

-: GOKAK EDUCATION SOCIETY – A PROFILE:-



It was a long felt need of this part of Karnataka to have at least an Arts and Science college. It may be at this stage that Collegiate Education was not made available in this part of the district and any other place except the district headquarters. In this taluka itself then there were 12 High Schools and in the neighborhood of this taluka also there were 12 High Schools. Every year the number of candidates appearing for the SSLC examination was growing by leaps and bounds, thanks to the liberal policy of our Govt.

This part of Belgaum district which was mainly agricultural and dependent on the capricious rainfall had not been able to be very rich. Therefore many of the students had to discontinue their education for want of necessary means to pursue collegiate education.

The educated public of this taluka having realized this urgent need of the hour, thought of starting a college. The eminent Swamiji of Savalagimath, Mardimath and Arbhavimath, the prominent businessmen, late Shri. Basavannappa Munavalli, late Shri. G. V. Ghodegeri, late Shri. Dhondibanna Jadhav, late Shri. Chinnappa Koujalagi, eminent lawyer late Shri. S. R. Patil, the leading Doctors late Dr. A. R. Kadakol, late Dr. B. C. Ajari, Dr. C. P. Pattanshetti and men with fore-sight and far-sight gathered together, discussed, decided and established Gokak Education Society in the year 1965. Within a couple of months of the decision, the J.S.S. Arts, Science College was started in June 1965. Nothing appears to be impossible for the united and generous public of Gokak!

The establishment of our college marks a new era in the history of Gokak town in particular and of the taluka in general. It has quenched the long felt thirst of college in this part of country of the students especially lady students and poor students. It satisfied their urge and ambition to receive higher education. Full many a gem could not see the lime light and full many a flower could not spread its perfume. Thanks to the liberal education policy of our state then and to the Gokak Education Society, and to the blessings of our beloved Vice Chancellor Revered late Dr. D. C. Pawate and to the munificent donations from the hearths and the cloisters, light has reached now to the very looks of the villages and the kitchens, which had so long an encircling gloom. There was no doubt that the posterity would remain deeply grateful to this generation for its bold and timely step taken in the right direction.

Progress and Realization :

It was the good fortune of the G.E.Society and the college that they had Dr. V. V. Bagalkoti M.Sc. Ph.D. as the founder Principal of the college. His long teaching experience his discipline, his ability for smooth administration, his patience and indefatigable energy for work had led the college from success to success.

A college is not a mere structure of bricks and mortar, not a mere row of halls well-furnished and well equipped nor can it be merely the majesty of its get up, it is not a pandemonium, it is pantheon. It is a place where personality plays upon a personality between the teachers and the taught. It is a mind where from the shining coins go out the wide world as our cultural ambassadors. An Alma Mater is known by its alumni. our zealous students who are healthy in mind and body have well realized this important aspect of education. They have continued and we are sure they will continue to be well behaved, well informed and well reputed, in spite of student unrest all over the country.

We have kept before us for our guidance the following words of wisdom of Thomas Henry Huxley: "That man I think hashed a liberal education who so trained in youth that his body is the ready servant of his will, and does with ease and pleasure all the work that, as a mechanism, it is capable of whose intellect is a clear cold logic engine with all its parts of equal strength and in smooth working orders, ready like computers to be turned to any kind of work". Our humble attempt thus is towards the all round development of the personality hidden in individuality.