



# CANARA COLLEGE

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## INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

### ANNUAL QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT (AQAR) 2021-22

#### Criterion 7 : Institutional Values and Best Practices

##### Key Indicator 7.3. Institutional Distinctiveness

##### Metric 7.3.1. Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust

###### Response :

Completion of five fruitful decades of useful service in disseminating higher education to young minds is a major landmark and a significant milestone in the odyssey of any educational institution. A Jubilee of an institution is an important event that gives us an opportunity to look backwards on the distance travelled and forward to the journey that lies ahead and has to be planned.

The year 2023 earmarks the Golden Jubilee Year of the esteemed existence of our Institute while the nation is celebrating its Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Canara College is well acclaimed to have its deep-rooted existence since 1973 with its moral ideals, rich core values and fusion of cultural ethos; and it unceasingly continues to be so because it fervently upholds the Institute's Motto, Vision, Mission and Panch Sheela Core Values, thus crafting young minds for a righteous life. At this juncture what could be more befitting for an institution than to -“Honor the Glorious Past, Celebrate the Golden Present, and Envision the Promising Future”.

The distinctiveness of the Institute lies in reminiscing the golden legacy and historical moments inspiring the present generation and the generations to follow.

###### The Saga of CANARA...

**C**ANARA's  
COMMITMENT  
COURAGE  
CONVICTION  
CHARACTER

A time when the prevalent values and attitude of the people towards girls' education was unpropitious, a lodestar and visionary far ahead of his times, SRI AMMEMBAL SUBBARAO PAI, shone on the sleepy horizon of Mangalore, on November 19, 1852, all set to create history. The star went ahead and created a universe of its own which emanates radiance in the form of talented individuals and shall continue to emanate this radiance for time immemorial.

June 30, 1891, is a golden letter day in the history of Canara, because it was on this auspicious day that the seed of “CANARA”, an esteemed Educational Institution was sown by the great legendary





soul, Sri Ammembal Subbarao Pai who along with four visionaries viz., Sri U. Srinivas Rao, B. Padmanabha Baliga, B. Vaman Baliga and Arkal Vasudev Rao accomplished this noble task. With his deep concern towards social upliftment and also to encourage the education of girls, he started the Canara Girls High School, which was indeed a revolutionary step considering the social atmosphere of that time.

During those days, India was slowly shedding her slumber and lethargy with national awakening gathering momentum. With the birth of a new nation- India, new hopes, aspirations and dreams, too, were born. Later, during the post-independence era, the Dakshina Kannada district made great strides in education, with scores of educational institutions coming into existence. The district which was considered to be educationally most backward, won the distinction of being one among the highly literate. Canara High School Association alone was then running three High Schools.

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#### **"Where there is a will there is a way"**

If the story of Canara High School begins with the name of Sri Ammembal Subbarao Pai, the story of Canara College begins with the name of Late Sri Ullal Gopal Krishna Nayak.

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But, establishing a new College was a gigantic task. Undeterred by the challenges, the men in the Canara High School Association, under the undaunted Presidentship of Sri Ullal Gopal Krishna Nayak accomplished the herculean task by establishing not one, but two new institutions - Canara Junior College and Canara First Grade College. Thus, in the educational horizon of the district, a new star, "CANARA COLLEGE" was born on July 04, 1973.

#### **Hallmarks of CANARA**

- **Adept Management**

*"Bliss is the dedicated performance of Duty".*

The Management of Canara is strongly committed to the philosophy of democratic, participative, inclusive and consultative management approach. Continuing the mantle forward, it has been contributing to society, shaping and reshaping the fortune of young hearts and minds by being universally compassionate.

- **Quality Education at Affordable Cost**

True to its 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. Providing cutting-edge higher education that is both accessible and affordable to all irrespective of any distinction has always been Canara's hallmark.

- **The Pancha Sheela Core Values**

In its perennial and fervent pursuit of “**Educating for Righteous Life**”, Canara has ever been earnestly striving for the holistic transformation of its aspirants by inculcating in them the Pancha Sheela core values and has been successfully living up to its motto of “Educating for Righteous Life”.

