

OSMANIA UNIVERSITY

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Osmania University founded on October 5, 1918 by a Royal Decree of the then ruler of Hyderabad. H E H Nawab Sir Mir Osman Ali Khan Bahadur, the seventh Nizam, owes its name to him. The idea of the University was, however, conceived by Sir Akbar Hydari who became the Prime Minister of the former State of Hyderabad. Sir Akbar had conceived Osmania as a unitary and residential University with colleges, libraries, hostels, residential quarters, playgrounds, halls, etc located on campus of about 1,612 acres of which 184 acres of land was allocated to different institutions outside the city. The idea of a unitary University had to be given up as the demand for higher education within its territorial limits increased and in course of time, Osmania became teaching and affiliating university. Till 1947 the University was alimb of the Government. But in that year with the vision of Dr. Wali Mohammed, its Vice Chancellor, Osmania was granted a revised Charter and became autonomous. In 1959, the Charter was replaced by an Act of the Andhra Pradesh Legislature, the Osmania University Act, 1959, which brought it in line with other two regional universities in the State. Osmania is now governed by this Act, as amended in 1966, 1976, 1981 and 1991.

The establishment of Osmania University symbolizes a renaissance in the Indian Educational System and has shown a remarkable resilience throughout its existence. The university is instrumental in propagation of Higher Education to cater the needs of community in the region over nine decades and has grown into one of the major Universities of India. It has a vast sprawling green campus of 500 hectares set in picturesque and idyllic surroundings. It owns number of buildings of great architectural elegance and variety to enhance the beauty of the campus.

The University is an autonomous institution created through an act of legislature and most part of funding is from the State Government.

The University holds the flagship for Higher Education of Government of Andhra Pradesh and has played a key role in planning, initiating and implementation of various development programs.