CHAPTER VI


In July 1950 the new B.A. Degree Course of three years came into existence. Sri C. Satyanarayana Murthy had taken over charge as Principal from Sri S.G. Gopalakrishna Murthy on 30.3.1959. The strength of the college in the year 1959 rose to 1210. Among them 96 were women. The Department of Education and Social Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh sanctioned 102 full fee Scholarships, 223 half fee concessions and 115 merit fee concessions. The National Cadet Corps became very popular. The College National Cadet Corps comprised Senior division boys (wing) infantry, Senior division girls (wing) 8th Andhra signal troop. The senior division boys (wing) was an infantry unit and they were trained in foot-drill, arms-drill, weapon-training, field-drill, map-reading and platoon-tactics. The girls were taught social service work, first aid and discipline besides military training. A contingent of thirty cadets was specially despatched from the unit to Tirupati to participate in the Prime Minister's Guard of Honour Parade on 13.10.1959.1

1. Government Arts College Magazine, Anantapur, March 1960, p.10
The college now provided instructions in Pre-university course, B.A. three year degree course and B.Sc., three year degree course as follows. The pre-university course comprised Group I Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, Group II Biology, Physics and Chemistry and Group III Indian History, British History and Logic. B.A. (special) three year degree course comprised of Economics (Main), History, Politics and additional subjects, History (Main), Economics and Politics, Telugu (Main) History and Hindi, Philosophy (Main) English and History. The B.Sc., three year degree course comprised of Physics (Main) with Chemistry and Mathematics as subsidiaries, Chemistry (Main) with Physics and Mathematics as subsidiaries, Chemistry (Main) with Physics and Zoology as subsidiaries, Zoology (Main) with Chemistry and Botany as subsidiaries, Mathematics (Main) with Statistics and Economics as subsidiaries, Geology (Main) with Botany and Chemistry as subsidiaries and Botany (Main) with Chemistry and Zoology as subsidiaries. 2

Sri C. Satyanarayana Murthy, Principal of the college inaugurated the Sramadan on 2.10.1990 and a

2. Ibid., March 1960, p.2.
performance stage was constructed with Rs.2,000/- granted from the hostel reserves. On the occasion of the hostel day held on 20.1.1960 this stage was declared open by the chief guest Hon'ble Sri S.B.P. Pattabhirama Rao, Minister for Education. The results for the year 1961 were quite satisfactory. In the Pre-university class 176 students passed out of 502 students. In the two years course B.A. degree examination 61 students passed out of 164 students. In the two year B.Sc., Examinations 14 passed out of 24 in Physics (Main) paper. In the subsidiaries 10 passed out of 24 students. In the Chemistry (Main) 29 passed out of 44 students. In the subsidiaries 24 passed out of 44 students. In the three year B.A. degree examination 37 students passed out of 90 students. In the three year B.Sc., course 49 passed out of 116 students. In the period of C. Satyanarayana Murthy, Principal of the college, Government of Andhra Pradesh sanctioned 133 residential scholarships, 75 non-residential scholarships, 52 Government of India scholarships, one Merit scholarship, two Hindi scholarships, three educational concessions to the children of political sufferers, one widow scholarship, three general merit scholarships and 67 educational concessions to poor and meritorious scholars.
In the year 1961 the college won the Hockey championship and came runners-up in Football, Tennis and Table Tennis in the Inter-collegiate tournament conducted by the Sri Venkateswara University. P. Rani Reddy of the Pre-university course was selected by the Andhra State Hockey Association to represent the State. The strength of the National Cadet Corps went up to 197 cadets. The college hostel was administered on democratic lines and the students were responsible for purchase and issue of provisions and general supervision. Now the strength of the hostel was 230 students including 11 girl students. The students of the Government Art College, Anantapur won the trophy for the best ceremonial conduct at the latest convocation of the S.V.University. They distinguished themselves by their excellent deportment and discipline. 3

