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Ceded districts College, Anantapur.

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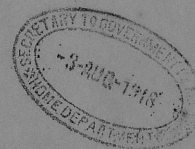
My dear Ramachandra Rao,

On his way from Bellary to Bangalore His Excellency proposes to pay a visit to the Ceded Districts College at Anantapur on the 23rd August and to formally open the new classes. Would you kindly arrange to let me have by the 7th instant a note on its history and the present position with reference to the College, its buildings, staff etc.?

Yours sincerely,

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The Hon'ble

Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao A.M.,
Secretary to Government, Home Department,
Stonehouse Hill.

Home (Education) Department.

History of the Institution.

Prior to 1908-09 there was a Mission College in the Ceded Districts viz., the Wardlaw College at Bellary. On the introduction of the new University Regulations, the institution had to be closed owing to the inability of the management to comply with the requirements of the University. Thus for some years the Ceded Districts were left without any facilities for collegiate education. At the meeting of the Finance Committee held in January 1914, the Honourable Mr. Kesava Pillai drew attention to the absence of facilities in the Ceded Districts for collegiate instruction and the Honourable Mr. Seshagiri Ayyar proposed a recurring grant of Rs. 10,000 (eventual maximum cost Rs. 15,000) for college classes to be opened in connection with one of the high schools in the Ceded Districts, preferably in Bellary. The Committee provisionally accepted the proposal and a sum of Rs. 10,000 was accordingly provided in the Budget for 1914-15. At the budget debate held in April 1914-~~15~~ the Honourable Mr. Kesava Pillai again referred to the question and urged the necessity for a College in those districts. During the tour of H.E. the Governor in the Anantapur and Bellary districts in the same year, the local bodies in each district while thanking the Government for ~~the~~ proposal to open a college, requested that the college should be located at the headquarters of their own districts. His Excellency in reply stated that the location of the college had not been decided upon and that the requests of the various bodies would be duly considered.

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2. In Memo.No.1689-1, dated the 23rd May 1914, the Director was asked to submit proposals for the establishment of college classes for the Ceded mts. These he submitted with his letter No.3323, dated the 31st September 1914, printed in G.O.No.1253, Educational, dated the 9th November 1914. The Director was of the opinion that the college should not be attached to any of the Municipal High Schools in the Ceded Districts for the reasons contained in the following extract:-

"The budget provision is for college classes attached to one of the Municipal High Schools in the Ceded Districts. I would submit for the consideration of Govt. whether any real advantage is to be expected from this arrangement over what I suggest as an alternative, the establishment of a Govt. College. It seems questionable policy to entrust the management of a college specifically established to meet the needs of four districts to a single municipality even if its management can be expected to be more successful than experience makes probable. It is clear that the municipality can supply no funds and no one of the municipal schools in question has any superfluous staff or accommodation for the purposes of the college. All it could give would be a certain assurance of local interest but in the nature of things popular interest in the College must not be too localised. It is moreover an established principle of University administration to discourage the notion that college classes may properly be considered merely as an extension of a school and to insist as far as possible on the separation of colleges from attached schools. It is to be remembered moreover that to attach college classes to the Municipal High School at Bellary

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Kurnool would be it a more serious
with the neighbouring mission school than it is at
present".

The Director accordingly recommended that
the college should be started departmentally and
staffed by the officers of the Departments. As
regards the location of the college, the Director
after discussing the relative claims of Kurnool,
Bellary and Anantapur recommended that the college
should be established at Anantapur as the most
suitable of the three centres for the reasons given
below:-

(1) ~~that~~ from a hygienic point of view, Anantapur
is superior to Bellary;

(2) ~~the~~ building known as Munro's Cutcherry
at Anantapur would, with some structural alterations,
give ample space for both the college ~~classes~~ and
hostel accommodation for a considerable number of
students;

(3) ~~the~~ good sites for the permanent location
of the College and hostel were available in the municip-
al extension;

(4) ~~the~~ college at Anantapur would be more nearly
residential than one at Bellary;

(5) ~~that~~ College life at Anantapur would be less
subject to distraction than at Bellary and the stu-
dents less exposed to the temptations incidental to
independent life in a town; and,

(6) ~~that~~ so far as centrality of position goes
Anantapur had some advantage.

