



APSET - 2025

NOTIFICATION

**FOR ELIGIBILITY AS
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR &
LECTURER**

(For the state of Andhra Pradesh only)

**ANDHRA PRADESH
STATE ELIGIBILITY TEST**



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES AT A GLANCE

Dates, Fee Details and Application Procedure

Events	Dates
APSET Notification	31st December 2025
Commencement of Submission of Online Applications	9th January 2026
Last date for Submission of Online Applications without Late Fee (Only Registration Fee)	9th February 2026
Fee Payable for APSET 2025 (Pay fee using the Payment Gateway(s) integrated to the Online Application through Net Banking Debit Card / Credit Card)	
General/Unreserved	Rs.1,600/-
BC/EWS categories	Rs.1,300/-
SC/ST/PWD/Third gender categories	Rs.900/-
Last date with a Late fee of Rs. 2,000+Registration Fee	25th February 2026
Last date with a Late fee of Rs. 5,000+Registration Fee	05th March 2026
Downloading of Hall Ticket	19th March 2026
Date of Examination	28th & 29th March 2026
Duration of Examination	180 minutes (03 hours) No break between Paper 1 & Paper 2
Timing of Examination	To be Intimated later
Exam Centre, Date and Shift	As indicated on the Admit Card
Display of Recorded Responses and Provisional Answer Keys on the Website for inviting challenge(s) from Interested candidates.	To be announced later on website
Declaration of Result on APSET website	To be Intimated later
Website(s)	https://apset.net.in



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CHAPTER - 1 [INTRODUCTION]



1.1 About Andhra University

Established in 1926 under the Madras University Act, Andhra University is one of India's oldest and most distinguished institutions of higher education. Founded as a multidisciplinary, residential, teaching-cum-affiliating university to serve the Andhra region, it was shaped by the visionary leadership of Sir C. R. Reddy and Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. As the University enters its Centenary Year (1926–2026), it continues to embody academic excellence, national service, and innovation. Led by Prof. G. P. Rajasekhar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University has strengthened its academic standards, research ecosystem, innovation capacity, sustainability initiatives, and global engagement in alignment with NEP 2020. Spread across a scenic 425-acre campus in Visakhapatnam, the University houses 58 academic departments, 16 research centres, 188 ICT-enabled classrooms, advanced laboratories, and comprehensive academic and residential infrastructure, offering a future-ready learning environment.

The University was accredited with NAAC Grade A++ (CGPA 3.74) in 2023, valid till 2030, placing it among the top three universities in India. It has emerged as a strong innovation and entrepreneurship hub through initiatives such as a-Hub (supporting over 210 startups and rated 4-Star by the Ministry of Education), AU-STPI, and the Algorithm AU Digital Zone with smart classrooms. Research and industry collaboration are strengthened through 16 Industry-Sponsored Research Chairs, centres such as AU-NASSCOM, ELEMENT (pharma incubation), AU-RINL Bio-Arbor, an IPR Chair, and specialized laboratories in food testing and digital photogrammetry.

Andhra University has expanded its global and academic footprint through the AU School of International Business (with IIM Visakhapatnam), innovative integrated programs, and collaborative postgraduate programs with universities in the USA and Australia, while increasing international student enrolment to over 1,050 students from 56 countries. Major infrastructure upgrades, new hostels and sports facilities, cultural revitalization through AUSKINE Square, and sustainability recognitions—including the Green University Award at COP-28 (2023) and 26,860 tons of carbon credits—underscore its commitment to holistic development. Guided by its motto, "Tejasvināvadhītamastu", the University advances confidently into its second century.



1.2 Concept of State Eligibility Test

A State Eligibility Test is a qualifying examination conducted to assess whether a candidate possesses the minimum academic capability, subject knowledge, teaching aptitude, and research orientation required for appointment as an Assistant Professor / Lecturer in higher education institutions.

APSET functions as a quality assurance mechanism to ensure that teaching positions in higher education within the state of Andhra Pradesh are filled by individuals who meet nationally accepted academic standards.

1.3 Purpose of APSET

The primary purposes of APSET are:

- To ensure uniform minimum standards of eligibility for teaching positions
- To evaluate candidates' teaching and research aptitude
- To assess subject knowledge and conceptual understanding
- To strengthen the quality of higher education in Andhra Pradesh

APSET is not a recruitment examination. It only establishes eligibility.



