

INVITATION

**Andhra Pradesh Economic Association
(APEA)**



Pre-Annual Conference

on

**Sustainable Aquaculture
for the
Sunrise State of Andhra Pradesh**

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RRDS GOVT. DEGREE COLLEGE

(Estd. 1972 - Affiliated to Adi Kavi Nannaya University – Accredited by NAAC)
JP ROAD, BHIMAVARAM, WEST GODAVARI DIST. (A.P)

About the College

RRDS Govt. Degree College, Bhimavaram was established in 1972 by Sri Murthy Raju garu who founded 68 educational institutions under the umbrella of Sri Chintalapati Bapiraju Dharma Samsthalu. Sri Murthy Raju, a known freedom fighter, lived as a true Gandhian, led the Sarvodaya Movement in the region, and acted as a Minister for Endowment in the state. He envisioned the vital role of education in uplifting the society from all its ills and championed the cause of education for all by donating around 2000 acres of his ancestral property for creating educational opportunities even in the remote areas. RRDS College was named after Sri Raja Rammohan Roy as “Raja Ramamohunroy Dwi Sathajayanthi College” commemorating the Bicentenary Birth Celebrations of the social reformer. The College was accredited by NAAC, Bangalore in 2015. It is affiliated to Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajahmundry. It offers UG courses: BA (H-E-PA), BCOM (Gen) and BCOM (Computers).

About APEA

Andhra Pradesh Economic Association (APEA) is a state professional body of teachers and researchers of Economics subject.

APEA began its journey of disseminating knowledge and creating forums for academic discussion at different levels of higher education 37 years ago. As a part of its 37th Annual Conference in 2019, it holds two Pre-Annual Conferences across the state. RRDS Govt. Degree College is given an opportunity to organize a Pre-Annual Conference this year.

About the Topic:

Aquaculture plays a vital role in the socio-economic development of the sunrise state of Andhra Pradesh. It is aptly identified as one of the growth engines for achieving double digit growth. It is a significant employment generator and a source of protein food and foreign exchange earner for the state. According to the Socio Economic Survey (SES) 2017-18, AP ranks 1st in total fish and shrimp production and contributes more than 70% of cultured shrimp production in the country. Further, AP is the largest shrimp exporter in the country. Andhra Pradesh, being a coastal state, has emerged as the largest producer of marine products too. Today, aquaculture is one of the focused areas for the Govt. of A.P.

West Godavari was popularly known as ‘the Granary of India’ for its huge production of rice and large extent of paddy culture once. Owing to the loss of fertility in land and poor returns, paddy farmers in the region looked for alternatives like aqua farming after 150 years of paddy cultivation. Traditional fishing was very much prevalent in the Kolleru region in the district, but its financial returns were also disappointing. Hence, farmers gradually shifted to cultured farming in ponds. Thus, the district has become an ‘aqua hub’ in the state for its large-scale aqua farming, production capacity, and export potential. The SES 2017-18 shows that inland fish/fresh water prawn production in the district is 7,83,349 MTs while brackish water shrimp production is 31,201 MTs in 2016-17.

The contribution of the district in the state production of inland fish/prawn is 41.85% while in the production of brackish water shrimp, its share is 8.3% in 17-18. However, sustainability in aquaculture has been an issue of great concern for farmers, scientists, rulers and other stake holders. Excessive use of antibiotics, unhealthy waste management, unwanted farming practices and consequent environmental issues raise doubts over the sustainability of aquaculture. As it is agreed upon, sustainable development of aquaculture can only be achieved through improvement of the quality inputs, technical skills, and management of human resources in the sector.

OBJECTIVES:

- *To study the economics of aquaculture.*
- *To assess the influence of aquaculture in generating additional income and employment opportunities.*
- *To disseminate awareness about healthy practices in farming.*
- *To analyse the policies and measures of the State Govt. related to aquaculture.*
- *To identify lacunae in aqua farming practices.*
- *To contribute primarily to sustainability in aquaculture.*

SUB-THEMES:

- *Economics of aquaculture*
- *Farming practices in aquaculture*
- *Export potential of aquaculture*
- *Leasing practices in aqua farming*
- *Role of farmers in promoting sustainable aquaculture*
- *Role of governments in creating sustainable aquaculture*
- *Backward and forward linkages of aquaculture*
- *Social implications of aquaculture*
- *Environmental issues in aquaculture*

(Apart from the listed, papers covering the broad theme of aquaculture may be sent)

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Important Dates: *Last date for abstract submission: 05-12-18*

Last date for full paper submission: 10-12-18

Guidelines for papers: *Length of the abstract: 200 words*
Length of the full paper: 2000 words (maximum)
Font type & size: Times New Roman & 12 (MS word)

Registration Fee: *Faculty: 200/-*
Students/Scholars: Free

**A book of abstracts will be released on the day of the Conference.*

*Abstracts /Full papers may kindly be mailed to: **reachrupa@yahoo.com***

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