3. In G.O.No.1252, Educational, dated the 9th
November 1914, Government approved generally the pro-
posals of the Director for the establishment of a
college in the Ceded Districts. They also sanctioned

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the employment for a period of two years in the first instance of a Principal on Rs. 300 per m. a lecturer on Rs. 250/ and four assistant lecturers to be included in the Subordinate Educational Collegiate branch. As regards the location of the College, at Bellary or at Anantapur, the Government desired to have the views of the District and Boards and the Municipal Councils in the four of Cuddapah, Kurnool, Bellary and Anantapur with special reference to the observations of the Director in the matter. The replies of the local authorities to the reference showed that the majority favoured the location of the college at Anantapur. According to G.O. No. 595, Educational, dated the 7th July 1915, the Government finally decided to place the college at Anantapur and instructed the D.P.I. to start the College with effect from July 1916.

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4. The College was opened at Anantapur on the 7th July 1916 with 41 students in the first and second year Intermediate classes. To begin with, instruction was provided in Group III of the Intermediate course—Ancient History, Modern History, Local History, Telugu, Canarese, and Sanskrit. The strength of the college rose in 1917-18 to 50 and the College was also affiliated in Group I of the Intermediate course viz, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. As during the two years of its existence, the college was found to meet a decided want, the Director in his letter No. 3828, dated the 24th April 1918, urged that it should be made permanent and further raised to the status of a first grade college. ^{In support of this proposal} ~~the paucity of qualified candidates for employment in the Ceded Districts and the need that existed for increasing the output of graduates belonging to those districts.~~

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5. In G.O.No.711,Home(Education),dated the 6th June 1918,the Government approved the proposals of the Director to retain permanently the Ceded Districts College at Anantapur and to raise it to the status of a first grade college. For the present, instruction will be imparted in the college in the undermentioned subjects.

Intermediate Course.

- Groups I Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry
- .. II A. Natural Science
- .. III Ancient History, Modern History, Logic, Telugu, Canarese and Sanskrit.

(Pass)
E.A. Course.

- Branch I Mathematics
- .. V History & Economics
- .. VI (Telugu)

6. Staff.- The Superior staff of the college as recently sanctioned consists of

- 1 Principal on Rs.500 per mensem
- 3 Lecturers in the Provincial Educational Service
- 6 Assistant Lecturers in the Subordinate Educational Service.

M.R.Ry. S.E. Ranganatham, M.A., L.T., has been the Principal of the College since its opening. He has recently been promoted to the newly sanctioned post of Principal on Rs.500 per mensem.

7. Accommodation and Equipment. At first it was proposed to adapt the Munro's Cutcherry buildings at Anantapur for the purposes of the College. On subsequent inspection, however, it was found that the existing building was unsuitable; and the Government accepted the D.P.I.'s recommendation that the college should be located in the new buildings constructed at the cost of Government for the local Municipal High School.

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The following is ^a description of the buildings as given by the University Commission: ^{in 1916}

"The building was originally intended to be the Municipal High School, but it is quite suitable for college purposes. It is a two-storied structure consisting of two wings with a connecting block, the upper storey of which will form an excellent reading room and library and the ground floor a spacious entrance hall. ~~Now~~ A lecture room is assigned to each subject. There are in addition a Principal's office, a clerk's office and a common room for the staff. The rooms are well proportioned and suitably furnished and equipped. When the whole building is finished, accommodation would be provided considerably in excess of what is required for the existing classes and indeed fully sufficient for the needs of a first grade college with classes of moderate strength affiliated in non-scientific subjects. Tiffin sheds for students and store rooms have been constructed close to the college. The college is surrounded by spacious grounds suitable for tennis, hockey or foot ball".

In view of the opening of the science section, ~~now~~ the Government have sanctioned the construction of an additional block of buildings consisting of a dynamo and battery rooms, a workshop and store rooms. These are nearing completion. ^{The college} Laboratories have been provided with water and gas and have been equipped with various articles of furniture, apparatus and appliances. The Chemistry and Physics lecture rooms have been fitted up with galleries. The P.W.D. is in correspondence with Messrs. Crompton and Co., Madras, in regard to the supply of the plant necessary for generating electricity. The cost of the extensions and improvements ^{to the laboratory} is estimated at about Rs. 36,000.

