



HIGHER EDUCATION

Strategies for Sunrise Andhra Pradesh



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With a focus on innovation and excellence, Andhra Pradesh aims to enhance its academic landscape and establish itself as a leading center for higher education. This chapter delineates a strategic blueprint to elevate the state's higher education system to international standards, fostering a confluence of innovation, inclusivity, and sustainable economic growth. By embracing cutting-edge pedagogical practices and leveraging advanced technologies, Andhra Pradesh aims to cultivate a dynamic learning environment that nurtures creativity and critical thinking. The action plan envisions attracting world-class universities to establish campuses in the state, positioning Andhra Pradesh as a premier destination for higher education.

This influx of global institutions will create a robust ecosystem, harmoniously integrating traditional knowledge systems with modern educational paradigms, and empowering students to excel in a rapidly evolving global landscape. Key initiatives include establishing 2-5 international university campuses, creating 10 Centers of Excellence, and facilitating the overseas

education of 5 lakh students. The plan also focuses on increasing the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER), enhancing the infrastructure of existing institutions, and promoting international collaborations. By reforming the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) and supporting new theme-centered universities, the state aims to foster a robust educational ecosystem that meets global standards and drives economic growth.

1. The GER in Higher Education in AP is 35.2 with an enrolment of about 19 lakh students in 2019-20 as opposed to all India GER of 27.1 (Kerala 43, TN 47, Telangana 39)
2. The total number of universities in Andhra Pradesh is 41. Out of these 25 are state public universities, 8 state private 3 universities, 3 central universities and 4 deemed universities. In addition, there are 20 autonomous institutes of national importance and one university under interstate legislation.



3. It is envisaged to pitch **Amravati as an Education Hub of India** online of Boston USA catering to national and international students. Education City is one of the nine cities envisaged for the Amravati Capital Area.
4. **Foreign Universities Campus** - As the Gol has now permitted foreign universities to establish campuses in India, 2-5 foreign universities of global ranking within 200, should be
5. promoted to open their campus in AP (Preferably in Amravati). This is in addition to the existing collaboration of dual degree, twining etc.
6. **Promoting Overseas Education** – Due to declining population growth, several European countries are actively encouraging enrolment in their universities through job placement programmes. To foster a global outlook among Telugus,

renowned universities and courses in many countries, including the USA, to send students for higher education and work opportunities overseas. Students in class XI and above will receive training for these courses to avail themselves of these possibilities and scholarships. A portal would be established to facilitate NRIs in mentoring and providing support to these youngsters. In 2023, the United States alone granted around 140,000 student visas to Indian students. The AP should aim to reach around 100,000 students who are sent overseas each year to study and secure employment opportunities.

7. **New Universities** – The establishment of new universities focusing on emerging fields such as logistics and artificial intelligence will cater to the evolving demands of the global economy. Certain theme-centered new universities shall be established like logistics, AI

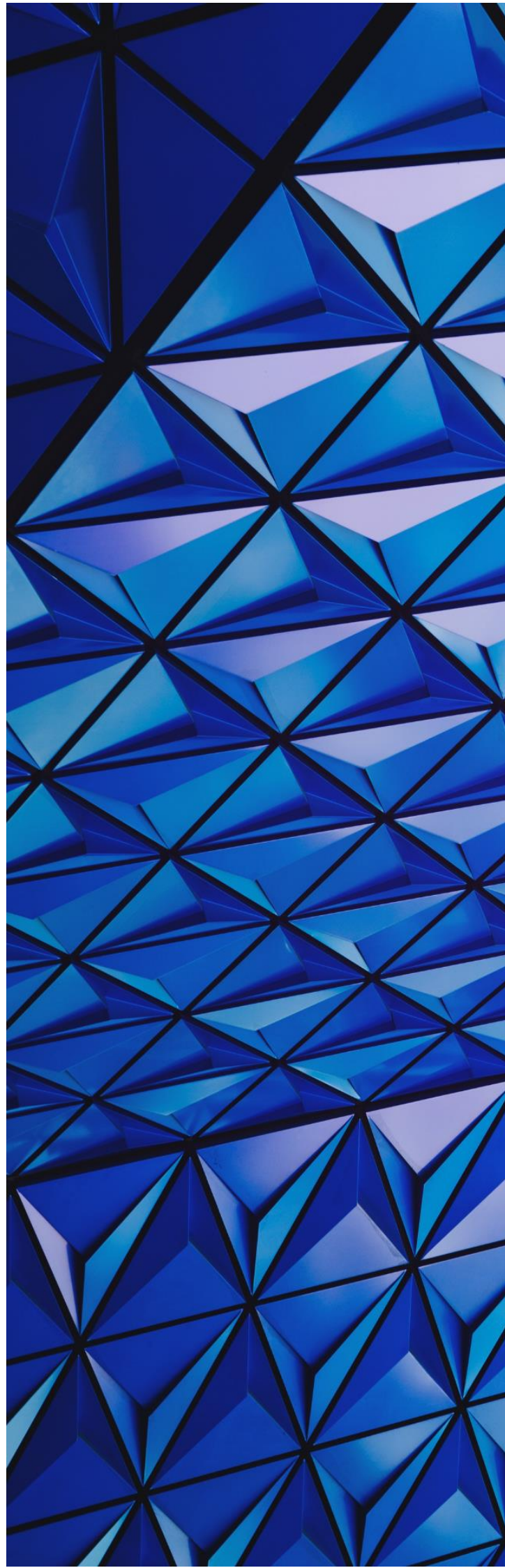


GoAP will identify internationally



etc. APSCHE should identify and coordinate this.

8. **Central Institutions** - the Government of India has sanctioned 20 autonomous central institutions for operation in Andhra Pradesh. The list is enclosed. **Out of 20 institutions, 4 institutions have not yet started functioning.** These institutions are the Indian Institute of Packaging, the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, the National Institute of Disaster Management and the National Institute of Ocean Technology. The APSCHE shall closely coordinate with these institutes to identify the possibility of upgrading these to global standards as the case may be.
9. **Revitalizing APSCHE** - The APSCHE shall be completely reformed and reorganized on corporate structure instead of a parking place for educationists. The reformed APSCHE shall have the agenda of quality improvement of existing and future universities, relevance of courses, foreign collaboration, coordination among various universities, CoE and Central Institutions.





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