

PRESS NOTE

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Acclaimed Academician Prof. Vishnupad Takes Over as the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at SRM University-AP

Acclaimed researcher and academician Prof. Vishnupad has been appointed the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS) at SRM University-AP. With over two decades of teaching experience in various capacities across the USA and India, the seasoned academic has built a glory of his own. With a doctorate in Anthropology from Columbia University in New York, USA, he has received a wide range of research fellowships and awards throughout his academic career. He has taught in various capacities at renowned institutions such as SUNY, Binghamton; Columbia University, New York; Hampshire College, Amherst; and Azim Premji University (APU), Bangalore, India, before joining SRM University-AP as the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

“We at SRM University-AP enable students to acquire, create and share multi-disciplinary knowledge that enhances the understanding of human experiences. Prof. Vishnupad will be a valuable addition to the growth of the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences,” said Dr P Sathyanarayanan, Pro-Chancellor, SRM University-AP. Prof. Vishnupad ‘s research has broadly involved three significant themes: India's socio-cultural and political transformation following the liberalisation of the economy, including the pervasive spread of new social media; the ‘Secular’ question in India; and the Freudo-Lacanian psychoanalysis and continental philosophy. “It’s an honour to welcome Prof. Vishnupad, whose impressive academic career spans over two decades and two continents, to SRM University-AP. We look forward to expanding an academic-scholarly habitat that emphasises building critical human skills in students,” added Prof. Manoj K Arora, Vice Chancellor, SRM University-AP.

For his field research work, he was awarded the American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Fellowship and the Columbia University Travelling Fellowship. He was a fellow at the prestigious Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP). At SUNY Binghamton, he was the recipient of the Research Foundation Fellowship. He had been a member of the Freudo-Lacanian chapters in New York and Boston for years. His two monographs on (a) cultural transformation following economic liberalisation in India and (b) Indian secularism is set to be ready soon.