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8. Strength and distribution of students. On the 31st March 1918 there were 31 in the junior class and 19 in the senior class, making a total of 50. The distribution of students according to castes and districts was as follows:-

(a) Caste

Brahmins.....	39
Non-brahmins	9
Muhammadians.....	2
	<u>50</u>

(b) Districts

Anantapur.....	28
Bellary.....	14
Kurnool.....	6
Cuddapah.....	5
Chittoor.....	1
Kolar.....	1
Hyderabad.....	1
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9. Hostel.- The hostel originally built for the Municipal High School, Anantapur, has been handed over to the college. The Kanarese Pandit of the college is now doing the duties ^{of} manager of the hostel and has been permitted by Government to live in the wardens quarters free of rent. The hostel rooms have been furnished with tables, chairs and book shelves from a grant of Rs. 500 sanctioned by Govt. The number of ^(a) boarders in the hostel in 1917-18 ranged between 32 and 44 and the sum collected from them as room rent amounted to Rs. 396.

10. Receipts and charges.- The receipts and charges of the institution during the years 1916-17 and 1917-18 are shown below:-

	Receipts	Charges
	Rs.	Rs.
1916-1917	3447	27,581
1917-1918	5436	27,576

(F) The cost of the staff as sanctioned in G.O.No.711, Home(Education), dated the 6th June 1918, comes to Rs. ²³³² ~~3000~~ per mensem or Rs.27,990 per annum. The Govt. have also sanctioned the incurring of an expenditure of Rs.13,000 on initial equipment in connection with the raising of the status of the college to ^{the} first grade.

11. Secondary Training Class.- A temporary secondary grade training class was attached to the College on the 16th July 1917. In 1917-18 there were 33 students in the training class of whom 20 were stipendiaries and the remaining 13 non-stipendiaries.

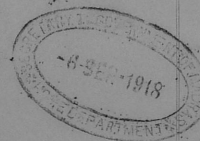
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Address read by the Principal ^{W.} of the Ceded Districts College
Anantapur, 5 pm 23-8-18.

May it please Your Excellency,

On behalf of the students and the staff of the Ceded Districts College, I beg to offer Your Excellency a most hearty and respectful welcome into our midst.

It is a matter for peculiar gratification and encouragement to us that in spite of the many and pressing demands upon your time and attention, Your Excellency should be graciously pleased to honour us with this visit. We beg to thank Your Excellency most cordially for this manifestation of Your Excellency's keen and abiding interest in the welfare of this institution.

This College was established by Government a little over two years ago for the benefit of the students of the Ceded Districts. Though there was some apprehension at the beginning as to whether Anantapur would be the most suitable place for the location of the College, events have happily amply justified the selection. I am glad to say that the people of the districts of Bellary, Kurnool and even Cuddapah have fully supported the College. Moreover, we have been able to realise here the corporate life of the College, more than would have been possible in larger towns, and to foster relations of the most intimate and friendly character between the teachers and the taught.

I beg leave on this occasion to acknowledge our deep indebtedness to the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone, C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction, for his keen personal interest in the College and for all that he has done for it. It would not be too much to say that the steady and rapid advance of the College in strength and scope and usefulness is largely due to his encouragement and support.

We cannot help remembering today that this College has been founded and developed entirely within the period of Your Excellency's administration, and during the very years in which the British Empire has been engaged in the most stupendous war the world has ever witnessed.

We keenly realise therefore the supreme blessing of peace which we in India enjoy under British rule, and we hope and pray, along with all loyal and patriotic subjects of His Majesty the

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King Emperor for the utter overthrow and defeat of the enemies of civilisation and peace.

We recall with peculiar interest that Your Excellency during your first visit to Anantapur laid the foundation stone of this building on the 1st July 1914. It is indeed a noteworthy fact that in four short years this building which was originally intended for the local Municipal High School should come to be occupied by a first grade College and that we should have the rare and high privilege of welcoming Your Excellency in it. Such a remarkable advance, and ours is not the only instance, is due entirely to Your Excellency's most enlightened and generous policy in regard to the spread of education in all its phases, in this Presidency.

