

## 7.3 Institutional distinctiveness

### MANTHANA (Churning of Knowledge)

Annual State Level Kannada Debate Competition has a long history as it has been organized for more than three decades. This competition reverberates the vision and mission of our institution. It connotes the thrust and priority. This public speaking platform has produced many talents and our students have become successful speakers who have exhibited multi-faceted talents. Their innate ability is exposed to the public and their diverse presentations show their keen interest in acquiring public speaking skills. Our rural poor students are encouraged to face the challenges of life with confidence and perseverance.

The beloved founder of Rural Education Society, Poojyashri S Kariyappa's sacred vision is commemorated in the state level inter collegiate debate competition(Kannada) which has run uninterruptedly for more than three decades.

The debate constitutes a major part among the academic, cultural and literary activities of the college. It has become well known throughout the length and breadth of the state, ranging from the colleges that send the participants along with their mentors. Large sums of prize money is 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 competition held, is decked with beautiful shamiana pendal, comfortable chairs, glittering dias and a sound setting. Different committees are formed to take care of the 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 who attend the event. Citizens who have made their marks in life, principals, professors and literary personalities are invited as judges.

In the academic year 2019-2020, the debate competition was held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and more than 18 colleges participated in it. The topic was "The Recent Economic Recession Is the Result of the Failures of the Government only".

Prof B. K Ravi, the Registrar (administration), Bangalore University was a chief guest who inaugurated it. The first prize was bagged by K.M Deekshith Kumar PES college, Mandya.

  
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