



### **ABSTRACT OF CURRICULUM VITAE**

Name : **SEETHARAMA RAO KUSUMBA**

Designation : **Vice-Chancellor**  
Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University  
Hyderabad.

Age: : 64 Years, (02-07-1955)

Academic Qualifications : Bachelor of Arts – 1975  
M.A. Public Administration - 1977  
M.Phil. Public Administration - 1981  
Ph.D. Public Administration - 1999

Academic Positions : Lecturer/Assistant Professor – 1978 to 1987  
Reader/Associate Professor - 1987 to 1998  
Professor - 1999 onwards

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#### **Teaching Related Academic Experience:**

1. Total Service – 37 Yrs 4 months
2. Under-Graduate Courses - 10 Yrs
3. Post Graduate and Research Courses - 27 yrs 4 months
4. Counselor for PG Courses in SDLCE, KU & Dr BRAOU Study Centre, Wgl
5. Attended a Orientation Programme on Advanced Theories in Pub.Admn.-1978
6. Local Resource Person for Summer Institute on Teaching of Pub.Admn.-1985
7. Actively participated in restructuring UG & PG level syllabus in Public Admn.

## **Areas of Specialization in Teaching & Research in the Discipline**

1. Administrative Theory
2. Public Policy Studies related to Agrarian Change, Rural & Tribal Development
3. Empowering Gross-roots governance, Local Organizations
4. Management of Rural Common Property Resources
5. Distance Education & ODL and Distance Learning Systems

### **Administrative Experience:**

1. Students Union Advisor & NSS Programme Officer during 1979-1980.
2. Hon. Secretary of IIPA Local Branch, Warangal - 1988-89
3. General Secretary, Association of University Teachers (AKUT) from Jan., 1992 to Dec., 1993.
4. Head, Department of Public Admn. & HRM Kakatiya University, November, 1994 to December 1996
5. Member-In charge, University Library, KU from June 1998 to June 2000
6. Chair person, Board of Studies, Dec. 1999 to January 2002
7. Deputy Director, SDLCE, KU, Warangal August 2000 to December 2002
8. Joint Director, SDLCE, KU, Warangal January 2002 to January 2004
9. Director, Self-Finance Courses & University PG Colleges from April 2005 to June, 2006.
10. UGC Coordinating Officer from March 12, 2008 to July 7, 2011.
11. Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) from July 25, 2012 to 42 July, 2014 and Editor of Kakatiya Journal of Social Sciences (KUJOSS).
12. Vice-Chancellor, Dr.BRAOU, Jubilee Hills, Road No.46, Hyderabad from 25-07-2016 to 24-07-2019

### **Research Experience & Guidance:**

1. Associated with FIVE Major Research Projects sanctioned by the Govt. of A.P., ICSSR & UGC, New Delhi.
2. Completed THREE Minor Research Projects in 1985 & 1992 sanctioned by UGC, New Delhi, and 1998 DRDA, Warangal.
3. Guided Eight Ph.D. & Post Doctoral Fellows; Seven M.Phil. Scholars & Degrees have been awarded.

### **Awards & Distinctions:**

1. Recipient of Gold Medal for securing highest marks in M.A. (Pub. Admn) 1977.
2. Research Fellowship under FIP by UGC-1986,
3. Book publication grant, UGC, KU, 1999 and 2010.

### **Editorial Experience:**

1. Worked as Editorial Team Member in Literary and Social Science Journals,
2. Producing Reading Material for PG Students & study material in SLM for ODL Learners.

### **Visits Abroad:**

1. Visited United Kingdom in 1989, University Southampton, London University, School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), Hydraulic Research Institute, Walling Ford, U.K.
2. Visited Calgary Centre of Athabasca University and Banff Centre, Canada May, 2004.
3. Visited Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs and Continuing Education Centre, Cleveland State University (CSU), Cleveland, Ohio, USA, June – July, 2004
4. Visited North Eastern University, Boston, MA, USA from June 24 – 27, 2009 and presented a paper entitled “**Knowledge, Culture and Change in Organization**” at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference.
5. Visited and lectured at Dallas, USA in a Seminar organized by Dallas Area Telangana Association on June 22, 2012.
6. Visited Peoples Republic of China and lectured at UESTC, Chengdu, Institute of South Asian Studies, Sichuan University, Chengdu during October 23-26, 2014.
7. Visited Sukhotai Thammathirat Open University of Thailand to have discussion on Inter-Institutional cooperation with STOU Authorities on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.
8. Visited Wawasan Open University (WOU), Penang, Malaysia on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 to have discussion on Inter-Institutional cooperation with WOU Authorities.

