

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE MANGALORE

Institutional Distinctiveness

Vision: To be the centre for knowledge for all sections of the society.

Established in 1868, the distinctive feature of the institution is its heritage garb. The physical infrastructure as a monument of history of the region and display of heritage grandeur attracts students in and around the state. The Gothic structure constructed more than a century ago with Red Laterite stones, being in the prime location of the city has been able to draw the attention of students for various other reasons attached to its heritage garb.

PHYSICAL CAPITAL:

When a student chooses an institution for his/her educational needs, the first thing that he/she goes by is the physical infrastructure and its aesthetic experience. Our institution greatly satisfies this need of the student. It is one of the oldest colleges in India with a history of 154 years with massive structures appealing to the eyes with its beauty. The buildings carry the heritage tag by the UGC. Ravindra Kalabhavan identified for heritage grant of 2.5 crores for rejuvenation has achieved its past glory with the utilization of this fund. Spread over more than seven acres of land, the campus has a very large playground, Tennis court and Cricket coaching field. The campus has rich greenery and beautiful gardens. Well ventilated spacious class rooms, well equipped laboratories attract the students to the institution. The heritage structure has not just remained a physical beauty, it has made its inmates imbibe rich heritage of the campus.

INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL:

In terms of intellectual capital, library is the main asset with a distinctive identity of its own. As the library is more than a century old, naturally has a good collection of books. Many of books are of archival value. The books on Logic, Religion, Philosophy, History, Literature in Sanskrit, English, Kannada and Malayalam, very old Gazetteers, the illustrated books on Shakespeare, rare books of the past (more than a century ago) Encyclopedias etc. are a few to name. The collection of rare books attracts research students not only from our institution but also researchers from various other parts of the country. The College has good number of academic staff. The students are constantly

engaged in academic activities like projects, seminars, peer interactive intercollegiate activities, workshops, conferences etc. Regular invited special lectures by scholars are held to introduce the students to developments in the area of their studies.

SOCIAL CAPITAL:

In building a strong and appealing personality of the student a strong network of old students, parents and teachers is built. Strong alumni base has been instrumental in not only helping students choose this college but also helping them in getting good facilities. A generous amount is spent by the Alumni Association in building the institution. The Parent Teachers Association (PTA) too has built bridges between the students, teachers and the parents which has allowed for the smooth running of the institution. Both these associations have stood as the backbone of the institution in providing value aided education to students.

Youth Red Cross, NSS, and NCC work through the value-based schemes. The College organizes number of programmes in collaboration with Government, Non-Government Organizations, Local Associations, Professional Bodies and the like, which effectively connects the students with society.

CULTURAL CAPITAL:

Education is not complete without bringing the rich culture of the region in the young minds in particular and world at large in general. Throughout the year the students are kept engaged in various cultural activities. Inclusiveness is the key word of our activities where different languages and cultures are elegantly projected. Reflection of local culture is evident in observing traditional day and performance of local classical art form yakshagana during the College Day. Yakshagana performance by our students have attracted the public of Mangalore city as well. The cultural activities include all local art forms in different languages like Kannada, Tulu, Beary, Malayalam etc.

BRAND UCM

Commitment to the cause of imparting education to all sections of the society as per spirit of law of the land has been our priority. The student-Intake of the college is the true witness of the brand the college has established over the years producing the luminaries in

all walks of life. Care is being taken to standby poor and needy whenever they need the helping hand. Education that was imparted in this great institution was powerful enough to shape great personalities who left a lasting impression in the history of this country. In addition to this the convenient location has added to its advantage. The college is existing in the heart of the city of Mangalore spreading over seven acres of land, rich with greeneries around contributing in its own way to control environmental pollution.

The College being a public institution has a lot of advantages. Transparency and Accountability in administration and moderate fee structure are a few to name. The institution having realised these advantages has been carrying forward the heritage of the institution with value-based education with prime concern. Blend of modern necessities in the field of education and carrying forward the heritage is found very essential for the present world. Realising this, the College has been working hard in retaining and promoting the heritage values and catering to the modern techno-oriented education to the students. As most of our students say, the College makes them feel “secure, wise and warm” during the course of their study. Having stood the test of being a part of real society, without being aware of it while in college, also provides them a sense of comfort in the real world that they enter after completion of their studies. Those who pass out from this College naturally turn ambassadors for us, a valuable asset that we are proud off.