



SRI JAGADGURU MURUGHARAJENDRA ARTS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

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7.3.1: Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust

Institution always tries to perform in areas distinctive to its priority and thrust. Our institution was established in the year 1982 and holds the legacy of imparting quality higher education to the pursuers of knowledge catering the needs of women students of Chitradurga district. The priority of the institution is to promote higher education for women. Since inception, the institution is giving immense efforts to achieve this priority. The institution's thrust area is Women's Empowerment. In order to bring value to this thrust the institution has established a Women Empowerment Cell.

The Cell is functioning with an objective of preparing women students for higher education to acquire degree, to develop entrepreneurial skills to gain confidence to become self reliant through all round personality development and to become future leaders. Hence, institution has resolved to take up the cause of Empowerment of Women for their better status in society.

Our institution has large number of women students from the surrounding rural areas of Chitradurga, one of the socio-economically backward districts in Karnataka. Majority of them come from drought and famine ravaged rural areas. Thus, undoubtedly they are affected by the backwardness and discrimination. These have really uprooted the rural life of agriculturists and putting them into miserable conditions of poverty, illiteracy and ill health. Until the establishment of the institution a good portion of women students of the area could not pursue higher education as most of them are from poor backward communities.

It is a devastating reality that discrimination against women is being continued even in 21st century. Gender inequality has been a matter of serious concern, everywhere. The rural life is ravaged by miserable conditions of poverty, illiteracy, ill health and superstition. They belong to weaker sections including scheduled caste, schedule tribes, backward classes and minorities without proper access to education, health and other productive resources. Hence, they remain largely as marginalised poor and socially excluded.

The institution has its goal of uplifting the students from the unprivileged community in all possible ways and realizes that complete enrichment will be made possible only with the proportionate advancement of the community in financial, societal, and academic spheres.

Getting admission in a degree college in the city for higher education involves money and other things. The parents admit their daughter reluctantly to colleges of higher learning. The women students are most vibrant and most valuable human resource. We cannot neglect them to be the victims of discrimination, exploitation and segregation. So the institution resolved to empower

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women students to face the life with boldness and courage for leading a successful life with peace, harmony and dignity.

The Cell decides for designing awareness programmes to sensitize the women students in order to understand the causes for giving them subservient role in spite of their equal or even more abilities than their counterparts. They also plan for workshops and interactive sessions with NGOs, Inner Wheel Club and Government departments.

The Cell is striving for the protection of women's rights by gaining confidence in their potentiality. It aims at controlling social ragging, dowry system etc., so that women students become aware of gender equity, discrimination, human rights and various legal provisions for the protection of their rights.

The cell has organised several women empowerment programmes. Various eminent women personalities are invited on several occasions. It has also arranged counselling by psychologists, psychiatrists and medical checkup for women by local lady doctors.

Institution stresses on outreach programmes and creates awareness on the value of holistic education and empathy for the backward sections of society. The institution has envisaged a developmental programme support women to develop entrepreneurial skills. It enriches the higher educational opportunities to lead productive lives. It encourages and coordinates women supporting programs with interested organisations. Empowerment of women results in accomplishment of equality and equal opportunities in all walks of life through all round personality development.

Context

Social, economic and cultural empowerment of women is a decisive factor in realizing gender equality. Empowerment encompasses the process of increasing women's sense of dignity, decision making capacity, access to opportunities and resources and her ability to effect change.

The Economic, social and cultural factors play a regressive role impeding girl students academic journey. Therefore, institution focuses on all comprehensive uplift of women which in turn make positive outcomes in the lives of women students.

Institution is giving a significant contribution in the academic and social sphere of entire Chitradurga and surrounding areas.



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These students have contributed to change in socio-economic scenario. The positive impact in their socio economic status is easily visible today.

The institution is growing, cherishing its dream of fulfilling the thirst for knowledge by innumerable women students.

The Practice

Women empowerment in different facets should be complimented by educational empowerment. Thus, the economic empowerment of women will result in the academic empowerment of women. So, the institution works for all inclusiveness development of women. Many have stepped into entrepreneurial ventures like tailoring and embroidery etc.

Lack of education and communication skills prevent women from coming to the forefront. Identifying the issue, the institution takes initiatives to educate them training skill.

Parents are given motivation and convinced of the necessity of bestowing their daughters with higher education opportunity.

Social, economic, cultural aspects are the cause for high dropout rates of women students. With a determination that no women student should be deprived of higher education opportunities due to the lack of financial backing and to motivate the parents of women students to send their daughters for higher education.

Evidence of Success

Women students become motivated to be self sufficient and a considerable number of them started ventures. Many of them started their own establishments- stiching, parlour and earning income for their family.

The institution has brought positive changes in the lives of students who get into all walks of life and thus become empowered. Sea change is visible in the socio-economic life of women students.

Thus institution has played a pivotal role in the progress of students keeping in line with its priority and thrust.