### **Publications:**

*Co-Editor & Author of **TEN** Books in English & Telugu*

- 32** Research Articles in English
- 28** Research Articles in Telugu
- 13** Essays related to Study / Readings Material to both UG and PG Students
- 09** Translated essays

### **Seminars& workshops organized:**

1. Hundred Years of Public Administration Trends and Perspectives- 1989
2. Human Resource Management Emerging Trends, 1998.
3. Future of Socialism - 1995 (One Day Symposium)
4. Relevance of Gandhi to Present Society 1996 (One Day Symposium)
5. Drought Situation in AP - 2000 (Two-day Workshop) June 10-11, 2001.
6. Associate Secretary of Conference Secretariat of VIII IDEA Annual Conference, March 22-24, 2001
7. Towards Sustainable Development, January 10-11, 2003.
8. Supreme Court Judgment and Food Security, September, 11<sup>th</sup> 2007

## **Seminars & Workshops Attended and participated :**

1. International Seminar on Irrigation: Theory and Practice Organized by Institute of Irrigation Studies (IIS) & Overseas Development Administration (ODA), the University of Southampton, UK, 1989.
2. Workshop on e-learning during 16-22 Jan 2003 organized by CEMCA, COL New Delhi at Calicut, Kerala.
3. VII Annual Distance Education Technology Symposium (DETS 2004) organized by Center for Distance Education (CDE), Athabasca University, Alberta Canada at Banff center during May 20-22, 2004.
4. Symposium on Telangana organized by TDF USA as part of ATA convention during 2-4 July 2004 Chicago, USA.
5. 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on "Knowledge, Culture and Change in Organization" held at North Eastern University, Boston, MA, USA from June 24 – 27, 2009.
6. Participated as a Chairperson to a Session on "Citizenship Training" in a International Conference on Changing Role of Political Institutions in Contemporary Society, December 28-30, 2002 Organized by Institute of Distance Education, Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam.
7. Public Health Delivery Systems :A Study of Rajiv Arogya Sri Health Insurance Programme at the NAPSIPAG International Conference 2010 on Reaching Out to People : Achieving Millennium Development Goals through Innovative Public Service Delivery organized by "Institute of Management in Government (IMG), Government of Kerala (GoK) during December 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
8. Participated as a Moderator in 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Public Administration for a session on "Human Resources – Professionalism", organized at Hyderabad by Osmania University in collaboration with ASPA, USA & UEST, PR China during 25 – 27, October 2012.
9. Promoting Internal Socio-economic Development: Governance of Redistributive Land Reform (RDLR) Measures in Andhra Pradesh – A Study, a paper submitted to ICPA – 2013 held at Capetown, South Africa, during October 31 – November 2, 2013.
10. Empowering Gross-roots Governance in India: An Overview of the experience of Andhra Pradesh – A Study, a paper submitted to ICPA 2014 held at UESTC, Chengdu, Sichuan, China, during October 24-26, 2014.
11. Attended One Day Round Table of Executive Heads of Open Universities on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 at Toronto, Canada and 27<sup>th</sup> World Conference on "Online Learning: Teaching in the Digital Age – Re-thinking Teaching & Learning" organised by ICDE and Contact North (Ontario's Distance Education & Training Network) during 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

