

Government College University Hyderabad

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About University:

Government College University Hyderabad is one of Pakistan's oldest and prime educational institutions. Its genesis dates back to 1st October 1917, with the title of "Sindh National Arts College Hyderabad" having being contemplated by the International Theosophical Society. The crucial role in running the International Theosophical Society was played by its second president, Dr. Annie Besant, a well-known educationist, orator, political and social figure of the undivided Indian sub-continent. Another famous figure Dr. Ernest Egerton Wood, the secretary to National Educational Trust, continued "National Educational Movement" activities. He appealed through the newspapers for the establishment of new educational institutes in India.

Since there was no college in Hyderabad Sindh, the students who wanted to continue higher education had to go to far off cities like Bombay. The first response of enormous contribution appeared from a youth of Sindh with a donation of Rs. 20,000/= on a condition to establish a college in Hyderabad Sindh. Another important figure among the city's aristocracy was Diwan Dayaram Gidumal, a judge by profession. He was the driving factor behind the establishment of a college in Hyderabad. Dr. Wood landed in Hyderabad, Sindh, on August 24, 1917, after a long journey from Madras. The people of Hyderabad Sindh gave a large sum of money, estimated to be over Rs. 5000/= in less than a week. The donation was quite enough to launch the institute. Dr. Wood, within five weeks, purchased all necessary furniture, books, equipment, etc., and hired the staff to run the institute. The college's location was decided on amid the city's scenic surroundings. Seth Pertab Rai Manghar Singh and a few others contributed their best piece of 64 acres of cultivated land for this beautiful deed. The date of the college's Foundation was chosen to coincide with Dr. Besant's birthday, 1st October 1917. Dr. Wood was appointed its founder Principal. The National Educational Trust provided the initial funding for the college. Later, in 1921, the college was given to the "DiwanMetharamDarmada Trust" (DMD), which was run by DiwanDayaramGidumal, who provided Rs.100000/= for the college's affiliation with Bombay University. After DiwanDayaramGidumal's death, the college was renamed D. G. National College Hyderabad.

The college initially began its journey as intermediate Arts College, soon the courses were offered in B.Sc. in Industrial Science; B. A. in Agriculture and Political Science; and B.Com. In June 1927, B.

A. (Hons.) in English, History, Economics and Philosophy were also offered. In 1934, Intermediate science classes were also started, which made the college a Science College. In 1940, there was the commencement of M. A. classes in Sindhi Literature. In 1945, classes for B.Sc. were started in Zoology, Botany and Chemistry. Later on, due to political turmoil in the Indian sub-continent, the college was closed. Its faculty and other staff migrated from Hyderabad to other parts of India, leaving behind the institute deserted.

The second phase of this historic educational institution began after the establishment of Pakistan.

D. G. National College Hyderabad, due to this voluntary departure of its original owners, was taken over by the Government of Sindh. It decided to reopen it on 21st June 1948 with the same name “D. G. National Government College Hyderabad”. Prof. Dr. Adrian Duarte was appointed as its Principal. Dr. Duarte had to rebuild the college again from the ground level. The extraordinary leadership of the appointed Principal was instrumental in the re- birth of this fantastic institute. The re-birth of this glorious institute took place under the remarkable leadership with 224 students on the roll and a faculty comprised of 6 professors, 15 Lecturers and three demonstrators.

There was co-education till 1952-. as there was no college for the girls. On 9th April 1949, the college was renamed “Government Arts College, Hyderabad”. Later, on 7th March 1951, the college was renamed “Government College Hyderabad” through a government resolution and was allowed to teach up to B. Sc. level in affiliation with Sindh University. Within the next few years, there was a significant increase in the number of science students. During the academic session 1952-53, the enrolment surpassed 1000.

Government College Hyderabad has the honour of starting post-graduate classes in Arts and Science for the first time after Sindh University was shifted from Karachi to Hyderabad. Its professors were given the status of part- time Professors of the University. The commencement of M. A. (Urdu & English) and M.Sc. (Physics; Chemistry; Mathematics and Statistics) in 1991 and later M.Sc. in Zoology and Botany in 1993 ushered a new era in the history of this institution. Another milestone in the pathway towards success was the commencement of Bachelor of Computer Science (BCS) in 2002. Being one of the oldest institutions of Sindh and with heritage in academic excellence, people of Hyderabad, Alumni and the faculty of this institution looked forward for the up-gradation to the level of university. This demand had its due voice in print and electronic media of Sindh province.