- ☛ **Shraddha - Faith in Divinity**

Here, at Canara, prayer is a way of life. Each Canarite, through the regular devotional practices is infused with the essence of praying; thus equipping young minds with the knowledge of spirituality; and thereby enabling them to channelize their creative energy into a force for good in the world.

- ☛ **Jijnasa - Love for Knowledge**

Inspired by the philosophy of Swami Vivekananda : “*Education is the manifestation of God, which is already within*”, here, at Canara each one is imbued with the passion for life-long learning. Moreover, in its endeavor to bring about the holistic development in each Canarite and to keep the students abreast with the changing times, the Institute has been providing complete education which integrates the ancient Indian ethos with modern scientific and technological expertise.

- ☛ **Shakti - Strength of Mind**

Canara profoundly believes that “*A determined mind is an undefeatable force*”. Thus, in line with its vision and mission, Canara spares no effort to strengthen the mind and provide a healthy, learning environment infused with optimism, positivity and spiritualism - the prime prerequisites to transform its aspirants into morally empowered, strong-willed and enlightened global citizens.

- ☛ **Samyam - Self-control**

Self-control is the control of the mind and its desires, urges, emotions and delusions. With the aim to dissuade students from falling prey to peer pressure, unhealthy habits and going astray, Canara has been conducting numerous awareness programs and also promoting yoga for self-restraint and mental health.

- ☛ **Seva Nishta - Service to Mankind**

The distinctiveness of Canara has been explicated, time and again, through its Seva-Nishta endeavors prevalent in the institution.

वैष्णव जन तो तेने कहिये  
जे पीड़ पराई जाणे रे  
पर दुख्खे उपकार करे तो ये  
मन अभिमान ना आणे रे ।

**Meaning :** One who is the devotee of Lord Vishnu knows the pain of others, Does good to others, without letting pride enter his mind.

Creating citizens infused with empathy and a profound sense of social responsibility has been the hallmark of Canara since its inception.



- **Quality Benchmark**

The hallmark of institutional distinctiveness to the priority and thrust is also reflected in our concern for creating “Educationally Empowered, Culturally Vibrant, Globally Competent and Socially Responsible Individuals”.

- ☛ 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 Empowered**” students.
- ☛ Through its wide-spectrum of cultural activities preserving and promoting the cultural ethos of the land through wide-spectrum of initiatives like Srujana, spiritual enrichment programmes, among other cultural activities, Canara continues to be a renowned name for its “**Culturally Vibrant**” endeavors.
- ☛ Committed to enhance the knowledge of students beyond academics and transform them into “**Globally Competent**” youths, Canara College also provides a diverse array of opportunities making its graduates career prepared and industry ready.
- ☛ Sensitization and community engagement programmes undertaken by the Institute not only enrich the students with experiential learning but also mould them into “**Socially Responsible**” individuals infused with empathy.

- **Holistic Education**

Value-centric education being its priority, the Institute through its plethora of beyond the curriculum activities, like the social out-reach programs, has been fostering not only the Intellectual Quotient (IQ) of the students, but also their Emotional Quotient (EQ) and Spiritual Quotient (SQ). This has, therefore, gained Canara the wide spread reputation among parents and academia as the most trusted name for integrated, morally crafted holistic development of students.

- **Heterogeneity**

Canara College has been recognized and hailed as one of the reputed institutions in the combined districts of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi. Besides catering to the needs of linguistic minority community, Canara has ever accommodated students with diverse backgrounds, coming from neighboring and other states, with open arms. Over the years, the Institute has been witnessing an increasing influx of students taking admission in Canara, thus testifying its growing popularity.

- **Positive Synergy**

CANARA is not merely a collection of people but a team suffused with a team spirit, a sense of togetherness, a kind of positive synergy converting an organization into an institution, a performance oriented institution which is a vibrant one. It is a big banyan tree with all its stakeholders equally contributing to its tremendous growth and prosperity.

- **Women Empowerment**

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. To top it all, many of our alumnae hold key positions in different fields.

