## ABOUT COLLEGE

## Kríshna Tunga yormadye samsthítan manujen sada Rakshítísma harístatra sthítva sree ramanah parah -Vyasa Bhagavan ín Brahma Purana

(The land that lies between the two holy rivers, the Krishna and The Tungabhadra, is the chosen land of God. The almighty with all his manifestations always protects the people living in this sacred land.)

Gadwal, a small town on the banks of the river Krishna, is part of this sacred land. Gadwal is popularly known as "VIDWAD GADWAL", as the rulers of Gadwal Samsthan had a great reputation for men of letters, poets and scholars of Sanskrit and Telugu from far and wide places including Tamilnadu regularly visited the Gadwal Samsthan in those days.

Gadwal, well connected by rail and road on the Hyderabad-Bangalore route, is situated 200 kms away from Hyderabad enroute to Bangalore. Gadwal has a railway station and many trains in this route connect Gadwal to many important places across India including Delhi, Jaipur, Thirupathi, Bangalore, Mysore etc. It is 15 kms away from National Highway No.7 and is connected at Erravalli Chaurastha. It is surrounded by 4 important towns on 4 sides, Mahaboobnagar on the North, Wanaparthy on the East, Kurnool on the South and Raichur of Karnataka on the West. Gadwal was in fact a part of Raichur district before the reorganization of the district of erstwhile Hyderabad state in 1956.

Despite the commendable history and glorious tradition, the common people of this midland remained outside the domain of modern higher education till 1960. The renowned freedom fighters and educationist Sri. D. K. Satya Reddy and Sri. Paga Pulla Reddy rose to the occasion and with their pioneering and persistant efforts, the long cherished dreams of the people became reality. That was the humble beginning of our college in this remote part of Andhra Pradesh.

Thus Maharani Adi Laxmi Devamma Arts & Science College, Gadwal, the first college in our district, was established in 1960 under private management with a great vision and mission to impart higher education to the economically backward region and to transform it into a knowledge society. The then prince, Raja Krishnaram Bhoopal, generously donated the entire royal fort and also Rs.



25000 cash for the establishment of the college. Hence the college is named after erstwhile queen (Raja Krishnaram Bhoopal's grandmother) of Gadwal Samsthan.

The college was taken over by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in 1964. Later it has got permanent affiliation to Osmania University, Hyderabad and permanent recognition under section 2(f) and 12(b) of UGC act.

The college switched over to 10+2+3 system of education and Telugu as medium of instruction in 1970, as per the policy of the state government. In 1996, the Government of Andhra Pradesh bifurcated the college into two separate colleges - Government Junior College, Gadwal and M. A. L. D. Government Degree College, Gadwal.

The college when started in 1960 had only 5 groups with only 300 students. In recent years the college has introduced restructured courses with new departments such as computers, microbiology as per the needs of changing times. At present the college has 10 groups with 1,806 students.

Recently in 2008 the Government of Andhra Pradesh has started a new degree college for woman and temporarily running in the same premises. This however did not effect this college either in admission or in popularity. Even today this college is continuing its services for the students of entire midland that lies between the Krishna and Tungabhadra who have been aspiring for higher education.

The motto of our college is "Learning to Do, Learning to Be." The ultimate aim and essence of education is learning to do good for society and learning to be a good citizen. Ruskin rightly says:

"Education doesn't mean teaching people to know what they do not know; it means teaching them to behave as they do not behave."

Our vision is to transform this remote region into a knowledge society and make it a centre of excellence in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

The college offers 10 under-graduate programmes in arts, commerce and science. Permanent affiliation for B.A., B.Com., and B.Sc. courses was accorded



by the Osmania University in the year 1990-91 vide O.U. Lr. No. 154911/H/502/62/Acad., Dated 15-04-1991. Due to establishment of new universities in the state the present first year batch students (2010-11) were affiliated to the Palamur University, Mahaboobnagar. In the next two years of time the college would completely be affiliated to the Palamur University, Mahaboobnagar.

The college has an open land of 5 acres and 1 gunta. The college has well equipped labs, computer lab, seminar hall, mana TV hall, NSS room, Games, Jim, Library, TSKC, Girls waiting room, Museum(Zoology Department), Virtual Class room, mini Botanical Garden. The students make maximum utilization of all the facilities available in the college. The college also accommodates Dr. Ambedkar Open University Centre so as to enable students to attend classes on Sundays.

The college has an efficient internal co-ordination mechanism helping the smooth conduct of academic and administrative matters. The college Planning and Development Counsil (C.P.D.C.) plays a vital role in guiding the college towards right direction. The college has many committees that help smooth running of the college.

The college has moulded the minds of innumerable minds of young men and women over the years. It has produced a large number of academicians, administrators, doctors, scientists, politicians and experts in various fields.

The T.S.K.C has become an important branch of learning in this college. It has been training the out-going students the essential skills required by a graduate to secure a joy in the present corporate world. Every year many students are being selected in campus interviews organized by many multinational companies.

Despite self commending of our college, we humbly submit that we know our limitations. Yet with all our limitations, we have been expanding our services to the society year after year, both qualitatively and quantitatively.

Our future plans include introduction of P.G. courses, starting a students' hostel, setting up a multimedia language laboratory and full-fledged auditorium.



Setting new standards, Scaling new heights of excellence, and shaping the destinies of young men and women, the college has been marching ahead towards excellence.



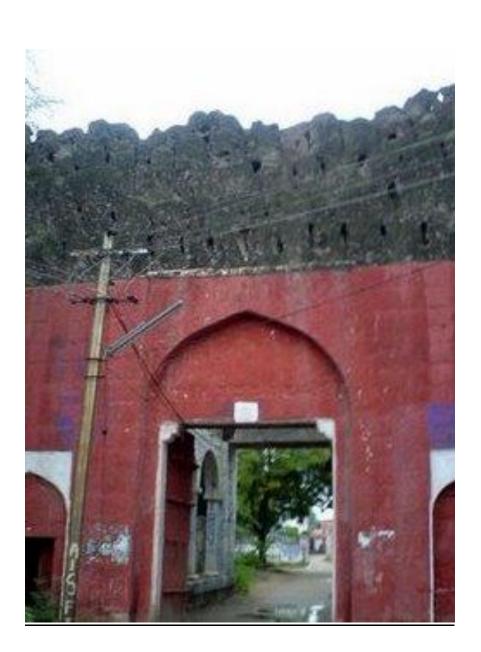
<u>Sri Bhulaxmi Chennakesavaswamy Temple: It is inside the fort of</u> <u>Gadwal. M.A.L.D.Govt. Degree College is in the same campus.</u> <u>The Main Building of the college is just infront of this</u> <u>Galigopuram of the temple.</u>



## The Main building of the M.A.L.D.Govt. Degree College, Gadwal.



The Fort of Gadwal from Outside



<u>The Entrance Gate to the Fort of Gadwal.</u> <u>It is also the entrance to the M.A.L.D.Govt. Degree College,</u> <u>the Govt. Jr. College & Sri Bhu ChennaKesavaswamy Temple.</u>



**Gadwal Map** 