Sri T.R. Deenadayal took over charge as Principal from Sri C. Satyanarayana Murthy on June 1961. With the abolition of the college selection committee, the entire responsibility of selecting applicants for the various courses of studies devolved on the shoulders of the Principal. On 7.9.1962 Dr. M.R. Sharma of the local Engineering College inaugurated the Science Association

and spoke on the electrical power stations. The Wild Life Day was celebrated on 17.10.1962. Dr. S. Ranga Rao of the S.V. University spoke on the importance of preservation of wild life. The Hindi Association was inaugurated by Sri Arvair Swamy, disciple of Saint Vinoba Bhave, who spoke on 'Sarvodaya Movement'. A youth club was opened at Parashwanayapalli on 29.9.1962 a squad for the service of the sick and the suffering was formed. On 30.9.1962 Harijan Day was observed at Kurugunta.

The Syndicate of S.V. University approved the Director's application for affiliation of the college for conducting evening classes. A small beginning was made with 80 students. The evening classes were formally inaugurated by Hon'ble Sri K. Brahmananda Reddy, Minister for Finance on 13.11.1962. Six full time and three parttime Assistant Lecturers were appointed for the evening courses. Thus Sri T.R. Deenasayal, the Principal of the college had to his credit the opening of the evening courses which provided opportunities for the aspiring employees to acquire higher academic qualifications.

4. Ibid., 1962 p.98
The University Grants Commission stressed the need for strengthening spiritual resources among students and effecting emotional integration. As a first step in this direction, an attempt was made to introduce a programme of prayer for a few minutes, once a week. The introduction of fortnightly tests to evaluate the growth of the students in relation to objectives of teaching yielded good dividends. Increasing enthusiasm for study was witnessed among the majority of students. Yet another step in the direction of instructional betterment was the co-operation sought and obtained from the British Council, the British Information Service and the United States Information Services, Madras and Bangalore. With the help of these quasi-government agencies, a phased programme of teaching certain aspects of development in these countries in the sphere of economics, science and technology could be made known to the local students in a vivid manner.

The members of staff and students of the college contributed a total sum of Rs.4,972.90 for National Defence Fund. Many of the students took the initiative in publishing a book of "War Songs". They also collected old books and magazines for the use of jawans with the help of liberal donations from prominent
citizens of Anantapur, the main corridors of the college were adorned with the portraits of eminent Indians like Rabindranath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi, and Swami Vivekananda. On 26.1.1963 a portrait of President Radhakrishnan painted and presented by Sri D. Ranga Rao, Assistant Lecturer in English was unveiled and added to the portrait gallery. On 27.2.1963 Dr. Bhaskara Rao, Professor of Geology, University of Brazil inaugurated the Humanities Association and addressed the students on 'Educational pattern and Latin American problems'. In the year 1962 the college participated in the Inter-collegiate tournaments conducted by S.V. University. The College Tennis team won the Championship in singles and was Runners-up in Tennis doubles, Cricket and Table Tennis. The Women's team won the Championship in Badminton Fives and Doubles and got Runners-up in Tenmykhon doubles.5

Consequent on the decision taken by the Government to introduce compulsory military training to all able bodied students in colleges, 37 N.C.C.R. Battalion was started with its headquarters in this college early in April 1963. The Officer Commanding the unit was Major G. Seshadri Gopalan and the administrative officer was late Lt. G. Rama Murthy. The Battalion had control over

5. Ibid., March 1963, p.44.
12 companies of which there were 4 companies in this college. The 1st and 2nd companies with the strength of 210 and 221 cadets were under the company commander 2 Lt. Commander A. Kulasikaram Reddy, the 3rd company with a strength of 235 cadets was under the company commander 2 Lt. K.S.I. Naraasimhachar and the 4th company with a strength of 245 cadets was under the company commander 2 Lt. N.V.V. Satyanarayana Muothy. The strength of the 8th (A) Girls troop in the college was increased to 35. Sri V. Habibulla had taken over charge as Principal from Sri T.R. Deesidayal on July 1963.

