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Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Srikakulam has been established by Andhra Pradesh State Government G.O vide MS No: 89 Higher Education (UE.II) Department dated 25/06/2008, with a view to augment the education facilities in the Srikakulam District and to cater to the educational needs of the people of the District. With G.O MS No: 138 Higher Education (UE.II) department dated 28/07/2008, Prof. S.V. Sudhakar, Department of Social Work, Andhra University has been appointed as the First Vice-Chancellor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Srikakulam and he assumed the office of the Vice-Chancellor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Srikakulam on 28/07/2008. G.O. MS No: 159 Higher Education (UE.II) Department dated 07/08/2008 transferred the existing Andhra University Campus at Etcherla to the Administrative control of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University-Srikakulam. Prof.H.Lajipathi Rai, Dept of Commerce, SriKrishnadevaraya University, Ananthapur has been appointed as second full-term Vice Chancellor for 3 years vide G.O.Ms.No.29,Dt. 15-05-2013 who assumed charge on 17-5-2013.

Prior to this, as a policy of extending higher education facilities to the backward regions of Srikakulam District, Andhra University, with U.G.C. Support, came forward to institute two disciplines viz. Economics and Rural Development at Post Graduate level in 1977-1978 at Srikakulam in the name and style of Andhra University Post Graduate Extension Centre, later as Andhra University Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Post Graduate Centre, still later as A.U. Campus Etcherla, Srikakulam, and presently as Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Srikakulam. Initially the Centre was started in the South wing of Government Degree College (Men) and after acquisition of land and an old Zamindari Building at Etcherla, the Centre was shifted to the present campus on 29-09-1986. The State Government sanctioned 12 additional courses to this Centre, of which only four courses, viz., M.Com., M.Sc. Mathematics, B.L. and M.L.I. Sc. were actually started from the academic year 1988-1989 and two more courses viz. M.B.A. and M.L. were added in the year 1994. During the academic year 2005-2006, M.A. Education course was started and in the academic year 2006-2007, the University Administration introduced M.A. English, M.Sc. Organic Chemistry and M.C.A. Courses in the campus. Presently the campus has 16 P.G. courses catering to the needs of 1200 Plus Post Graduate students and 27 research scholars working for their M. Phil. and Ph.D., and is backed up by 76 faculty members (12 Regular Teachers, and 64 Teaching Associates) and 82 non-teaching staff members (12 Regular, 37 Employees with Time Scale, 13 Employess Daily Wages and 19 Contract Employees).