The demand towards the up-gradation as University touched its peak when one of its shining stars, Raja Pervez Ashraf, occupied the highest seat of Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. His Excellency, Raja Pervez Ashraf, visited his alma mater on 23rd February 2013. The Alumni and the faculty members of government College Hyderabad were determined to keep calling the attention of the political, social and educational leadership towards the noble cause of the establishment of Government College University Hyderabad. A delegate of Alumni comprised of Prof. Dr. Nasiruddin Shaikh, Prof. Muhammad Idris Khan, Mr. Abdul Rehman Rajput (Ex MPA), Mr. Mazharul Haq Siddiqui (Ex VC, Sindh University), Mr. Kazi Asad Abid (renowned Journalist), met with Excellency Syed Murad Ali Shah, Chief Minister, Sindh. The delegate briefed the Excellency CM about the

outstanding contribution of their alma mater in nation-building and services being rendered for almost a century. The representative reiterated the Alumni demand for the up-gradation of Government College Hyderabad to a university. The CM Sindh appreciated the concerns of all Phulelians. The long-awaited day finally arrived. His Excellency, Syed Murad Ali Shah, CM Sindh, officially announced the up-gradation of the status of Government College Hyderabad as University on 9th of October 2017, while presiding over the seminar “Government College Hyderabad: Past, Present, and Future” at the Assembly Hall of Government College Hyderabad. The Sindh Government Gazette notification vides, the title “Government College University Hyderabad Act 2018”, was issued on 21st May 2018 by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh, thus conferring upon official status to Government College University Hyderabad. The official notification of Prof. Dr. Nasiruddin Shaikh (Principal, Government College Hyderabad) as acting vice chancellor on 13th February 2019. The teaching & learning started from 2020. The Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah appointed Prof. Dr. Tayyaba Zarif as the first regular Vice Chancellor of GC University Hyderabad after the recommendations from search committee. She took charge as first founder Vice Chancellor of GC University on 12th March 2021 and leading the ship with new ideas, enthusiasm and motivation to strengthening the university.

About College:

The college was established in 1917. Prior to the partition of the sub-continent, a board of trustees was administering this institution. However, all of them migrated to India in 1947 .The Government of Sindh took over the college on 21st June 1948. The college imparted education up to intermediate level to the student of the faculty of science and up to B.A (Hons:) to the student belonging to the faculty of Arts. Total number of the student enrolled in 1948-49 was 224 and total number of teacher was 25. There was co-education in this institute up to 1951-52 as there was no separate college for girls by then.

The faculty of science was upgraded to the degree classes in March 1951 as the number of students wishing to seek admission in B.Sc. class soared rapidly. In 1961-62 the University of Sindh took over teaching of honours classes. Ever since 1948, the college continues to occupy unique positions as a premier institution of the province of Sindh, the students of this college have been achieving enviable position in various examination conducted by the board of intermediate & secondary education, Hyderabad and the University of Sindh .A glimpse of the honours list placed in the assembly hall bearers testimony to this claim likewise, our students continue to win a large number of prizes and trophies in the field of extra-curricular activities . A large number of old boys

of this college are now serving the nation in senior administrative position and other field of nation building activities.

FOUNDATION	1st October, 1917	It was founded on 1st October 1917 by Mrs. Annie Besant who was the President of International Theosophical Society, National Education Movement and National Education Trust.
	1917	Contemplated by a devoted group of renowned philanthropists and elite of the city under the aegis of a trust "Diwan Metharam Gidu Mal Darmada Trust"
	1917	The Land of the college beside the Phuleli Canal was donated by Seth Pertab Rai Manghar Singh.
	1917	The College was named as SINDH NATIONAL ARTS COLLEGE, HYDERABAD.
1st PRINCIPAL	1917	Prof. Dr. Earnest Wood , (Honorary Secretary, NET) was appointed as the first Principal.
REGISTRATION	February, 1919	The college was registered by Hyderabad College, Board.
LIBRARY	1920	Establishment of the College Library.
AFFILIATION	1921	Affiliated with Bombay University.
2nd PRINCIPAL	1923	Mr. Hashmat Rai Lakh Raj appointed as Principal.
3rd PRINCIPAL	1924	Mr. Hukum Chand Kumar appointed as Principal.
4th PRINCIPAL	July, 1925	Mr. Motomal Mangha Ram Gadwani appointed as Principal.

RENAME	1925	College was renamed as NADIR SHAH EDULJI DINSHAW (N.E.D) NATIONAL COLLEGE, HYDERABAD.
RESTORATION OF PREVIOUS NAME	1925	The previous title SINDH NATIONAL ARTS COLLEGE was restored after some time.
FIRST MAGAZINE	1925	College's first magazine named " PHULELI " was published.
5th PRINCIPAL	1926	Mr. Nanak Ram Wasan Mal Thandani appointed as Principal.
DEGREE CLASSES	20 June, 1927	Classes of B.A. (Honours) Degree in English, History, Economics, Philosophy began.
RENAME	20 June, 1928	The College was renamed as DAYARAM GIDDUMAL NATIONAL COLLEGE , HYDERABAD.
6th PRINCIPAL	1929	Mr. Nirmal Das Dharam Das Gur Bakhshani appointed as Principal.
7th PRINCIPAL	1932	Mr. Bhagat Ram Kumar appointed as Principal.
INTERMEDIATE SCIENCE CLASSES	1935	Commencement of Intermediate Science classes.
8th PRINCIPAL	1938	Mr. Hira Lal Srichand Bhrwani appointed as Principal.
POST GRADUATION (ARTS)	1940	Commencement of M.A. Literature classes.
	5th August, 1941	Foundation of " LATIF SOCIETY ".
	1941	Foundation of Ex-Students Union.
SILVER JUBILEE	20th June 1942	Silver Jubilee Celebration of the College.
DEGREE SCIENCE CLASSES	1945	Commencement of B.Sc. classes in Zoology, Botany, and Chemistry.
	1947	The College was closed due to Partition of the Sub-Continent.