12. Attended High Level Roundtable for Vice-Chancellors and Heads of ODL Institutions to discuss on the theme of Leadership in an Age of Disruption during May 10-11, 2018 in Kuala Lumpur organised by Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and Asia e-University (AeU).
  13. Participated in Two Day International Conference on "Developmental Interventions and Open Learning in Empowering and Transforming Society" during 16-17 December, 2017 organised by COL & KKHSOU, Gauwahati, Assam.
  14. Participated in third edition of International Conference on "Internationalization of Higher Education-2019" especially on "Building Strategic Partnerships towards Collaborative International Learning" from 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 organised by Symbiosis University, Pune in collaboration with AIU, New Delhi.
  15. Participated in Two Days Vice-Chancellors Round Table Meet (RTM) on "Model Open and Distance Learning University for 21<sup>st</sup> Century" during 23-24 April, 2019 organised by COL-CEMCA, IGNOU, MHRD, New Delhi.
- 67** National & Regional Seminars, Conferences & Orientation courses organized by different Universities & Academic Organizations, in the Capacity of Paper Presenter, Discussant and Rapporteur, Resource Person.

#### **Membership in Academic Bodies:**

- 10 Professional National Level bodies
- 05 Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), work on various social issues.

#### **Membership in various Government(s) appointed Committees**

- i) Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TSCHE)
- ii) Telangana State RUSA Technical Advisory Committee
- iii) TSCHE, Govt. of Telangana, Committee Member on Evolving Common Admission Rules for Ph.D. & M.Phil. Admission Process, Quality of Research and Common Admission System for PG Courses in the Universities of Telangana State.
- iv) Academic Advisor at National Cyber Safety and Security standards (NCSSS), New Delhi.
- v) TSCHE, Govt. of Telangana, Committee Member to examine Uniform guidelines for the recruitment of various Teaching posts in the Universities of the State
- vi) TSCHE, Govt. of Telangana, Expert Committee Member to examine the Remuneration to the Contract Faculty /Part-time Teachers and Outsourced employees working in various Universities of the State
- vii) NAAC – NTF (National Task Force) on Assessment and Accreditation (A & A) of Open Universities and ODL Centres of Dual Mode Universities
- viii) Member University Grants Commission (UGC), National Committee (DEB Working Group) on Implementation of ODL Regulations

***Prof. K. Seetharama Rao***

**Kusumba Seetharama Rao** (born 1955) obtained M.A. (1977), M.Phil. (1981) and Ph.D. (1999) from Kakatiya University recipient of Gold Medal in M.A. Public Administration and UGC Fellowship Award for his doctoral programme. Earlier Dr.Rao worked as Professor of Public Administration and Human Resource Management in Kakatiya University. At present Dr. Rao has completed three years terms as Vice-Chancellor, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad.

To his credit Dr. Rao has published ten books and more than seventy seven papers in Telugu and English in leading journals and edited volumes. His areas of interest in the discipline are Administrative Theory, Public Policy Studies and Studies related to Rural and Tribal Development, Agrarian Transformation, Management of Common property resources, Local Governance and Quality Assurance in ODL. Besides he has undertaken eight major and minor research projects sponsored by the UGC, ICSSR and Government of Andhra Pradesh and also supervised more than thirteen research scholars who worked for M.Phil., Ph.D. Degrees and Post-Doctoral Research. He has visited Universities of Southampton and London, the Institute of Hydraulic Research, Wallingford and School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) of London, UK in 1989; Athabasca Open University, Canada, Cleveland State University, USA in 2004; North Dakota State University (NDSU), Fargo, North – Eastern University, Boston, USA in 2009; American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), Washington DC, USA in 2012, UESTC, Chengdu and ISAS, Sichuan University, China in 2014. He has also participated in many a national and a few international seminars and conferences.

Apart from more than three and half decades of qualitative teaching and responsible research work contributed in the discipline of Public Administration Dr. Rao has occupied prominent administrative positions such as Head of the Department, Chairman, Board of Studies and Member-in-charge of the University Library. Deputy Director and Joint Director in the School of Distance Learning and Continuing Education (SDLCE), Director of Self Finance Courses and University PG Colleges and Coordinating Officer, UGC Unit of the Kakatiya University and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Vice-Chancellor of Dr.BRAOU. As Vice-Chancellor he has initiated various Academic and Administrative Reform Measures to introduce minimum standards and quality in educational programmes and integrating Regular and ODL System of Higher Education in India.

Besides this Dr. Rao is active member of various academic and social service organizations, active participant of Human Rights and Telangana Statehood Movement.