- **Triumph in Tribulations**

The saga of Canara College has been one of Triumph in Tribulations - be it raising funds for





the establishment of the college building or getting Government grants, among others. By the bounteous grace of Almighty, CANARA has managed to overcome its hurdles by responding seemly to the demanding needs of times. All thanks to its Well-wishers, Benefactors, and magnanimous Donors. Even during the unprecedented times of CoVID-19 pandemic, the Institute was able to tide over the contingencies in a highly befitting manner.

- **Encouragement to Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Activities**

Besides academics, we do believe that every student should have a plethora of learning opportunities, scope for skill enhancement, capacity building, competency development and transformative experiences during their time at Canara College. Various Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Associations actively functioning under the able guidance of faculty mentors give ample opportunities to students to flower in their chosen art, thereby moulding them into multifariously talented individuals.

- **SRUJANA – Dynamism through Service**

“SRUJANA”, the one of its kind University level Inter-collegiate NSS Fest organized by Canara College exclusively for the NSS Volunteers, has received overwhelming appreciation for its unique initiative.

- **Social Altruism**

What sets Canara apart is its 34 years of yeoman service rendered to its adopted Kodman - a medium sized village located in Bantwal Taluk of Dakshina Kannada district. Through its NSS Units, the college has undertaken multifarious welfare initiatives which include social awareness programs like gender sensitization, adult literacy, awareness on reducing substance abuse; and developmental projects like construction of roads, culvert, laying of water pipes, formation of leach pits, levelling of graveyard and so on - all these have significantly contributed towards the development of the village.

- **Centre for many Competitive / Professional Exams**

Canara College has provided academic support to many prominent entities, be it the valuation centre for Mangalore University or examination centre for ICAI and the like. Because of its central location, adequate facilities being offered, Canara has been the most sought after college for many competitive / professional exams both for Governmental and Non-Governmental exams.

- **Vibrant Alumni Association**

When the idea of establishing Canara College was conceived the Old students of Canara High Schools formed associations to raise funds for this cause and their contribution was not small. The edifice standing at the west of the campus which was worth Rupees One Crore at that time is a proof of their love for the Alma Mater. It is Sri Gangolli Sanjeev Shenoy's magnanimous gift to Canara College.

The Alumni Association of Canara College, too, is not far behind. Being ever grateful to the Alma mater it understands the concerns, apprehensions and challenges; and is ever ready to aid in multifarious ways. They extend financial support to needy and meritorious students; they are also the foremost in raising funds for any noble cause. The celebrations of the Silver Jubilee Year were no exceptions, as it was sponsored by our Alumni Association. A few years back it got registered, too. How many educational institutions can boast of this fortune?

*“Give back to society. Real happiness lies in giving rather than in receiving”.* It is the culture inculcated in and practiced by students of this institution.

- **Galaxy of Luminaries**

The Canara Institute having shaped the lives of innumerable students has a galaxy of luminaries, from Academicians, Politicians, Chartered Accountants, Scientists, successful Entrepreneurs, Business Magnets, Government Officers, Athletes, Defence officials, Magicians, Writers, Actors, among others.

- **Supportive Parent-Teacher Association (P.T.A.)**

The Parent-Teacher Association of our Institute honestly believes that education of the youth is the joint responsibility of both parents and teachers. It has supported the institution by means of liberal help to build our Central Library, equip the College with furniture, teaching aids, among others. Besides, the open-air stage of the College is the generous gift of our P.T.A.

### **Significant Milestones**

*“We know that those who succeed breathe the same air, and see the sunset, as those who fail.”*

The journey of CANARA is the saga of commitment, strong conviction, resilience, unflinching faith, grit, determination and resounding triumph in the face of adversities and challenges.

In its adventurous journey, Canara College has many distinctions to its credit and they are quite interesting, too.

- **Fistful to Plentiful**

*“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”*

Interestingly, the journey that had a humble beginning with a “Mushti Fund” (fistful of rice) in 1981 sowing the seeds of Canara High School, Mangaluru, the century old precursor to the conglomeration of Canara Group of Institutions, today stands as a mammoth institution with 14 different institutions under its wings, imparting value-based quality education from Pre-KG to Post Graduation Studies, Engineering and Physiotherapy.

