**About SC / ST CELL (COMMITTEE)**

**Annamacharya Institute of Technology and Sciences::Tirupati**

**(AITS, Tirupati)**

The AITS, Tirupati is committed to provide an environment that promotes diversity and respects everyone regardless of colour, religious belief or cultures. While maintaining diversity of all kinds, it also commits to ensure protection of everyone including minorities and acting as per the provisions of constitution of India in such matters. In order to create a living and working environment where all students feel safe, secure and respected, there is a need to establish an SC, ST and Minorities Cell with the following objectives.

#### OBJECTIVES:

1. To bring the students of SC/ST community at par the main stream student community.
2. To create a platform where students can raise their problems, regarding academic and non academic issues.
3. To monitor the implementation of reservation policy in the institution.
4. Committee often meets the students and faculty belongs to SC/ST communities, to understand their problems and take necessary action and/or render them necessary advice/help to resolve the problem.
5. Creating awareness among the SC/ST students regarding the various Government and Non-Government scholarship schemes.
6. Counseling and motivating the students to help them overcome inferiority complex related to interaction with fellow students and personal grooming etc,.

The SC/ ST and Minorities Cell will provide comprehensive preventive and proactive services to all such students enrolled for various academic programmes in the college. The goal of the cell would be to enhance the psychological wellbeing of SC/ ST and Minority students at AITS, Tirupati so that they can take full advantage of the educational opportunities at the college. The guidelines of UGC will be adopted time to time. A committee for SC/ST is established on 04.10.2021 as per the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989 No.33 dated 11/09/1989) as per AICTE norms.

#### FUNCTIONING OF SC/ST CELL:

    Function as a Grievances Redressal Cell for the grievances of SC/ST students of the college and render them necessary help in solving their academic as well as personal career problems.

   Any other work assigned from time to time to promote higher education among these two communities suffering economic, social and educational deprivations.

**ACTIVITIES OF SC/ST CELL:**

   The SC/ST Cell was established in the college to co-ordinate in the implementation of the various policies and programmes launched by the Central Government, MHRD, UGC and State Government for the benefit of the SC/ST students.

   It also undertakes the activities to develop awareness among the SC/ST students, especially from the rural areas. The faculty members of the Cell are actively engaged in coordinating and solving the problems in matters related to SC/ST students.

   Announce details of free coaching programs, start-ups, government scholarships and fellowships through circulars to the SC/ST students from time to time as and when notified by Central Government, MHRD, UGC and State Governments.

**The SC/ST Cell is reconstituted with the following structure w.e.f. 15th July 2024**

**Committee Composition**

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| **S.No** | **Name** | **Position in the committee** | **Designation** |
| 1 | Prof. C. Nadhamuni Reddy | Chairperson | Principal |
| 2. | Dr. J Venu Murali | Convenor | Prof. in ME |
| 3 | Sri. J. Chandra Babu | Co-Convenor | Asst. Prof. in CSE |
| 4 | Ms. B. Baby | Member | Asst. Prof. in CE |
| 5 | Sri Y. Penchalaiah | Member | Asst. Prof. in ECE |
| 6 | Ms. G. Manasa | Member | IV B.Tech Student |
| 7 | Mr. S. Govardhan | Member | IV B.Tech Student |