

Experiential Learning in Public Policy: Field Trip Report on Super GST 2.0 Programme

Dates of Visit: 14 to 17 Oct 2025

Organizing Authority: Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh

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Objectives of the Field Trip:

The educational field trip to Kurnool was organized with the following objectives:

- To expose students to state-level academic and policy-oriented programmes
- To enhance awareness about Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms and implementation
- To provide students with an opportunity to participate in intercollegiate competitions
- To enable interaction with policymakers and government officials
- To encourage communication skills, confidence, and public speaking among students



Group photograph of staff and students of Government College (Autonomous), Rajahmundry, with the Registrar of the Cluster University.

Details of the Programme:

Students of Government College (Autonomous), Rajahmundry, participated in the State-Level programme “*Super GST 2.0*”, organized by the Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh. As part of this programme, a *Super GST Review Meeting* was held on **16th October 2025 at Kurnool**.

The programme was graced by the august presence of the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu, and Sri N. Lokesh, Hon’ble Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of Andhra Pradesh. The meeting emphasized the importance of GST in strengthening economic transparency, tax compliance, and nation-building.

During the visit, students actively participated in discussions and gained insights into GST implementation, tax reforms, and the benefits of rationalized tax structures. They also had a valuable interaction with Sri N. Lokesh, Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development, where they discussed the societal impact of GST and its role in economic development.



Miss Rekha and Miss Aparna being appreciated by the Hon'ble HRD Minister.

Student Participation and Achievements:

As part of the *Super GST 2.0* programme, intercollegiate elocution competitions were conducted at the state level. Among the 17 students selected across Andhra Pradesh under the prestigious *Jeevitha Portal* initiative, two students from Government College (Autonomous), Rajahmundry, secured First Prizes:

- **Miss T. Rekha Kumari**, III B.Com (Accounting) – First Prize, Hindi Elocution
- **Miss P. Sai Aparna**, III B.A (Economics) – First Prize, English Elocution



Miss Rekha and Miss Aparna being appreciated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

Subsequently, on 17th October 2025, the students were felicitated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu, at the Secretariat and were awarded Certificates of Appreciation.



Learning Outcomes:

Through this field trip, students were able to:

- Gain practical exposure to public policy and governance
- Understand GST reforms beyond classroom learning
- Develop confidence, communication, and oratory skills
- Interact with policymakers and understand real-world administrative processes
- Appreciate the importance of academic excellence and competitive participation

Conclusion:

The educational field trip to Kurnool proved to be highly enriching and academically significant. It provided students with a rare blend of experiential learning, policy exposure, and competitive achievement. The success of the participating students brought laurels to the institution and reflected the college's commitment to holistic education and student empowerment. The field trip stands as a meaningful initiative in bridging theoretical knowledge with real-world governance and economic practices.