I beg to thank Your Excellency once again for the honour conferred on us by this visit, and to request Your Excellency to inaugurate the newly formed B.A. classes by declaring them open.

S. E. Ranganathan,
Principal.

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Mr. Ranganathan, Ladies and Gentlemen, 13

When I laid the foundation stone of these buildings four years ago, I little thought that my next visit to Anantapur would be for the purpose of formally declaring them the home of a first grade college. They were originally intended as you are aware for the Municipal High School. But when the proposal to establish a second grade college for the Ceded Districts was finally approved, it at once occurred to those concerned that they were even more adapted for collegiate purposes and with the full agreement and approval of the Municipal Council they were diverted to the use of the new college, accommodation suitable for the high school being found in the historical building known as Munro's Cutchery. Two years have now elapsed and the prescience of those who contended not only that the Ceded Districts were entitled to a college of their own but that they could supply the necessary number of undergraduates has been amply justified. Students have not only been forthcoming, they have done credit to the

college and in full confidence that this institution will take a prominent and useful place in the educational equipment of the country the Madras Government recently sanctioned the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to raise it to the status of a first grade college. Like most schemes that are of real worth the initiation of this College was beset with certain difficulties, not the least of which centred round the question where it should be located. You will remember that seven towns claimed the honour of being the birthplace of Homer, but that was when he was dead and when his fame and position among poets had been established beyond question. At least four towns contended for the privilege of being the birthplace of this college before it was born and I assume that they were all convinced that it would be a success and bring honour and reputation to the fortunate town on which the choice might ultimately fall. That assurance bids fair to be amply justified and I am glad to think that the choice which was made after full consideration of all claims has met with general approval; we have

every reason to hope that in future friendly rivalry between the districts which this college is intended to serve will be to see which can provide the largest number of students and the most distinguished among its graduates.

The Principal of the College has referred, and rightly, to the personal interest taken by the Honble Mr. Stone in the fortunes of this college. It will I know be a great satisfaction to him that before finally severing his connection with this country he has been able to see this college attain full maturity. I am glad to think that his unfailing interest and fostering care are gratefully appreciated and that I am to have the privilege of unveiling a permanent memento of his connection with it.

Another pleasant duty has also fallen to me on this occasion and that is to announce a number of permanent endowments by which several public-spirited gentlemen in the Ceded Districts propose to signify their recognition of the importance of this occasion and of the part which this college is called upon to play

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in the intellectual and educational life of the Ceded Districts. Mr. Rampayya of Guntakal has announced his intention to endow this college with a sum of Rs.10,000 to be devoted to scholarships for deserving non-Brahmin students. Khan Sahib Inamuddin Sahib, your Municipal Chairman, is giving Rs.1,000 to endow a Muhammadan scholarship, Mr. Sanjiva Reddi of Madigubba village, Anantapur Taluk, is giving Rs.1,000, the interest on which is to form a scholarship to be awarded every alternate year to be held for two years by a student of the Junior Intermediate class who is certified by the Principal to be poor and deserving of help. And Rao Sahib P. Adimurti Rao, the President of the Anantapur Taluk Board, is giving Rs.500, the interest on which is to be given as a prize, in money or books at the discretion of the Principal, to the best student in English of the Senior B.A. class. I congratulate the College, and on its behalf desire to extend to these gentlemen, the sincere thanks of the Government and of the College authorities for the laudable and public-spirited example which they have thus set and I sincerely hope that in the years to come they will find many imitators.

Mr. H. Siva Rao, Vice-President, Taluk Board, Anantapur and Mr. Avula Pedda Konda Reddi of Atmakur ^{are} ~~xxxx~~ each ~~xxxx~~ giving Rs.1000, Mr. Rudair Krishna Rao, Rs.500; Mr. S. Kameswara Rao, late Logic Lecturer, Ceded Districts College, Rs.300; and Mr. M. Lakshminarasappa, Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Anantapur, Rs.200.

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Ladies and Gentlemen, I have much pleasure
in formally declaring the Ceded Districts College open
as a first grade college and ask you to join with me
in heartily wishing all possible success to the College,
its staff and its students.

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