In the year 1963 the college participated in the Inter collegiate tournaments conducted by S.V. University. The College Hockey team came out as joint winners with Government Arts College, Cuddapah. The college came out as runners-up in Football, Table Tennis, Singles, Tennis Doubles and Singles. The Girls team of the college came out as winners in Badminton and Shuttle-badminton (doubles). They came out as runners-up in Throw ball. On 21.8.1963 Miss Jane Prindeville, Officer Trainee, American Cultural Centre, U.S.I.S., Bangalore, spoke on 'Students life in the United States of America'. The Science Association was inaugurated on 3.9.1964 by

6. Ibid., March 1964, p.21
Dr. P.B.R. Murthy, Principal, Government Polytechnic, Anantapur. He spoke on that occasion about research on certain rare properties of elements.

The activities of the Social Service League were inaugurated by M.P. Sarma, District Medical Officer. The Family Planning Day was celebrated on 21.9.1963 at Sommaladoddi. The Social Welfare Day and a sanitary camp were held on 1st and 2nd October 1963. On 30th January 1964 poor feeding was organised in memory of Mahatma Gandhi's Martyrdom. More than fifteen hundred people were fed in the college grounds. The Humanities Association was inaugurated on 24th August 1964 by Sri Madhusudhana Rao, District and Sessions Judge. A debate was held under the auspices of the Association on 28.10.1964. The topic discussed was Nuclear Policy of India.

In the year 1964 the college participated in the University Inter-collegiate Tournaments at Medical College, Kurnool. The college won the Tennis Doubles and got runners-up in Cricket and Table Tennis (Singles). M. Subba Rao of I B.Sc. (M.P.S.) played for the Andhra IX against Kerala in Ranji Trophy Cricket match at Anantapur. In the same year the college women's team participated in Inter-collegiate games at Tirupati. The college women's team won in Ball-Badminton Fives and Tennis Doubles and
get runners up in Ball Badminton doubles and Tennis. The National Physical efficiency drive tests were conducted in the college centre on 22nd, 23rd and 24th November 1964 to popularise the cult of physical fitness among the students and arouse the enthusiasm of students for higher standards of physical efficiency and achievement. The unit 3(A) Armed Squadron N.C.C. was formed under the scheme of organisation. The 8(A) Girls troop of last year became a full-fledged independent 4(a) Girls Company.

The academic year 1965-66 was rather a sensational year due to the election storm that raged over the college during the first term. The National Cadet Corps was now made compulsory for all college students throughout the country. It was however optional for girl students in colleges. During 1965-66 under 28 Andhra BN N.C.C. 6 Coys of 1200 Cadets, senior division boys was raised in Government Arts College, Anantapur. The college cricket team represented at the Anantapur district open knock out cricket tournament and the Rayappa Reddy Memorial knock out cricket tournament. The college won the trophy in the Anantapur District open knock out cricket tournament. The college union

was inaugurated in August 1965 by Sri D. Sanjeeviah, Central Minister for Industries and an old student of the college. Sri D. Sanjeeviah advised the students to do their job thoroughly without taking active part in politics. Sri K. Raghuramaiah, Minister for Technical Education and Commerce at the Centre also attended the function. The College Day was celebrated on 10.2.1965. Sri N. Sanjeeva Reddy, Minister for Steel and Mines, Government of India, presided over the function on that occasion. Sri Sanjeeva Reddy said that it was regrettable that some Hindi fanatics were issuing irresponsible statements creating confusion though the Prime Minister and other leaders had assured that nothing would be done to disturb the present set up. On behalf of the Government the Minister said that the Government was anxious to maintain the unity of the country and strengthen its stability and that nothing would be done which might affect this unity. The integrity of the country would not be destroyed for the sake of language.