1.4 Eligibility vs Appointment

Qualifying APSET:

- Makes a candidate eligible to apply for Assistant Professor / Lecturer posts within Andhra Pradesh
- Does not guarantee selection or appointment
- Does not override institutional recruitment procedures
- Does not confer any legal right to employment

Appointments shall be governed by:

- University statutes
- Government service rules
- Selection committee recommendations

1.5 Alignment with UGC Regulations

APSET is aligned with:

- UGC-NET eligibility standards
- UGC examination pattern
- Andhra Pradesh State reservation and PwD norms
- UGC certificate validity provisions

Any amendments issued by UGC shall automatically apply to APSET unless
- specifically stated otherwise.



1.6 Conducting Authority

Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, is the nodal agency authorized by the Government of Andhra Pradesh & UGC to conduct APSET. The University is responsible for:

- Issuing notifications
- Receiving applications
- Conducting the examination
- Declaring results
- Issuing eligibility certificates

1.7 Validity and Applicability

- APSET certificate is valid for lifetime
- Valid only within Andhra Pradesh
- Applicable only for the post of Assistant Professor / Lecturer
- Not applicable for JRF or research fellowships



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CHAPTER – 2 [SCHEME AND PATTERN OF EXAMINATION]



2.1 Nature of Examination

APSET is a qualifying examination, not a ranking or competitive examination. Candidates are assessed to determine whether they meet the prescribed qualifying standard or not.

2.2 Mode of Examination

APSET shall be conducted exclusively in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode at designated examination centres. No offline or pen-and-paper mode shall be permitted.

2.3 Structure of Examination

APSET consists of two papers conducted in a single session without any break.

PAPER	Description	Questions	Marks	Duration
Paper I	Teaching & Research Aptitude	50	100	1 Hour
Paper II	Subject Paper	100	200	2 Hours

Total Marks: 300

Total Duration: 3 Hours



2.4 Paper I – Teaching and Research Aptitude

Paper-I is of general nature intended to assess the teaching / research aptitude of the candidate. It is primarily designed to test reasoning ability, comprehension, divergent thinking and general awareness of the candidate.

2.5 Paper II – Subject Paper

Paper-II consists of questions based on the subject selected by the candidate and is intended to assess the subject knowledge of the candidate.

2.6 Examination pattern and Marking

- All questions are objective type (MCQs)
- Each question carries 2 marks
- No negative marking
- No marks for unanswered questions

2.7 Normalization of Marks

If the examination is conducted in multiple sessions, normalization shall be applied using UGC-approved statistical methods to ensure fairness across sessions.



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CHAPTER – 3 [ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS & EXEMPTIONS]



3.1 Nationality

The candidate must be an Indian citizen.

3.2 Educational Qualification

Candidates must have completed a Master's Degree or equivalent from a UGC-recognized university.

Minimum qualifying marks:

- General / EWS: 55%
- SC / ST / BC / Pwd / Third gender category candidates : 50% Marks shall be calculated without rounding off.

3.3 Final Year Candidates

Candidates appearing in the final year may apply provisionally(They Should Produce PG Pass Certificate within Two Years From the date of Eligibility) Proof of qualification must be produced at the time of appointment, failing which eligibility shall be cancelled.

3.4 Age Limit

There is no upper age limit for APSET.

3.5 Exemptions from APSET

The following are exempted from appearing in APSET:

- UGC-NET qualified candidates
- CSIR-NET qualified candidates



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CHAPTER – 4 [RESERVATION POLICY & PwD PROVISIONS]



4.1 Reservation Policy

Reservation shall be provided as per Government of Andhra Pradesh rules for:

- SC (1, 2, 3)
- ST
- BC (A, B, C, D, E)
- EWS
- PwD & Women reservations are Vertical

4.2 Category Certificates

Certificates must be issued by competent authorities and valid on the date of application. Submission of false certificates shall lead to cancellation.

4.3 Persons with Disabilities (PwD)

Candidates with benchmark disability (40% or more) are eligible for reservation and concessions under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

4.4 Scribe and Compensatory Time

PwD candidates may avail:

- Scribe facility
- 20 minutes compensatory time per hour

Undertakings from candidate and scribe are mandatory.



