



# CANARA COLLEGE

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## INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

### 7.3. Institutional Distinctiveness

#### 7.3.1. Performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust

##### Response :

Canara College is functioning under the aegis of Canara High School Association, Mangaluru which has an illustrious history of 130 years. It is one among the prestigious and esteemed educational Institutions in the coastal educational hub of Mangaluru city, established in the year 1973. Marching forward in the noble task of educating young minds and developing responsible individuals, it is relentlessly striving to fulfill its mission and vision through imparting value-centred quality higher education.

Our central mission and core philosophy towards the noble cause of imparting value-centric and character building education is firmly guided by the philosophy of our legendary Founder Late Sri Ammembal Subba Rao Pai who ever remains the lodestar and inspiration for all our endeavors. His concern towards social upliftment and encouraging girls' education was indeed a revolutionary step considering the prevalent values and attitude of the people towards girls' education at that time. Enduring the legacy, the Institute has always strived for women empowerment; which can be reflected through greater strength of female students, they occupying leadership positions in Student Welfare Council, among others.

We firmly believe that education makes a person and transforms as a responsible citizen. The institution therefore aims at not just imparting modern education but also moral values that are blended with rich cultural ethos. Thus, in every Canarite, we earnestly strive to instill the Panchasheela core values viz., Shraddha - Faith in Divinity; Jigyasa - Love for knowledge; Shakti - Strength of mind; Samyam - Self-control and Seva Nishte - Devoted to the service of mankind.

The central theme that underlines our distinctiveness to the priority and thrust is our concern for creating "Educationally empowered, culturally vibrant, globally competent and socially responsible individuals".

##### Educationally Empowered

True to our philosophy of uncompromised commitment to quality education for all at affordable cost the Institute supports the economically weak and extremely talented potential learners to pursue their educational dreams by providing them with value-centered qualitative higher education at affordable cost. Ever since its inception, the college has maintained consistency in its student strength, embarked on the growth in terms of infrastructure and learning facilities. Providing cutting-edge higher education to all irrespective of any distinction that is both accessible and affordable has





always been at the priority of the Institute's pursuit. The commendable academic results, University ranks, Gold Medals and other laurels secured by our students ever since its inception is a testimony to the fact that the Institute continues to have a major role in producing educationally strong and intellectually empowered students.

### **Culturally Vibrant**

Canara College has proved to be a renowned name known not just for its academic excellence but also for its rich cultural vibrancy. Moreover, the Institute's ideals truly reveal its perennial striving to prepare its students for not just examinations, but for the journey of righteous life. Endeavors like SRUJANA – A University Level NSS Fest which is one of its kind, initiatives promoted through Human Values and Professional Ethics Cell, spiritual enrichment initiatives, wide-spectrum of cultural activities among others continue to strengthen our traditions and immensely contribute to infusing cultural transformation and vibrancy on the campus. Furthermore, the students are nurtured to grow as exceptional citizens by instilling in them values and principles advocated by our legendary Founder, a visionary far ahead of His times. Thus, we sustain an abode of excellence coupled with institutional values which go a long way in shaping the life and character of every Canarite.

### **Globally Competent**

The academic process at our Institute is complemented with a diverse array of opportunities provided to the students in enhancing their knowledge beyond academics. Initiatives such as CANFEST, Finishing School/Soft skills Programmes that enhance students' personality and holistic development, guest lectures, workshops, capacity building programmes, conferences on themes of global relevance expose the students to the global expectations apart from providing exposure to recent developments and innovations in fields relevant to their stream of study. By programme's end, we make every effort possible to create our graduates career prepared, industry ready, stepping directly from the graduating stage into the competitive world that awaits them. Thousands of such proud alumni are the real testimony who prove that every day. This brings to us the sense of highest satisfaction, paramount joy and greatness to the world we live in.

### **Socially Responsible**

Adapting to changing times, the Institute has been a catalyst by exposing its students to a meaningful learning experience having a fine blend of curricula learning and voluntary service. Resolving the commitment towards community development, the Institute has deemed it a moral obligation to address the societal needs and redress the challenges faced by the people in the village. To uphold its mission, the College through its NSS Units adopted Kodman – a medium sized village located in Bantwal Taluk of Dakshina Kannada District consisting of four villages under the Grama Panchayat in the year 1989. Ever since then for over three decades, the college is very closely associated with the village and has undertaken multifarious welfare initiatives. The social welfare initiatives include gender sensitization, adult literacy, universal and equal access to educational facilities, sensitivity to hygienic behavior and practices, awareness on reducing substance abuse, etc. The developmental projects include construction of roads, culvert, house sites, mid-day meal sheds, leveling of school grounds, laying of water pipes, formation of leach pits, development of public road, leveling of graveyard, forming of drainage lines, among others have significantly contributed towards the development of the village.



Besides this, a wide-range of need-based extension activities and outreach programmes are undertaken at several other places through different Departments and Associations.

It is indeed fulfilling to note the social concern of the Institute and its keen interest in transforming the village to its current state. These welfare services undertaken show the social commitment of the Institute towards the less privileged and rural community at large. Thus, our Institute is committed to innovate, inspire and impact in creating educationally empowered, culturally vibrant, globally competent and socially responsible individuals who are able to lead a righteous life.



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