	21st June, 1948	The College was took over by the Government of Sindh.
PRINCIPAL	June, 1948	Prof. Adrian Duarte appointed as the Principal.
RENAME	1948	The College was renamed as "GOVERNMENT COLLEGE HYDERABAD" .
POST GRADUATE M.Sc. CLASSES	1991-1992	Commencement of Post-Graduate classes for M.Sc. in Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, Botany, Mathematics, and Statistics.
PLATINUM JUBILEE	5 - 15 December 1994	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Senate:

The Senate is one of the statutory bodies established by the GCUH Act 2018. It is responsible for overseeing academic matters such as curriculum development, student admissions, and degree programs. The Senate also approves policies related to academic matters. The GCUH has a very active Senate body that regularly meets and guides the University on strategic lines and oversees the governance of the institution.

Syndicate:

The Syndicate is responsible for overall governance of Government College University Hyderabad. It approves policies related to administrative matters such as human resources, infrastructure development, and student affairs. The GCUH has a very dynamic and vibrant Syndicate that regularly meets and discusses the progress, policies and practices of the university and provides guidance as well as approvals on matters of finance, administration, academics and overall operations.

Academic Council:

The Academic Council is responsible for overseeing academic matters at Government College University Hyderabad. It approves new degree programs, reviews existing programs, and ensures that academic standards are maintained. The Academic Council at GCUH has been constituted, notified and functioning as per the GCUH Act 2018.

Selection Board:

The Selection Board is responsible for overseeing the recruitment and selection process at the GCUH. The Selection Board scrutinizes the profiles of applicants for appointment on various positions of the varsity, reviews cases of promotion and appointment of eminently qualified persons as a recommendatory forum for the University Syndicate. The Selection Board at GCUH has been constituted, notified and functioning as per the GCUH Act 2018.

Finance and Planning Committee:

The Finance and Planning Committee (FPC) is responsible for financial management at Government College University Hyderabad. It prepares the annual budget, monitors expenditures, and ensures that financial policies are followed. The FPC at GCUH has been constituted, notified and functioning as per the GCUH Act 2018.

Board of Studies & Faculties:

The Board of Studies is another important statutory body established by the GCUH Act 2018. It is responsible for overseeing academic programs offered by Government College University Hyderabad. The Board of Studies approves new academic programs, reviews existing programs, and ensures that academic standards are maintained. The Board of Studies at GCUH has been

constituted, notified and functioning as per the GCUH Act 2018. With the progressive expansion of the universities and launch of new programs and faculties.

Advanced Studies & Research Board:

The Advanced Studies & Research Board is responsible for advising the authorities on all matters connected with Advanced Studies and Research in the University. It is also mandated to consider instituting various research degrees at the varsity and finalized research supervisors and panels for various studies as well as for the students undertaking research at the highest level. GCUH has notified ASRB with the approval of the statutory body of the University.

From Alumni:

Being established in 1917, Government College, Hyderabad is one of the oldest institutions in Pakistan. The students who have studied in this institution are serving not only all over the country but also abroad. Whenever some of them meet and talk about their past academic experiences, the days passed in Government College are remembered with pride and happiness.

It was felt by many old students of this Alumni that there should be some organization of the old students so they should meet every year to exchange their views, revive old memories and think and work on some concrete welfare schemes for mutual benefits and try to help those old college mates who have some genuine problems.

With this object in mind old boys of Government College, Hyderabad gathered on 29-01-1998 at Government College, Hyderabad and decided to form an organization and the name was proposed as ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, HYDERABAD. The Alumni Association, Government College, Hyderabad works as an Independent, Non-political and Non-profit body.

Vice Chancellor Message:

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to one of the most historic educational institutions of the country, GC University Hyderabad. For over a century this institute in capacity of a Degree College has produced amazing talent and contributed to community development. Now, being given university status in 2018, this institute has duly been recognized by the Government and a whole new avenue of development has been opened up for the students as well as the faculty. It is a matter of pride for me, especially as a female, to be the maiden Vice Chancellor of the first public sector university in Hyderabad. Taking pride in the history, culture and achievements of this institute, the GC University Hyderabad will now aim for excellence on the canvas of Higher Education and lead through research, innovation, technology, collaboration and quality teaching-learning. The GC University Hyderabad campus has all the necessary facilities and resources available to enable our students to learn, innovate, excel and compete at the highest level with the amazing team of GC University Hyderabad leaving no stones unturned to deliver their best for the development of our students. With the support of the Government and with a focus on continuous improvement and a fresh outlook, GC University Hyderabad aims to become one of the best Public Sector Higher Education Institutions of the region in times to come.

Prof. Dr. Tayyaba Zarif

Vice Chancellor

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