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CHAPTER – 5 [APPLICATION PROCESS & FEES]



5.1 Mode of Application

Applications shall be submitted online only through the official APSET website.

5.2 Application Procedure

The application process includes:

1. Online registration
2. Payment of fee
3. Generation of application number
4. Filling personal details
5. Entering academic qualifications
6. Subject selection
7. Uploading photograph and signature
8. Final submission

5.3 Application Fee

The examination fee shall be notified separately. Fee once paid is non-refundable.



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CHAPTER – 6 [ADMIT CARD, EXAMINATION CENTRES & CBT GUIDELINES]



6.1 Admit Card

Admit cards shall be issued online only. Candidates must carry the admit card and a valid photo ID to the examination centre.

6.2 Examination Centre Rules

Candidates must:

- Report at least 90 minutes before the examination
- Undergo biometric verification
- Follow invigilator instructions

6.3 Prohibited Items

Mobile phones, smart watches, books, notes, calculators, and electronic devices are strictly prohibited.

6.4 Late Arrival at Examination Centre

- Candidates are strongly advised to report at the allotted examination centre well before the reporting time mentioned on the Admit Card.
- No candidate shall be permitted to enter the examination centre after the scheduled gate-closing time, as specified in the Admit Card and examination instructions, under any circumstances.
- Andhra University or the APSET conducting authority shall not be responsible for candidates who fail to reach the examination centre on time.



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CHAPTER - 7 [ANSWER KEY, RESULTS & CERTIFICATION]



7.1 Provisional Answer Key

- APSET will display Provisional Answer Key(s) & Question Paper attempted by the candidates on the APSET website <https://apset.net.in/>. Exact date shall be displayed on the APSET website for the same after the commencement of the examination. The Provisional Answer Key(s) are likely to be displayed for two to three days.
- The Candidates will be required to pay online an amount of Rs. 200/- (Rupees Two Hundred Only) per answer key challenged, as processing fee. Non-Refundable.
- Only paid challenges made during the stipulated time through the key challenge link will be considered. Challenges without justification/evidence/after stipulated time period and those filed on any other medium other than the prescribed link will not be considered.
- The APSET decision on the challenges shall be final and no further communication will be entertained. APSET will not inform the Candidates individually about the outcome of the challenges made.
- The subject experts will examine all the challenges received and then a final answer key will be displayed and declared.
- The result will be compiled based on the final answer key declared. No grievance with regard to answer key(s) after the declaration of result/APSET Score of APSET 2025 will be entertained



7.2 Result Declaration

Results shall be declared subject-wise and category-wise based on aggregate marks of both papers.

7.3 APSET Certificate

Eligibility certificates shall be issued to qualified candidates and shall be valid for lifetime within Andhra Pradesh.



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CHAPTER – 8 [UNFAIR MEANS, LEGAL JURISDICTION & GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL]



8.1 Unfair Means

Unfair means include impersonation, use of electronic devices, copying, tampering with CBT systems, or any misconduct.

8.2 Penalties

Penalties may include:

- Cancellation of candidature
- Debarment from future examinations
- Legal action

8.3 Grievance Redressal

A grievance redressal mechanism shall be provided for issues related to application, admit card, examination, and results.

8.4 Legal Jurisdiction

All disputes pertaining to the conduct of APSET 2025. Examinations including Results shall fall within the jurisdiction of Visakhapatnam only. Further, any legal issues arising out of the Examination shall be entertained only when raised within 30 days from the declaration of result.

8.5 APSET Weeding Out Rules

The record of APSET 2025 will be preserved upto 90 days from the date of declaration of result.



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Annexure



ANNEXURE – I

CERTIFICATE FOR PERSONS WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITY (PwBD) (As per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016)

This is to certify that Shri / Smt. / Kumari

Son / Daughter of _____

Date of Birth _____

Age _____ years

Permanent Address _____

has been examined by the duly constituted Medical Board at _____ and is found to have _____ (nature of disability) as defined under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

The extent of disability has been assessed as _____ % (Forty percent or more).

The disability is:

Permanent / Temporary (strike out whichever is not applicable)

The candidate is eligible to avail reservation and concessions as per Government of Andhra Pradesh / UGC rules.

