



# **SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY : TIRUPATI ORIENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE**



## **ABOUT THE INSTITUTE:**

The Oriental Research Institute was established in July 1939 by Tirumala Tirupati Desasthanms, Tirupati. Prof. S.K. Belvalkar of Benaras Hindu University, Pune and prepared a "A SCHEME FOR AN ORIENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT TIRUPATI" and submitted the report on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1937 on request of the then Hon'ble Minister of Religious Endowments, Madras, Dr. Rajan and the then Commissioner Sri A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams. The TTD Committee has sanctioned Sri Venkateswara Oriental Institute at Tirupati on April, 1938. Thus, S.V. Oriental Institute came into existence only in July, 1939.

Sri Venkateswara University was formed on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1954. In 1956 S V Oriental Institute renamed as "**Sri Venkateswara University Oriental Research Institute**" and merged into S.V. University, Tirupati with the view to promote its activities in a broader perspective with well qualified research staff. The Institute was involved in multi disciplined based, multi lingual research in S.V. University. Keeping in view of extensive and wide arrange in research activities.

The Institute has been providing M.Phil. and Ph.D. courses in Telugu, Sanskrit, Indian Culture, Philosophy subjects. At present more than 15 students doing their Ph.Ds in ORI. The Institute staff brought out so many critical editions and reprints last eight decades. S.V.Oriental Journal started in TTD named with "Annuals of Sri Venkateswara". Now the Journal renamed "S.V.U.ORI Journal" and brings out 62 volumes.

The Institute acted as research consultancy is given regularly regarding manuscriptology and Paleography to various research scholars of different universities and foreign scholars who visited to institute. The ORI also provide reference and reprographic service Xerox copies and scanned images and CDs for extended.

The Institute execution a vital role as preventive preservation and conservation centre of Ancient Indian Culture and Literature. So many

Scholars visited throughout world to study culture depicted in manuscripts of ORI. The Institute having valuable manuscripts belongs to Samkeerthans of Annamayya family writers, Veerabrahmam Kalaznanam, Vemana verses and so many Ayurvedic texts.

The Institute conducted awareness campaigns, exhibitions and Workshops on Manuscriptology and Paeleography.

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The following are the fields of its activities: Collection and Preservation of Manuscripts, Editing and Publication of Rare Manuscripts, Publication of Journals, Preparation of Descriptive Catalogues, Conducting of Exhibition and Awareness Campaigns, Maintenance of the Manuscripts and Printed books Library, promote Inter and Multidisciplinary Research leading to M.Phil& Ph.D degrees and holding National and International Conferences, Seminars and Workshops. Extending Research and Referral Services on Indology to the scholars of various Universities from all over India and abroad.

## **UNIQUENESS OF ORI**

- Govt. of India recognized the institute as Viznana Nidhi in Andhra Pradesh.
- The A.P. State Council for the Higher Education recognized the Institute as Centre of Excellence.
- Govt. of India, Ministry of Tourism and Culture Dept. recognized the Institute as Manuscript Resource Centre (MRC).

The Institute displayed the Manuscript "Sowbhagya Ratnakara" in India wise exhibition in New Delhi.

## **ABOUT ORI MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY**

The library of the institute contains Manuscripts Section and Printed Books Library. It has about 14,960 old and rare palm leaf and paper Manuscripts. The printed section library contains about 26,000 old and rare books published from 1804 and more than 16,000 new printed books besides 5,000 volumes of back volume journals.

## Ph.D.,M.Phil. DEGREES

S. No	Degree (s)	Total
1	M.Phil.	13
2	Ph.D.	89

## ORIENTAL JOURNAL

The official organ of the institute titled 'Oriental Journal' which was started in 1959 in three languages i.e., Sanskrit, English and Telugu has completed 62 volumes (2021). The Journal have research articles along with text and studies, manuscript notices are also mentioned. The Journal is exchanged with 23 countries.

## DIGITALIZATION

With the help of three computers and two overhead scanners the following programmes are undertaken in the Institute.

- Digitalization of Palf-leaf in i.e., Manuscripts and Paper Manuscripts.
- Digitalization of Old Journals and Magazines
- Digitalization of Old and Rare Books



## EMINENT SCHOLARS VISITS

Eminent scholars, Philosophers and saints from Abroad and India to visit our ORI. For example Sri Sadguru Kanchi Peetadhipathi Jayanendra Saraswathi, Sri Sadguru Sivananda Murthy, Padmabhushn Dr. K.I. Varaprasad Reddy, Melkotal Peetadhipathi Ramanujajyyar, A.P. Legislative Chairman Sd. Ahammed Mohammed Shareef.



## PROJECTS, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

The Institute Faculty members completed 5 Major Research projects with the assistance of the UGC, NMM (New Delhi) and TTD (Tirupati).

Organized Conferences / Seminars / Workshops	
International conferences	3
National seminars	7
National Workshops	10
Tatvabhodha Lectures	06
Guest Lectures	13



## RESEARCH

The Institute encourages Ph.D., M.Phil., Scholars to do their research work in Manuscripts, Old and Rare Books. In this connection the faculty members of the ORI edited unpublished manuscripts and wrote editorial. And also faculty to published rare and important printed books behalf of the ORI.

## PUBLICATIONS OF BOOKS

S. No	Type of Printed Books	Total
1	Critical Editions	47
2	Reprint Books	15
3	Popular Series	08
4	Journals	62
5	Other Publications	14



## FACULTY

### Dr.T. Surendra Reddy

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## RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

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1	Sri M. Chandrasekhar	Junior Assistant
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6	Sri K Shobhan Babu	Office Sub-ordinate
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8	Sri K S Gouse Basha	Binder



## FUTURE PLANS

ORI have ready to publish valuable dictionary named 'Shabdhartha Deepika' with 1000 pages. To be complete Telugu Manuscripts, descriptive catalogue and also to be publish some ancient rare printed books, and digitalize the entire Manuscripts stored in ORI.

## ALUMNI

The scholars of the institute have got highest positions in different universities/ colleges in various capacities some of them occupied very high positions like Principals, Deans, Directors, HoDs, etc.,

## FACULTY OF THE ORI

	<p><b>Dr.T. Surendra Reddy</b>, M.A., B.Ed., B.L.I.S.C, Ph.D Associate Professor and In-Charge Director Specialization in Cultural History Completed 15 years of service specialized in Indian Culture and Cultural History, Published 10 Books and 25 Research Papers, organized 2 National Seminars and 1 National Workshop. Attended 40 Conferences and Seminars and 1 M.Phil and 1 Ph.D. awarded under his guidance.</p>
	<p><b>Dr.P.C.Venkateswarlu</b>, M.A.,(Tel) M.A., (Skt) Ph.D, P.G. Dip. in Epigraphy Associate Professor in Telugu, 15 years of Experience, specialized in Folklore and Classical literature. He has authored 12 Books, and edited 6 Books, Published 75 Research Articles. Attended 90 National and International Seminars/Conferences and conducted 2 National Seminars and 1 Workshop. 13 Ph.D's and 5 M.Phils awarded under his guidance. 1 UGC-MRP completed. Acted as a DOA deputy Director, Assistant Director, ORI and NSS co-ordinator of S.V.U. College of Arts,</p>