

# PALAMURU UNIVERSITY

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Palamuru University, Mahabubnagar, came into existence, fulfilling the long cherished dream of people of Mahabubnagar district in the year 2008, by Act No.29 of 2008 enacted by the Legislature of the State of Andhra Pradesh and published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette on 24th September, 2008. Prior to this, the University was formally launched by the G.O.Ms. No.89, Higher Education (U.E.II), Department, dated 25.06.2008. This GO makes history in the field of higher education in Andhra Pradesh since it paves the way for the establishment of six new universities in six districts of Andhra Pradesh. Mahbubnagar is southern district of the erstwhile Hyderabad state under Nizam and bordered with River Krishna in the south and surrounded by the Nalgonda, Hyderabad, Kurnool, Raichur and Gulbarga districts. Mahbubnagar town is located at a distance of 96-km from Hyderabad. The district is located in Latitude between 15° 55' and 17° 29' N along with Longitude between 77°15' and 79 °15'E. This place was formerly known as "Rukmammappeta" and "Palamuru". The name was changed to Mahbubnagar on 4th December 1890, in honour of Mir Mahabub Ali Khan Asaf Jah VI, the Nizam of Hyderabad (1869-1911 AD). It has been the headquarters of the district since 1883 AD. The region became independent and joined in the democratic India on 18th September 1948. The Mahbubnagar region was once known as Cholawadi or the land of the Cholas'. It is said that the famous Golconda diamonds including famous "KOHINOOR" diamond came from Mahbubnagar district.

The district is also well known for its historical interest along with several other places of interest with regard to tourism. The place Pillalamarri, situated about 8 km away from Mahbubnagar is famous for the banyan tree spread across an area of 1.21 hectares. The tree appears like a small hillock with green foliage from a distance, with a closer view it looks like a widespread green umbrella which can give shelter to thousands of people at a time. Another interesting place in the district is Alampur, located in the borders of Mahbubnagar and Kurnool districts. The place is known to be one of the important "Shaivite" center, and also called "Dakshinakasi" in AP. It is a paradise for tourists interested in archeological studies. A damaged inscription dated 1101 AD pertaining to the rein of Western Chalukya king Tribhuvanamalla Vikramaditya VI was found and it mentions the name of place as "Hatmpura". There are several Tirthas in the district along with a group of temples called Navabramha temple complex of Bala Brahmeshwara, Jogulamba and Papanatha. The Badami Chalukyas built these temples in the Seventh Century AD. The entire complex is a treasure house of history and art and of great interest to historians apart from tourists.

## The Need for the University

It has been told and recorded in the history that education is one of the major factors which empowers people and builds capacity to come out of ominous consequences of the problems like Poverty and destitution. Mahbubnagar District has diverse population belonging to different religion caste and creed. It is also one district which has highest Lambada population (ST). The very few who got opportunity to get themselves educated from this group have already achieved par excellence and proved that they are no less to others if only given an opportunity. Such opportunities can be realized by having "University of Excellence" with a vision and mission to strive for the poor and downtrodden without negotiating with the standards. The very endeavor of starting this university itself is part of the inclusive strategy of the Government and to cruise through the path of development and excellence through education.