Signature of Medical Authority

Name & Designation

Seal of Issuing Authority

Date: _____

Place: _____



ANNEXURE – II

UNDERTAKING BY PwBD CANDIDATE REGARDING SCRIBE

I, _____ (Name of the Candidate),
Application Number _____,
appearing for the Andhra Pradesh State Eligibility Test (APSET),
hereby declare that:

- 1.I am a Person with Benchmark Disability and am eligible to avail the facility of a scribe as per APSET rules.
- 2.I shall arrange my own scribe at my own cost.
- 3.The scribe engaged by me is not appearing in APSET in any capacity.
- 4.The educational qualification of the scribe is not higher than my own qualification.
- 5.I understand that any violation of the above conditions shall lead to cancellation of my candidature.

I hereby agree to abide by all rules and instructions related to the scribe facility.

Signature of the Candidate

Date: _____

Place: _____



ANNEXURE – III

UNDERTAKING BY SCRIBE

I, _____ (Name of the Scribe),
son / daughter of _____,
resident _____ of _____,

hereby declare that:

- 1.I am not a candidate for APSET.
- 2.I do not possess any educational qualification higher than that of the candidate for whom I am acting as a scribe.
- 3.I shall assist the candidate strictly in accordance with APSET rules.
- 4.I understand that any violation of these conditions shall invite legal and disciplinary action.

Signature of the Scribe

Date: _____

Place: _____



ANNEXURE – IV

COMPUTER BASED TEST (CBT) GUIDELINES

A. Before the Examination

1. Candidates must report to the examination centre at least 60 minutes before the reporting time.
2. Entry to the examination hall shall be permitted only with a valid Admit Card and original photo ID proof.
3. Biometric verification (photograph and fingerprint) is mandatory.

B. During the Examination

1. Login credentials shall be provided at the examination terminal.
2. The on-screen timer will indicate the remaining time.
3. Candidates may navigate between questions using the question palette.
4. Answers can be changed any number of times before final submission.
5. The test shall be auto-submitted upon completion of the allotted time.

C. After the Examination

1. Candidates must remain seated until permitted to leave.
2. No question paper or rough sheet shall be taken out of the examination hall.



ANNEXURE – V

INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUESTION NAVIGATION

- Clicking on an option selects the answer.
- “Save & Next” saves the response and moves to the next question.
- “Mark for Review” flags the question for later review.
- Only saved responses shall be evaluated.



ANNEXURE – VI

LIST OF SUBJECTS & SUBJECT CODES

APSET shall be conducted in subjects approved by the University Grants Commission.

Code	Subject
1	Anthropology
2	History
3	Chemical Sciences
4	Commerce
5	Computer Science & Application
6	Economics
7	Education
8	English
9	Earth, Atmospheric, Ocean & Planetary Science
10	Environmental Science
11	Geography
12	Hindi
13	Journalism and Mass Communications



Code	Subject
14	Law
15	Life Sciences
16	Library and information Science
17	Management
18	Mathematical Sciences
19	Physical Sciences
20	Physical Education
21	Philosophy
22	Political Science
23	Psychology
24	Public Administration
25	Sanskrit
26	Sociology
27	Social Work
28	Telugu
29	Urdu
30	Visual Arts



Subject Code	Subjects	Medium of Question Paper	PG in following Programs
1	Anthropology	English	Anthropology
2	History	English & Telugu	History
3	Chemical Sciences	English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analytical Chemistry• Inorganic Chemistry• Organic Chemistry• Physical Chemistry• Medical Chemistry• Applied Chemistry• Nuclear Chemistry• Environmental Chemistry• IMarine Chemistry• Pharmaceutical Chemistry• Bio-inorganic Chemistry• Its Allied Subjects
4	Commerce	English & Telugu	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commerce• Finance & Control• CA/CS/ICWA• Its Allied Subjects
5	Computer Science & Application	English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer Science & Applications• Computer Science Engineering• Information Technology• Information Systems• Its Allied Subjects
6	Economics	English & Telugu	Economics
7	Education	English & Telugu	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education• Its Allied Subjects
8	English	English	English



9	Earth, Atmospheric, Ocean & Planetary Science	English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geology• Applied Geology• MS Geology• Geophysics v. Meteorology• Marine Geology• Petroleum Geology• Geo-Informatics• Applied Geochemistry• Oceanography• Its Allied Subjects
10	Environmental Science	English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Science• Its Allied Subjects
11	Geography	English	Geography
12	Hindi	Hindi	Hindi
13	Journalism and Mass Communications	English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Journalism and Mass Communications• Its Allied Subjects
14	Law	English	Law
15	Life Sciences	English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Botany• Biochemistry• Biotechnology• Genetics• Microbiology• Zoology• Fishery Science• Animal Biology• Marine Biology• Applied Genetics• Its Allied Subjects



