



Prof. Dandeboina Ravinder hails from Wadlakonda Village, Jangaon Mandal and District, did his schooling and college studies at Jangaon and obtained M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. degrees from the Osmania University. He joined the faculty of the Department of Political Science, Osmania University in 1990 and thus has more than thirty years of teaching, research and academic administrative experience. Prof. Ravinder is one of the few academic administrators of Telangana State to be Trained in Leadership in Academic Programmes (LEAP) sponsored by the Ministry of the Human Resource Development, Govt. of India; at the University of Hyderabad and at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, Prof. Ravinder has rich and diversified experience in research and academic administration.

On the administrative side, he had served as the Principal of the OU Post Graduate College and Principal of the prestigious University College of Arts and Social Sciences (popularly known as Arts College) for about last four years. He also served as the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda and Deputy Coordinator of the Centre for Advanced Studies, a high level UGC sponsored research programme at the Department of Political Science, Osmania University.

Prof. Ravinder's research interests include, Indian Political Process, State Government and Politics, Public Policies with special reference to rural development and governance. He has a number of research articles and books for his credit. His writings prominently appeared in Economic & Political Weekly, Routledge Publishers, Sage Publications, Indian Journal of Political Science, Indian Journal of Public Administration. He had undertaken research projects funded by the University Grants Commission, Indian Council of Social Science Research and other agencies. He had successfully guided a number of students for the award of their M.Phil and Ph.D. degrees.

Prof. Ravinder having worked at all the constituent colleges, University College for Women, the Nizam College and OU PG College, Secunderabad and served on various boards and committees of the University administrative process, has a fair understanding of the University Administration and issues of the University. As a principal of the PG College and Arts College, he had brought out various reforms in the teaching, research and administration. Particularly his approach has been based on inclusiveness of teachers, students and the administrative staff. He, has been following problem solving approach as an administrator.

Prof. Ravinder's introduction of innovative programmes at the Arts College, like the Academic Research Committee and establishment of two exclusive Research Centres for Humanities and Social Sciences at the Arts College under the RUSA 2.0

(RashtreeyaUtchatarShikshaAbhiyan) programme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India, have contributed for the research and development of Social Sciences faculty members. His initiative of appointment of Student Coordinators and creation of Students Discussion Forum has resulted in coming closer to the students issues and regular interaction with students .Further, his initiatives to training and skill upgradation of administrative staff had resulted in automation of academic administration. This had brought accountability and transparency in the academic administration.

Prof. Ravinder has assumed charge as the 25th Vice-Chancellor of the 100+ year old Osmania University on 24th May, 2021.