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# **AQUA ENTREPRENEURSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES** FOR VIKASITH ANDHRA PRADESH



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#### **ABOUT THE COLLEGE**

Sri Chitturi Indraiah Memorial Government College, Autonomous (S.C.I.M. Govt. College(A)), Tanuku, established in 1968, is a prestigious autonomous institution affiliated to Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajamahendravaram. Accredited by NAAC with an "A" Grade(CGPA 3.18) and recognized as an ISO 9001:2015 certified institution, the college has been a beacon of academic excellence for over 57

S.C.I.M. GC(A), has played a pivotal role in empowering students from both rural and urban backgrounds through quality education. It offers a wide array of undergraduate programs including B.A., B.Sc., B.Com., BCA, BBA Logistics, and skill-based courses like Industrial Chemistry and Microbiology (Minor). Additionally, postgraduate courses are offered in M.Sc. (Organic Chemistry, Computer Science) and M.Com., catering to evolving industry trends and enhancing employability.

The college prides itself on a futuristic learning environment, equipped with state-of-the-art laboratories in Chemistry, Physics, Botany, Zoology, Computer Science, MATLAB, and Studio-based Learning Classrooms (LCS). S.C.I.M. GC(A), Tanuku is also known for pioneering initiatives such as AI campus integration, digital learning platforms, and smart classrooms, fostering digital fluency and academic innovation.

With strong placement support, industry-connected internships, and participation in national-level events like hackathons, boot camps, and sports meets, the college nurtures well-rounded individuals. Its vibrant student clubs, such as NSS, Red Ribbon Club, Consumer Club, and Women Empowerment Cell, enrich the overall learning experience.

Committed to continuous improvement and innovation, S.C.I.M. Govt. College(A) is a proud hub for SWAYAM, Skill Hub, Entrepreneurship Development Cell, DST/SERB & ICSSR Projects, and more, making it a true center of excellence in Andhra Pradesh.

#### ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Department of Commerce at S.C.I.M. Government College (A), Tanuku, was established in 1968 with a vision to provide quality education to students from rural and economically backward communities. Over the years, it has grown into a leading department offering undergraduate and postgraduate programs including B.Com (General), B.Com (Computer Applications), BBA (Logistics), and M.Com. The department is known for its academic rigour, inclusive learning environment, and commitment to student empowerment through a blend of traditional teaching and modern digital tools.

With a dedicated team of experienced and research-oriented faculty, the department emphasizes conceptual clarity and practical knowledge in areas like Accounting, Taxation, Banking, Finance, and Business Management. Its mission is to develop analytical thinking, leadership skills, and entrepreneurial spirit among students. Through innovative teaching practices, industry interaction, research activities, and support for higher education, the department continues to nurture commerce graduates who are well-equipped to meet the demands of a competitive global economy.

#### **ABOUT TANUKU**

Tanuku, a culturally rich town and an emerging industrial hub in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh, is well-connected by both rail and road, making it an ideal destination for academic gatherings infused with cultural and spiritual experiences. Known as the birthplace of Adikavi Nannaya, the town is located near several prominent spiritual landmarks, including four of the revered Pancharama Kshetras—Draksharamam (40 km), Ksheerarama at Palakollu (34 km), Somarama at Bhimavaram (50 km), and Kumararama at Samalkota (95 km). Visitors can also explore the serene Perupalem Beach (45 km), the sacred Dwaraka Tirumala (Chinna Tirupati, 42 km), the peaceful banks of the Godavari River, the historic Dowleswaram Barrage, and the ecologically rich Kolleru Lake, famous for its migratory birds. In addition, the Indian space rocket fuel production facility near Tanuku stands as a symbol of modern scientific progress. With its unique blend of heritage, knowledge, and natural beauty, Tanuku offers a truly enriching and memorable experience for seminar participants.

#### **ABOUT THE SEMINAR**

Andhra Pradesh, often hailed as the "Aqua Hub of India," contributes over 40% to the nation's aquaculture exports, with shrimp farming at the heart of this booming sector. Spanning over 5.73 lakh acres and sustaining more than 2 lakh operational ponds, aquaculture has become a vital economic driver, supporting livelihoods and generating substantial foreign exchange for the state and the country.