16	Library and information Science	English	Library and information Science
17	Management	English	Management
18	Mathematical Sciences	English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MathematicsApplied MathematicsStatisticsApplied StatisticsMathematics with Computer ScienceIts Allied Subjects
19	Physical Sciences	English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Applied & Molecular PhysicsClassical DynamicsCondensed Matter PhysicsElectromagneticsExperimental DesignElectronicsInstrumentationNuclear, Space & Particle PhysicsQuantum PhysicsThermodynamicsAstronomyAstrophysicsIts Allied Subjects
20	Physical Education	English	Physical Education
21	Philosophy	English	Philosophy



22	Political Science	English & Telugu	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Political Science• Politics• International Relations• Its Allied Subjects
23	Psychology	English	Psychology
24	Public Administration	English & Telugu	Public Administration
25	Sanskrit	Sanskrit	Sanskrit
26	Sociology	English & Telugu	Sociology
27	Social Work	English	Social Work
28	Telugu	Telugu	Telugu
29	Urdu	Urdu	Urdu
30	Visual Arts	English	Visual Arts



ANNEXURE – VII

DECLARATION BY THE CANDIDATE

I, _____, hereby declare that:

1. All the information furnished by me in the APSET application form is true and correct.
2. I have read and understood the Information Bulletin of APSET.
3. I agree to abide by all rules, regulations, and instructions issued by Andhra University.
4. I understand that providing false information shall lead to cancellation of my candidature.

Signature of the Candidate

Date: _____

Place: _____



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Appendices



APPENDIX – I

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Qualifying APSET does not guarantee appointment.
2. No re-evaluation or re-checking shall be entertained.
3. APSET reserves the right to cancel the examination in case of exigencies.

APPENDIX – II

DATA PRIVACY & CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

- Candidate data shall be used solely for APSET-related purposes.
- Data may be shared with Government or statutory authorities when required by law.
- APSET shall not be responsible for misuse of login credentials by candidates



APPENDIX – III

PROCEDURE & CRITERIA FOR DECLARATION OF RESULT (APSET)

This section is prepared strictly in alignment with the UGC-NET / SET framework and adapted for the Andhra Pradesh State Eligibility Test (APSET). The methodology, allocation logic, and mathematical formulas are consistent with the procedure followed in State Eligibility Tests.

STEP-I: DETERMINATION OF TOTAL QUALIFYING SLOTS

The total number of candidates to be declared qualified for Eligibility for Assistant Professor / Lecturer in APSET shall be equal to 6% of the total number of candidates who appeared in both Paper I and Paper II.

Formula: Total Qualifying Slots (TQS) = $0.06 \times N$

Where

- N = Total number of candidates who appeared in both papers of APSET

The value obtained shall be rounded off to the nearest whole number.

STEP-II: CATEGORY-WISE ALLOCATION OF QUALIFYING SLOTS

The total qualifying slots thus determined shall be distributed among various categories in accordance with the reservation policy of the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Let

- TQS = Total Qualifying Slots
- P_c = Percentage of reservation applicable for category c

Formula: Category-wise Slots (S_c) = $(P_c / 100) \times TQS$

Each category's slots shall be calculated independently. Fractional values, if any, shall be adjusted as per standard rounding norms followed by UGC/SET authorities.



STEP-III: MINIMUM QUALIFYING MARKS (ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLD)

In order to be considered for APSET qualification, a candidate must:

1. Appear in both Paper I and Paper II, and
2. Secure minimum aggregate marks (Paper I + Paper II) as follows:

Category	Minimum Aggregate Marks
General / EWS	40%
SC / ST / BC / PwD	35%

STEP-IV: SUBJECT-WISE AND CATEGORY-WISE QUALIFICATION

For each subject, candidates satisfying the minimum qualifying marks under Step-III shall be segregated category-wise.