The Social Service League of the College arranged to feed about 1500 poor people in commemoration of 'The Martyrs Day' on 27.2.1966 and distributed considerable amount of clothing to the poor people. In the year 1966

8. Ibid., March 1966, p.27
the strength of the college was 1618. Among them 190 were women students. The strength of the staff in the college in the year 1966 was 118, consisting of the Principal, 11 Lecturers, 66 Assistant Lecturers, 16 Tutors and 24 Demonstrators. Among them 15 were women. There had been a great rush for the Science classes both at the degree level and in Pre-university course, as such, with the permission of the Government, the college commenced shift system in teaching from the beginning of the academic year 1966. In the March-April 1966 examinations 509 candidates appeared for the Pre-university course. Out of them 29 passed in 'A' grade, 118 in 'B' Grade and 105 in 'C' Grade. This amounts to slightly more than 50%. In the first year B.A. and B.Sc., 282 students appeared for the examinations. In the second year B.A. and B.Sc., 240 students appeared for the examinations. Out of them 90 students passed the examinations. In the third year B.Sc.(Main) 140 students appeared for the examinations. Out of them 71 students passed the examination. In the third year B.A.(Main) 62 students appeared for the examinations. Out of them 46 students passed the examinations. In the third year B.Sc., (Additional) 284 students appeared for the examinations. Out of them 165 students passed the examinations. In the
third year B.A. (Additional) 126 students appeared for the examinations. Out of them 95 students passed the examinations. In all these cases also the percentage of passes was slightly more than 50% on an average. The Government sanctioned 50 scholarships to the students. Half fee concessions were given to 1078 students and free ships to 189 students. A sum of Rs.3,375/- had been distributed from the Poor Boys' Fund to 81 students.

Sri N. Rama Rao took over charge as the Principal of the college in July 1966. In the year 1966 the Inter-collegiate tournaments were conducted by Sri Venkateswara University. The College Basket Ball team (Men) came out runners up. The college girls team came out runners up in Tennis Doubles and Table Tennis. In the University Athletic Meet, the college won the championship for track events. E. Sivaiah of Pre-university class was adjudged the best champion athlete for track events. Miss C. Indira Reddy one of the members of the staff won Championship in Ball Badminton at the state level. The Andhra Saraswatha Sangham conducted a Poets' meet (Kavi Sammelanam) in the last week of March 1966. The Sanskrit Association celebrated 'Kalidasa Jayanthi' on 30.12.1965. The National Cadet Corps students of the college took part in the Independence and the Republic Day Parades at Sanjeeva Reddy stadium,
Anantapur. Miss Esther Rani one of women cadets of the college won distinction at the Republic Day parade held at Delhi and was awarded a Prize for the best cadet.

The college conducted direct elections for the college union and other associations in a calm and disciplined atmosphere in the academic year 1966. Every day the college started its morning sessions with a prayer. On Thursdays and Fridays Christian and Muslim prayers were being offered. All the students and members of staff regularly participated in the prayer meetings. The University sent a committee in the month of August 1966 to submit a report to introduce postgraduate courses at Anantapur. In the year 1966 the college started the Employees' Co-operative Society. It was inaugurated on 27.10.1966 by the District Collector Sri V. Narayana Rao. The evening college provided instructions in Pre-university course with World History and Economics and World History and Special Telugu. In B.A. the instruction was in History, Economics and Politics; History, Telugu and Politics; and History, English and Politics. The results were quite satisfactory. In Pre-university course 20 students passed out of 52 students. In the I Year B.A. 27 students passed out of 95 students, in the II year B.A. 13 passed out of 30 students.
The year 1967 will be long remembered for it was in this year that democratic India went to polls for the 4th time after Independence. For full two weeks the college was closed and the members of the college staff went to remote corners of the district and conducted elections with energy and enthusiasm. Another important aspect of 1967 was that the 4th Five Year Plan had been ushered in. The sixth decade of the college witnessed a steady swelling of the student enrolment with the addition of B.Com., course to other traditional courses. Sri Y. Viswanatham took over charge as the Principal of the college on 16th December 1967. In the period of Sri Y. Viswanatham the college accommodated in its campus the newly started post-graduate centre, which continued to stay along side its sister institution until it had its own building. The college was identified as a 'Lead College' with a view to preparing it eventually for academic autonomy.9

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