

## ***Institutional Distinctiveness – 2020-21***

***“The value of a college education is not the learning of many facts but the training of the mind to think.”***

-Albert Einstein

Education is the pathway to self-improvement and self-realization and subsequently the development of society. Milagres College Kallianpur aims to tread on this path of excellence by empowering our students to become better individuals and contribute to the future of the county.

It was the far-sighted vision of the 83-year-old Very Rev. Monsignor Denis Jerome D’Souza which was instrumental in providing a college to the rural students of Kallianpur. *“The boys and girls who work in the field should be able to come to the college straight from the field”* this was the mission of Mnsj. D. J. D’Souza the founder of the college. This vision was realized in 1967 with the support of the parishioners of Milagres Church. Late Dr. P. G. Bhat, a great historian was the founder Principal of this institution. It was founded by the Catholic Board of Education of the Diocese of Mangalore with a view to provide collegiate education in this part of Udupi. It is now managed by Catholic Educational Society of Udupi (CESU), a managing committee with the Bishop of Udupi diocese as the President.

With a distinct vision to *‘transform the youth into responsible citizens and competent professional through quality education and research’*, our college has opened its doors to all students without any discrimination based on caste or creed. Recognizing that each student is capable of creating his/her own future, the college strives to provide a holistic and transformative education by

organizing interactive, inter disciplinary and multicultural academic sessions to prepare and equip them for the future.

Known for its special programs for the overall development of the students and community, Milagres College has undertaken many initiatives to achieve the vision and mission set by the founders to grow and empower the rural youth.

### **MCCE (Milagres College Career Excellence)**

A dedicated career guidance and placement cell has been established to help the students get placed in the best of companies. Classes on CAT, MAT, PG CET, professional courses like CA, CS, CMA and trainings on aptitude tests, interviews, group discussions, 120 hours of IBPS coaching are given to the students to enable them to build a bright career. During this academic year, till date, 90 students have been recruited by various companies.

Various certificate courses like communicative English, Vachana Kammata, Journalism, Hindi translation, fine arts training program are conducted by the different departments of the college to enhance the employability of the students.

### **Fee concession**

Located in the rural area of Kallianpur, many of the students are from poor and backward families and are in need of financial assistance. The college offers a fee concession for the poor and deserving students. Donations from philanthropists like the PTA, Alumni association and other well-wishers have sponsored Rs. 9,16,794/- for the education of such students.

### **Best outgoing student award**

The institution encourages students to achieve their best and to be confident and excel. To motivate them to develop in an all-round manner, the Best outgoing Student award has been introduced which is awarded to the student who excels

in studies and in co-curricular activities. At the end of the year, the final year students put in their names for the race and the committee selects and rewards the best among all the contenders.

### **Value Education**

True education is concerned not only with practical goals but also with values. Values play an important role in making a person human. These have to be inculcated right from childhood. The college aims to educate the students about values like punctuality, sensitivity, equality, dignity of labor, patriotism, brotherhood, respect, brotherhood. Milagres College gives utmost importance to values in life.

Students are also taken on field visits and trips to old age homes, orphanages and places of worship to create a sense of social awareness and philanthropy.

### **Vidhyarthi Darbar**

Vidhyarthi Darbar is a unique one-of-a-kind program that enables the students to interact, listen to and learn from successful personalities from various fields who share their life experience. The entire program is organized and managed by the students under the guidance of the conveners of the program. The objective is to interact with the successful achievers, entrepreneurs, socially challenged, physically challenged, philanthropists, politicians, alumni and the like to get inspiration from them to face and shape their future. By doing so the students get to know how important it is to pursue ones' passions to achieve success and make failures the stepping stone to success.

### **Under the Mango Tree**

Under the Mango Tree is an exceptional program only at Milagres College and it has become the talk of the town. The programs held Under the Mango Tree help the students to showcase their hidden talents and nurture their leadership

qualities. And as per the University norms the college offers different credit courses such as literary associations, fine arts, sports and games, NCC, NSS, Rangers and Rovers etc. The programs are usually conducted during the lunch break to teach the students to make use of the free time fruitfully. Both curricular and co-curricular activities like debate, speeches, mock press, academic competitions, cultural programmes and competitions, dumb charade, singing competitions, food fest etc., are conducted under the mango tree.

### **Midday Meal Scheme**

Midday meal scheme is one of the oldest initiatives undertaken by the college. Realizing that many of the students come from far off places and may not be able to afford to buy food from outside, the college came up with this scheme through which the students are provided with free meal for the afternoon. Having been launched in 1996, the college has been continuously helping needy students with free meals since then.

### **Free emergency medical facility for Students**

Milagres College has a Memorandum of Understanding with Goretti Hospital, Santhekatte for meeting the emergency medical needs of the students of the college. Students are immediately rushed to Goretti hospital if any emergency arises and immediate treatment is provided.