Let

- A = Number of candidates of a given category in a particular subject who secured the minimum qualifying marks
- B = Total qualifying slots allocated to that category (from Step-II)
- C = Total number of candidates across all subjects of that category who secured the minimum qualifying marks

Formula for Subject-wise Qualified Candidates:

$$\text{Qualified Candidates (Qc)} = (A \times B) / C$$

The value obtained shall be rounded off to the nearest whole number.



STEP-V: DETERMINATION OF CUT-OFF MARKS

For each subject and category, candidates shall be arranged in descending order of aggregate marks. The aggregate percentage corresponding to the last candidate selected under the calculated slots shall be treated as the cut-off marks for that subject and category.

These cut-off marks

- Shall vary from subject to subject
- Shall vary from category to category
- Shall be final and binding

STEP-VI: NORMALIZATION OF MARKS (IF APPLICABLE)

If APSET is conducted in multiple shifts, normalization of marks shall be applied using UGC-approved statistical methods to ensure parity among sessions.

The normalized aggregate score shall be used for

- Slot allocation
- Cut-off determination
- Final qualification

STEP-VII: DECLARATION OF RESULT

1. Results shall be declared online only through the official APSET website.
2. The result shall indicate:
 - Candidate's registration number
 - Subject
 - Category
 - Qualification status
3. Individual scorecards shall not be sent by post.



STEP-VIII: FINALITY OF RESULT

- No re-evaluation or re-checking of responses shall be permitted.
- The decision of the APSET Committee, Andhra University, regarding result preparation and declaration shall be final and binding.

This procedure and criteria for declaration of result is adopted in consonance with the established practices of State Eligibility Tests in India and shall be applicable to APSET unless modified by statutory authority.



APPENDIX – IV

LIST OF DISTRICTS IN WHICH TEST CENTRES WILL BE LOCATED

Examination will be held at the following Districts, provided there are sufficient numbers of candidates in the Districts

S.no	Districts In Which Test Centres will be located
1	Srikakulam
2	Vizianagaram
3	Visakhapatnam
4	East Godavari
5	West Godavari
6	Krishna
7	Guntur
8	Prakasam
9	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore
10	Anantapur
11	Kadapa
12	Kurnool
13	Chittoor



APPENDIX – V

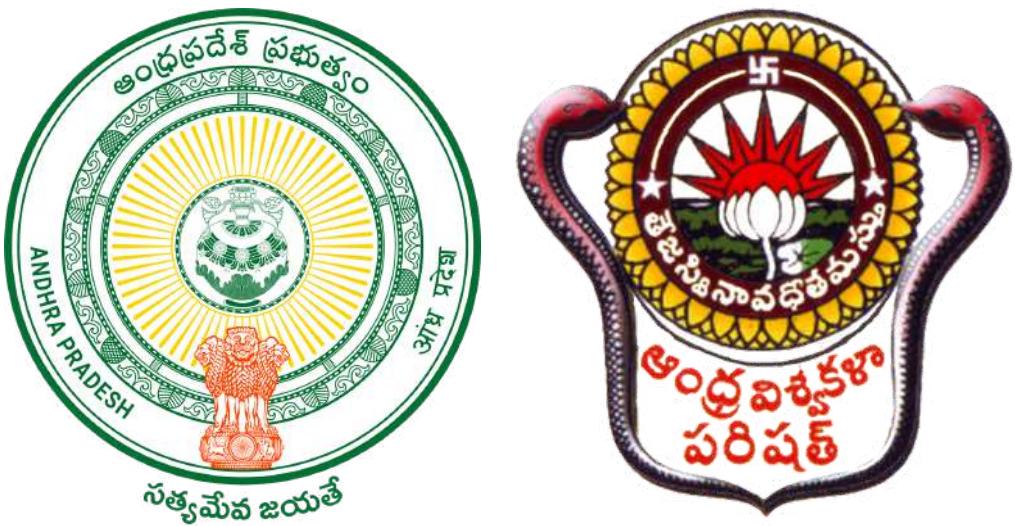
DISCLAIMER

- APSET qualification is subject to UGC and Government regulations.
- Amendments issued from time to time shall be binding.
- The Information Bulletin is subject to change without prior notice.

APPENDIX – VI

FINAL AUTHORITY CLAUSE

The decision of the APSET in conformity with UGC regulations and Government of Andhra Pradesh norms, shall be final and binding on all candidates.



For Any Technical Queries write to
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