

State Knowledge Advisory Board in Andhra Pradesh

Summary:

Government of AP launched Knowledge Mission with an aim to transform Andhra Pradesh into an education hub and knowledge society and constituted the State Knowledge Advisory Board (SKAB) with persons of repute and expertise in Higher Education, Industry and Entrepreneurship at national and international level. The SKAB was constituted to advise and mentor the development of higher education in the state

Objectives and rationale:

SKAB is an advisory body that helps in holistic development of higher education in the state.

Key stakeholders:

Key Stakeholders	Influence	Role
Government of AP	High	Overall supervision and implementation support
Higher Education Department	High	Planning, Funding, monitoring, execution, and risk assessment

Implementation strategy:

- SKAB advises the state in development of State Higher Education Plans
- SKAB also helps the higher education department in implementation of academic reforms in the form of choice-based credit system (CBCS), guiding in NAAC assessment, Autonomous status, CPE status, implementing Academic Audit of colleges, Academic Performance Indicator (APIs) to faculty in line with UGC, Curriculum Up gradation etc., to ensure quality in higher education institutes
- The board also advises the department in increase collaborations and industry participation and simultaneously help the state become an Education and Knowledge Hub

Key lessons learned:

- Creation of an expert body of human resources under the aegis of state government to promote higher education in the state
- Improved collaboration between industry and institutes

Sustainability:

The board helps in development of synergy between government, higher education institutes, and industry to create an eco-system for excellence.