It was out of this very Power-house of Education, Canara High School Association (C.H.S.A.), that, in 1973, yet another tenacious branch called **“Canara First Grade College”** grew and continues to flourish as one of the prestigious higher educational institutions in the coastal educational hub of Mangaluru city.

The recent highlight of CANARA teaming along with VIKAAS with its milestone acquisition in the year 2022, certainly adds to its lashing strength of 132 years of prolific experience in the field of education.

- **The First Fame**

- ☛ Canara was the first college to begin its first day of functioning in its own new building with all infrastructure, fully qualified staff, library and reading room and well-equipped laboratory, etc.
- ☛ The Staff of Canara College was the first to get full salary at Government scale of pay, from the very first month of their appointment, though for the first three years the College was not entitled to government grant.



- ☛ Prior to 1981, Canara College was affiliated to Mysore University, like the rest of the colleges of South Kanara. Later on, it got affiliated to Mangalore University.
  - ☛ Canara made its mark right from its first batch. With the announcement of the University Examination results, the first batch of Canara College bagged the lion's share of University ranks. Instantly, CANARA COLLEGE, still in its infancy, became the name to reckon with. Then there was no looking back.
- **Laurels All the Way**  
Basking in the glory of fame right from its first batch with a Gold Medal in the Science stream, Canara College, till date, has on its Roll of Honor a total of 121 proud rank holders. The unbroken record of winning ranks ever since the first batch is an astounding feat. It is also a testimony to the fact that the Institute continues to have a major role in producing educationally strong and intellectually empowered students.
- **One to Many**  
Success of Canara College has unfolded in many ways and at many levels as well.
    - ☛ From having one batch of students per stream to multiple batches of students in many streams is a mark of its steady progress and fame.
    - ☛ The motive of the Institute to upgrade itself with the need of the hour had induced the management to venture into different field of studies. Today, the Institute offers Under Graduate Programmes in B.Sc., B.C.A., B.Com (General), B.Com Professional with Coaching for CA, CS, and CMA, and B.B.A.
    - ☛ Beginning merely with Under Graduate Studies, now also to have Post Graduate Studies in Commerce is another remarkable feat. Besides, plans to offer other need-based, skill-oriented and employability enabling programmes are in the pipeline.
    - ☛ Initiated by a group of academic pioneers in 1973 with just 170 students, today has a whooping over 1,300 students is a giant leap.
  - **Moment of Pride**  
The NSS Units of our College has been very active right from its start and it's a matter of great pride that our students have the distinction of participating in the Republic Day Parade both at the State and National level.
  - **Quantum Leap and a Cherry on the Cake**  
Standing on the threshold to commemorate the Golden Jubilee Year of the Institute's illustrious existence, it is indeed a matter of immense pride and jubilation for Canara College to have marked yet another milestone of having been re-accredited by NAAC with 'A' grade in its Fourth Cycle of Assessment and Accreditation in 2022. It was a cherry on the cake and indeed a blessing showered, on the auspicious Golden Jubilee occasion, by Goddess Sri Sharada Devi, the presiding Deity of our College.

## Conclusion

Progressive outcome of the accreditation, University Ranks, accolades and laurels brought by our students and alumni over the years stand testimony to our incredible splendid journey, and also provide a motivation for us to further elevate our bar of excellence; thereby strive continuously in the journey of imparting quality education at affordable cost. The journey continues...



May the Golden Jubilee usher in the new season of the flowering of CANARA in all its educational aspects and may the institute continue to send into the society individuals of character and calibre.

To put it in a nut shell, it may be stated that even though much has been done, we do realize that much more needs to be done and we are continuously committed for the same. Moreover, not resting on our accomplishments made over the years, we continue to embrace change with the changing times, leap forward with newer possibilities and an enabled vision, and together with all move forward with renewed hope and vigor.

The woods are lovely, dark, and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
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गहन सघन मनमोहन वन तक मुझको आज बुलाते हैं,  
किंतु किए जो वादे मैंने याद मुझे आ जाते हैं;  
अभी कहाँ आराम बदा, यह नेह निमंत्रण छलना है,  
अरे! अभी सोने से पहले मुझको मीलों चलना है;  
अरे! अभी सोने से पहले मुझको मीलों चलना है

Long Live CANARA...!



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