Indian History, Andhra History, Ancient World cultures and influences with emphasis on the study of political, social, economic, religious, cultural development and changes.

Mission

- ◆ The Dept. Aimed to train the students with professional knowledge in Archaeology, Tourism, Museology, Soft skill, Laboratory methods in Archeology, Science and Technology to equip the students with the solid foundation to build upon the fundamentals, useful skills and expertise that can assist employment in Tourism Industry, Archaeology and Museums.
- ◆ Enlighten the students in several aspects from inter disciplinary approach to multi disciplinary study.
- ◆ To train in the knowledge of practical value to students and researchers about different specializations of Archaeological and Cultural History at Regional, National and Global.

About the Department

The Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology [AIHC&A], Sri Venkateswara University, was established in 1993. The Department is offering two years Post-Graduation (M.A.) in AIHC & Archaeology, P.G. Diploma in Epigraphy (one year evening course) and Ph.D. Research Programme encompassing all the specializations. The P.G. courses are designed as per NEP guidelines 2021. The content of the courses is designed to fulfill the requirement of UPSC, APPSC, NET and SET aspirants.

There are basic courses in core section on history which are thematic and cut across chronological divisions and regional polities.

The ancient history courses encouraged the study on sources, evolution of social structures, economy, civilizations, religious traditions, cultural developments, political processes as well as historical geography and chronology.

Emphasis is also given to the study of Medieval history and culture with a focus on transition in Indian history from ancient to medieval and medieval to colonial period, through a reconstruction of structural continuities, regional polities, social and economic developments, as well as changes in the spheres of religion, culture and languages.

The courses dealing with archaeological studies provide basic concepts, theoretical training in field methods including process of archaeological investigation, excavation techniques, methods of Data retrieval, Chronology and Dating Methods, Prehistory, Proto-History, Historical Archaeology, Epigraphy, Numismatics, Art and Architecture.

The Tourism, Museology, Soft skill, Laboratory methods in Archeology, Science and Technology courses can equip the students with the solid foundation to build upon the fundamentals, useful skills and expertise that can assist employment in Tourism Industry, Archaeology and Museums.

HEAD & BOS



Prof. P. Bhaskar Reddy

Prof. P. Bhaskar Reddy is the Head and Chairman Board of Studies of the department. Specialized in the areas of Archaeology, Cultural History, Epigraphy, Museology and Temple Studies. Published 43 research papers in National/International Journals and 37 e-content modules in e-pg Pathshala an MHRD programme under NME-ICT through UGC. He also published one book 'The Simhachalam Temple: A Cultural Study', Tirupati, 1995. Under his supervision 7 Ph.Ds and 3 M.Phil degrees were awarded.

Academic Consultants



K. Syamalamma



Dr. K. Venkatesu Naik



Dr. P. Hema

Courses offered:
M.A., Ph.D. & P.G. Diploma in Epigraphy

SEMESTER	Sl. No	TITLE OF THE PAPER
Semester – I	1.	History of Ancient India upto 550 A.D.
	2.	History of India from 1206 A.D. to 1526 A.D.
	3.	History of Andhrasupto 1323 A.D.
	4.	Ancient World Civilizations.
	5.	(A) Principles and Methods of Archaeology. (B) Advanced Archaeological Theory and Research Methodology
	6.	(A) Social and Political Institutions in Ancient India (B) Indian Religious Movements.
	7.	Human Values and Professional Ethics - I.
Semester – I	1.	History of India from 550 A.D to 1206 A.D.
	2.	History of Medieval India from 1526 A.D to 1707 A.D.
	3.	History of South India from 1323 A.D. to 1724 A.D.
	4.	Pre and Proto Historic Cultures of India
	5.	(A) History of Indian Archaeology (B) Cultural Heritage Management
	6.	(A)India's Early Cultural Contacts with other Countries (B) Early History of South East Asia
	7.	Human Values and Professional Ethics - II.
Semester – III	1.	History of Indian Architecture
	2.	Epigraphy
	3.	(A) History of Modern Andhra from 1724 A.D. to1956 A.D. (B) Historiography and Historical Method (C) Laboratory Methods in Scientific Archaeology (D) Temple Studies
	4.	Soft Skills in Archaeology
	5.	(A) Outlines of Indian History (B) Women in Indian History
Semester – IV	1.	History of Indian Art
	2.	Numismatics
	3.	(A) Museology (B) Historical Applications in Tourism (C) Tour Guiding and Management (D) Conservation of Cultural Property
	4.	History of Science and Technology in Ancient India
	5.	(A) Introduction to Indian Archaeology (B)History of Vijayanagara Empire

Library : The Department has established Library with the financial assistance of UGC Library Grant and UGC SAP DRS-I. The Department library has collection mainly in the fields of Archaeology, Ancient and Medieval History, Andhra history and Religion. The library is offering instant access to the source material available in the form of reference books, text books, periodicals, maps and charts. It has been possible to build up a good and useful reference collection consisting of various dictionaries, Encyclopedias, Gazetteers, Archaeological Reports and Ph.D dissertations. The faculty and students have access to the internet facility.

Museum : The department established its own Museum with UGC XI Plan Grant of Rs. 10 lakhs to accommodate the artefacts of both archaeology and culture. The department museum has a rich collection of stone objects, Numismatics, Pottery, replicas of Temples, Etampages of inscriptions. A good number of objects right from the stone-age period to the medieval period have been collected throwing light on the archeology and culture of Andhra. The present museum provides study material to the P.G. students and Research Scholars.

Replica of Gudimallam Temple



Museum objects display



Archeological Objects



Ph.D's Awards

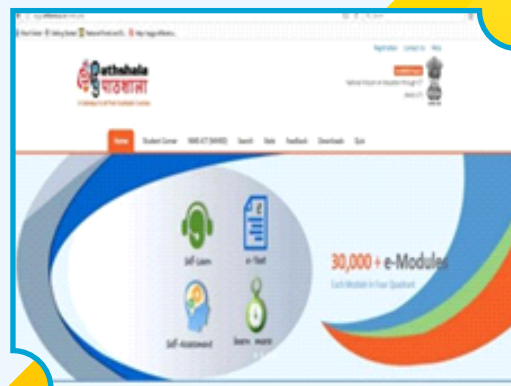
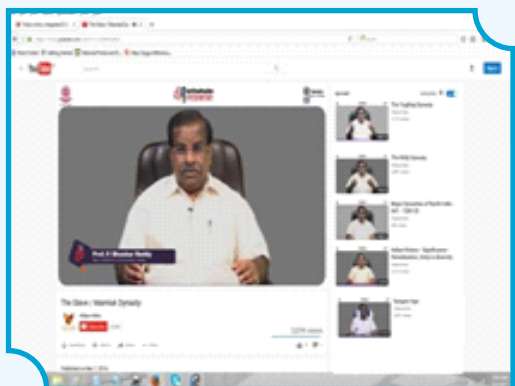
Six Ph.D's were awarded during 2017-2022

Post doctorals – Number + Details

Dr. S. Veerabharda -2018-2020
ICSSR, New Delhi

Department Project Details:

E-pg pathshala (e-content development an UGC/ MHRD programme under NMIECT)



Extension out reach activities conducted by department – date/year activity name, with photograph : The Department conducts field and study Tour to the historical monuments every academic year for skill and field oriented knowledge.