However, recent global developments-most notably, the imposition of a 26% antidumping duty by the United States—have posed serious challenges to the industry. This has resulted in a sharp decline in shrimp prices, disrupting the livelihoods of small and medium-scale aqua farmers, hatcheries, and export units. These developments underscore the sector's vulnerability to international market fluctuations and the urgent need for strategic interventions.

In this context, the national seminar on "Aqua Entrepreneurship: Opportunities and Challenges for Vikasith Andhra Pradesh", sponsored by ICSSR-Southern Regional Centre, aims to create a dynamic platform for dialogue among policymakers, researchers, agua entrepreneurs, farmers, and academicians. The seminar seeks to:

- Deliberate on financial support systems, market linkages, and export opportunities to enhance the economic sustainability of the aquaculture sector.
- Explore innovative technologies and best practices that can boost productivity and efficiency across aquaculture operations.
- Promote skill development and capacity-building initiatives to empower rural youth, farmers, and aspiring entrepreneurs.
- Examine sustainable and eco-friendly aquaculture models that align with the goals of environmental stewardship and inclusive growth under the vision of Vikasith Andhra Pradesh.

#### **THEMES & SUB THEMES OF THE SEMINAR**

The seminar aims to promote sustainable aquaculture by focusing on entrepreneurship, technology, finance, skill development, and youth empowerment through discussions on six core themes. Themes and Sub-Themes:

## 1. Entrepreneurial Potential in Aquaculture

- Exploring new business models in the blue economy
- Innovation and startup ecosystem in aquaculture
- Enterprise development in inland and coastal fisheries

#### 2. Finance and Market Access for Aquapreneurs

- Financial inclusion and institutional credit support
- Government schemes, subsidies, and insurance
- Strengthening domestic markets and export linkages

#### 3. Skill Development and Youth Empowerment

- Capacity building for rural and coastal youth
- Training programs and vocational education
- Promoting aquaculture as a livelihood option

#### 4. Innovations in Aquaculture Practices

- Advanced farming technologies and digital solutions
- Best practices in production, hatcheries, and feed management
- Research and development in species diversification

#### 5. Sustainability and Environmental Management

- Eco-friendly production models and water conservation
- Waste management and climate-resilient aquaculture
- Regulatory frameworks and environmental policies

#### 6. Policy Support and Export Opportunities

- National and state-level aquaculture policies
- Enhancing export competitiveness and global trade
- Role of cooperatives, SHGs, and producer companies

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

The Department of Commerce, SCIM Government College (A), Tanuku, cordially invites original and unpublished research papers from academicians, researchers, industry professionals, policymakers, and students for presentation at the National Seminar. This academic gathering aims to serve as a platform to delve into the evolving landscape of India's aquaculture industry, emphasizing innovation, entrepreneurship, sustainability, and rural progress. Submissions are encouraged on topics that highlights recent trends, challenges, and prospects in areas such as aqua-based entrepreneurship, financial access, skill enhancement, market strategies, sustainable practices, and relevant policy initiatives.

#### **Submission Guidelines:**

- · Papers must be original, plagiarism-free, and related to the seminar
- Abstract (maximum 300 words) must be submitted on or before 30-09-2025.
- Full papers (within 3000-5000 words) should be submitted in MS Word format (Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 spacing).
- Include author(s) name, designation, institution, email, and contact
- All submissions should be sent to: icssrseminar@scimgdctanuku.ac.in

Note: The registration fee covers the conference kit, participation certificate, working lunch, and high tea. Each paper can have a maximum of three authors. Joint authorship is permitted: however, all co-authors are required to register individually. A digital board/interactive panel will be provided for presentations.

As the seminar proceedings will contribute meaningfully to the discourse on aquaculture development in India, participants are requested to submit their research papers and registration forms strictly within the stipulated deadlines.





#### **Payment of Registration Fee**

Participants can pay the registration fee through PhonePe, Google Pay, or any other UPI-enabled payment method using the above QR Code or UPI ID: scim@indianbk. While making payment, the name PRINCIPAL S C I M GOVT COLLAGE will appear on Google Pay / PhonePe. Alternatively, the fee can be paid through a bank transfer using the following details:

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