



A TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR

on

“Iron Man’s Visionary Leadership – Liberation of Hyderabad”

On 17th and 18th February 2026

at

Seminar Hall,
Government Degree College,
Mancherial, 504208

under the sponsorship of

Indian Council of Social Science Research
(ICSSR)



Organized by
Department of History,
Government Degree College,
Mancherial, 504208.

Government Degree College, Mancherial,

established in 1967, stands on the serene banks of the river Godavari, offering a pollution-free and inspiring environment for higher learning. Founded by visionary philanthropists to serve the educational needs of this remote region, the college has grown into a centre of academic excellence, drawing strength from the ideals of Swami Vivekananda and Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. With dedicated faculty many of whom are Ph.D/ NET /SET qualified and research-oriented the institution nurtures nearly 520 students across undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, blending academic rigour with cultural, moral, and skill-based development.

The college is affiliated to Kakatiya University, Warangal, and offers nine undergraduate courses in Arts, Commerce, and Sciences, along with an M.Com postgraduate programme. It also hosts a Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University Study Centre, extending opportunities to students who cannot pursue regular courses. Through initiatives like the Telangana Skills and Knowledge Centre (TSKC) and ICT-enabled teaching, the institution equips students with employability skills and prepares them for competitive examinations, while also nurturing their talents in cultural and sporting activities. In 2022, the college earned a ‘B’ Grade from NAAC (CGPA 2.40), and continues to strive for academic innovation and excellence.

Mancherial, historically known as *Garimella*, is a prominent town in northern Telangana. Recognized for its strategic location and rail connectivity, it has developed into a vibrant industrial hub surrounded by Singareni coal mines, cement factories, and thermal power projects, including Jaipur and NTPC Ramagundam. Once a part of Adilabad district until the creation of Mancherial district in 2016, the region is renowned for its forests, tribal heritage, and contributions to politics, art, and literature. Today, Mancherial stands as a symbol of progress blending cultural richness with industrial and educational growth.

About the Seminar

The Department of History, Government Degree College, Mancherial, is organizing a Two-Day National Seminar on “*Iron Man’s Visionary Leadership – Liberation of Hyderabad*” with the generous sponsorship of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

This seminar seeks to highlight the pivotal role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India, whose statesmanship, courage, and farsightedness were instrumental in integrating princely states into the Indian Union. The liberation of Hyderabad in 1948 stands as a landmark in India’s post-independence history, reflecting Patel’s unwavering resolve and visionary leadership in safeguarding national unity and integrity.

The seminar aims to provide a scholarly platform for academicians, historians, researchers, and students to deliberate on the political, social, and cultural dimensions of Hyderabad’s integration. It will also explore the lasting legacy of Sardar Patel’s leadership, which continues to inspire the ideas of unity, nationalism, and democratic governance in modern India.

Call for Papers

The Department of History, Government Degree College, Mancherial, invites scholars, academicians, researchers, and students to contribute research papers to the Two-Day National Seminar on “*Iron Man’s Visionary Leadership – Liberation of Hyderabad*”, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

Themes and Sub-Themes for Paper Presentation & Publication

1. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: The Architect of Integration

- Role in unifying princely states
- Vision of national unity and integrity

2. Liberation of Hyderabad (1948)

- Historical background and challenges
- Operation Polo: Strategies and outcomes
- Patel’s ideology in nation-building

3. Patel's Leadership Style and Legacy

- Administrative reforms and governance
- Leadership qualities for modern India

4. Socio-Political Impacts of Hyderabad's Liberation

- Transformation in Telangana and Hyderabad region
- Cultural and linguistic integration

5. National Security and Integration Policies

- Patel's approach towards border security
- Strategic foresight in maintaining unity

6. Hyderabad's Liberation in Indian History

- Historical narratives and archival studies
- Hyderabad's merger in academic research

7. Contemporary Relevance of Patel's Vision

- Lessons for present-day India
- Federalism and unity in diversity

8. Historical Dimensions

- Role of Patel in India's political integration
- The Hyd State and the Nizam's stand against accession
- Operation Polo: Causes, course, and consequences
- Resistance movements in Hyderabad before liberation

9. Political & Administrative Aspects

- Patel as the "Iron Man" of India: Leadership qualities & strategies
- Patel vs. Nehru: Divergent approaches towards state integration
- Administrative reforms in Hyderabad post-liberation
- Role of bureaucracy, army, and intelligence in Operation Polo

10. Social & Cultural Perspectives

- Social conditions in Hyderabad under the Nizam
- Peasant & people's movements in Telangana (e.g., Telangana Armed Struggle)
- Cultural integration of Hyderabad into the Indian Union
- Women's role in liberation movements in Hyderabad

11. Political Struggle

- Hyd State Congress and its demand for responsible government under the leadership of Swami Ramanand Tirtha, Burgula Ramakrishna Rao, and others.

12. Razakars' Violence

- The role of Qasim Razvi and the Razakar militia
- Atrocities against Hindus and nationalist supporters

13. Armed & Peasant Struggles

- Telangana peasant uprising against feudal landlords (Jagirdars)

- Resistance to Razakars (1946–1951)

14. Indian Government's Action

- Failure of negotiations with the Nizam
- Operation Polo (13–17 September 1948)
- Role of the Indian Army in liberating Hyderabad

Guidelines for Paper Submission

Abstract: Maximum **300 words**, clearly stating the objectives, methodology, and key findings

Full Paper: Maximum **3,000–4,000 words**, typed in **Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 spacing**.

Format: Submit in **MS Word (.doc/.docx)** and **PDF** formats.

Publication: Selected papers will be published in a **UGC-CARE Listed Journal**.

Important Dates

Abstract Submission : 10th February 2026

Full Paper Submission : 12th February 2026

Mode of Submission: Abstracts and full papers should be sent via email to: gdcmnclhistory@gmail.com

Registration Fee

Students & Research Scholars : ₹200

Faculty Members : ₹300

Each author and co-author must register separately.

Contact us

Dr. K. Rajaiah, Asst. Prof, Dept. of History- 9030667303



Link for registration:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqqtuqu3jurtl9WarxQgQNgUQnhnzeFvyQN97OBDb-xdaFNA/viewform?usp=header>

CHIEF PATRON

Smt. A. Devasena, IAS,
Hon'ble Commissioner, Collegiate Education.

PATRONS

Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairperson, TGCHE, T.S.
Prof. D.S.R. Rajender Singh, Joint Director, CCE, T.S.
Prof. P. Bala Bhaskar, Joint Director, CCE, T.S.

SEMINAR DIRECTOR

Prof. Jai Kishan Ojha
Principal,
Government Degree College,
Mancherial.

CONVENER

Dr. Kondapaka Rajaiah
Assistant Professor, Department of History,

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. S. Narender Reddy, IQAC-Coordinator, Head,
Dept. of Commerce.
Dr. S. Harish Kumar, Head, Dept. of Telugu.
Dr. T. Gangaiah, Associate Professor, Dept. of Maths.
Dr. M. Kumara Swamy, Associate Professor, Dept. of
Chemistry.
Dr. R. Gopal Krishna, Asst. Professor, Dept. of
Economics.
Sri. J. Mahesh Kumar, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Botany.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Sri. Md. Gulam Rasool, Lecturer.
Sri. V. Karunakar, Lecturer.
Smt. M. Kanaka Laxmi, Lecturer.
Smt. S. Triveni, Lecturer.
Sri. M. Madhusudhan, Lecturer.
Sri. M. Raju, Lecturer.
Kum. V. Aruna, Lecturer.
Sri. B. Naveen, Lecturer.