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In view of the academic needs and preferences of our student community, it has been observed that a significant number of learners enrolled in our programs come from rural backgrounds and primarily prefer to study in their mother tongue, Telugu. Acknowledging this, the Self-Learning Material (SLM) for various courses has traditionally been prepared in Telugu medium to ensure better comprehension and ease of learning.

Furthermore, our institution provides the flexibility for students to write their examinations in either English or Telugu, depending on their comfort and proficiency. This bilingual examination option not only supports inclusive education but also respects linguistic diversity.

The emphasis on regional languages is further reinforced by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which encourages the use of mother tongue or local language as the medium of instruction, especially at the foundational and undergraduate levels. The policy underscores the importance of making education accessible and relatable through the use of familiar languages.

However, taking into consideration the Distance Education Bureau (DEB) regulations and the academic requirements for broader reach and recognition, it has been decided that all future SLMs for both Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) programs will be prepared in bilingual mode, i.e., in both English and Telugu at the earliest.

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