

## **Women's Education for Self-Reliance and Proficiency**

Besant Women's College is one of the relatively few colleges in Mangaluru city's coastal educational cluster that focuses solely on teaching women. In 1977, with the farsightedness of the then President of Women's National Education Society, the Late Sri Manel Srinivas Nayak, the management took a significant decision – to open a degree college exclusively for women with special consideration for the academically average and the economically backward learners.

Since then, the College has geared all its initiatives towards empowering women, upholding the great principles and inspiration of Dr. Annie Besant, the illustrious Theosophist and social reformer.

College provides quality education to women without any discrimination of caste and creed. The scholarships and mid-day meals are provided by the PTA and the Alumni Associations to the meritorious students who hail from economically backward sections.

As the majority of the students are first generation learners the institution strives hard to make them proficient so as to discharge their dual responsibilities of home and workplace. Hence the focus is on achieving self-reliance through entrepreneurial and employability development skills.

Future employability is provided by training them with employability development skills. Folk culture related activities immensely contribute to infusing cultural transformation and vibrancy on the campus. NSS volunteer Ms. Thanushri was selected for RD parade held in New Delhi (2023). A sense of civic duty and environmental sensitivity are fostered by the college.

The institution focuses on women's rights, quality education, and freedom of thought, thanks to its vision and commitment to nurturing young women. Every Besantian is distinct as she evolves towards being self-reliant and proficient.