

## **NATIONAL SEMINAR ON ROLE OF ICT IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Department organized a National Seminar on “Role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Rural Development” on 25-02-2015. In the Key note address Prof. B. Ananda Naidu, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, S.K.D. University, Ananthapure emphasized that in developing countries since a large number of people are residents of rural area rural development program is a necessary aspect. Use of information and communication technology can contribute a lot in socioeconomic development of rural area. In the current communication we have mainly focused on rural education, agriculture, health care facility, disaster and emergency response and governance facility in rural areas of developing countries.

Prof. P.Narasimha Rao, Department of HRM & Public Administration, Kakatiya University, Warangal elaborated that Information and Communication Technology is the key to Globalization and as such ICT can be thought of as an umbrella under which reside communication system, device and applications. Main importance of ICT is given to its ability to provide greater access to information and communication to the populations and the quality of service provided than the technological backbone required. He also added that rural development includes economic betterment of people as well as greater social transformation to eliminate poverty, ignorance and inequality of opportunities.

