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Best Practices at Rural College

The institution's roots go deep into the days of the freedom movement of which the founder Poojya S. Kariyappa was more than a part. The campus used to reverberate to the chanting of patriotic songs and prayer and meditation. The power of prayer as championed by Mahatma Gandhi has remained a very prominent feature and force at the college.

Our college has been following this tradition and legacy since its inception. The following are the two best distinctive practices that are very unique in our college.

1. The Morning Prayer (**Chintana**):


Everyday begins with a thought provoking presentation by students as well as teachers and the prayer ends with our National Anthem. All the students, members of the faculties and office staff of the college have to be present in the quadrangle at prayer time. As there has been a spirit of competition to render the 'Thought for the Day', a month's programme is prepared in advance. The prayer meetings' messages are delivered effectively.

It is observed that the girls outnumber the boys in the race to participate. The prayer meetings cover a very wide range of topics from the wonderment of nature and its inexhaustible variety to common sense in daily life. Lessons from life, lives of great men, humaneness and humility, harms of arrogance and hubris, the saga of sacrifice and a whole gamut of interpretations of life on earth are churned by the participants. The prayer sessions' innate purpose has been to give the students a surge of confidence for the tasks ahead of the day. Prayer greatly assists them by injecting a lot of self-assurance and confidence to move forward. The messages are rendered both in Kannada and English. The quadrangle where prayers are held at 9.50AM, has a beautiful lawn surrounded by ancient shady trees and a fine platform, all of which ensures the participants a most agreeable frame of mind for learning. The session's closing part will always be the National Anthem. The anthem's rendering has been perfected over the years. Many people walking nearby pause to listen to the anthem with full of fervor and devotion. The college surely has a hold on the heart strings of citizens of the town.


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Some of the Best Presentations in Prayer Meeting in 2018-19:

Sl.No.	Date	Speaker	Section	Topic
1.	19/7/2018	Vinutha N	III BSc	Distinctiveness of India's theories on Dharma
2.	7/8/2018	Lakshmi	II BBA	Importance of Moral education
3.	27/8/2018	Vijayalakshmi H M	III BCom	Self Confidence
4.	5/9/2018	Keerthana B S	II BA	Brief note on Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on Teachers' Day
5.	27/9/2018	Ranjitha	II BA	Teachers' Role in Nation Building
6.	12/2/2019	Sindhu	I BBA	Social Change and Its Impact
7.	26/2/2019	Swathi H G	III BCom	Violence against Non-violent people
8.	1/3/2019	Annapurna	I BSc	Faith and We
9.	8/3/2019	Varshitha A V	I BCom	Women's Day Its Importance.
10.	20/3/2019	Appikumar A B	II BCom	Importance of Selfless Service


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2. State Level Debate Competition (Manthana):


The beloved founder of Rural Education Society Poojya S. Kariyappa's sacred memory is commemorated in the Poojya SK Memorial State Level Inter Collegiate Debate Competition (Kannada) which has run uninterrupted for more than three decades. The debate constitutes a major flank among the academic, cultural and literary activities of the college. It has become well known throughout the length and breadth of the state, judging from the number of colleges that send the participants along with their mentors. Large sums of prize money are set aside to honour the winners and valuable gifts are given away. Leading personalities from the academic, literary and public life are requested to suggest topics for the annual debate. The suggested topics usually reflect the contemporary internal scenario of the state or nation and external trends of the world that encompass social, political, economic, environmental, educational and other problems that baffle humanity and the challenges that we have to face in order to move forward. Elaborate arrangements are made befitting the stature of the event. The quadrangle where debate competitions are held, is decked with beautiful shamiana pandal, comfortable chairs, glittering dias and sound system. Different committees are formed to take care of participants, their teachers and other pressing needs in order to make the debate competition a grand success. The debate is much looked forward to by a large number of teachers and students, local citizens and invitees attend the event. Citizens who have made their mark in life, Principals, professors and literary personalities are invited as judges.


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List of State Level Debate Competitions:

Sl.No.	Date	Topic	No. of participants	Winners
1.	20-06-1996	India's progress and integrity are possible only by the prohibition of all religious institutions	72	G.T Chandrappa, H.T Aravinda
2.	18-01-1997	The Development of India is possible when we realize Gandhiji's Concept of Grama Swaraj	68	Ramananje Gowda, G.T Chandrappa
3.	14-01-2000	Women's reservation is detrimental to India's progress	72	Sivalingaiiah
4.	23-01-2002	Objective of terrorism is more self centred than religious propagation	40	Devaraju Ajay Kumar
5.	12-03-2007	Economic imbalance is the main cause of terrorist activities	50	H.R Smitha Pavitra
6.	22-09-2010	The present crisis of India is of people and not of their representatives	80	Asha J.S H.N Sundaramma
7.	29-09-2012	The farmers' problems are due to negligence of Governments.	80	Jain College National College

8.	29-09-2015	Today's problems in agriculture are not caused by the system but by lack of awareness	62	KLE College
9.	14-03-2018	National Development is possible only by the pro peoples' schemes and not by appeasement schemes of the Governments	48	Rural College NMKRV College Bangalore
10.	12-03-2019	Coalition Government is detrimental to National Development	38	Bharathi College Mandya


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