

**Response: Our institute** would like to be recognized as ‘distinct’ for the following attributes. Our institute is distinct in the following six attributes

**VIDHYARTHI VANA: (STUDENTS SOCIAL FOREST):** Students along with learning their respective curriculum have been motivated to contribute in developing a garden in the campus. Our Alumni Association initiated a drive to create awareness among students by planting 400 different saplings. Instead of monoculture, a polyculture of fruit yielding plants are slowly growing on the campus. Thus our alumni have sown the seeds of ‘save environment’ and every year students have been involved in increasing the area of social forest by planting the saplings

**CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE ENGINEERING AND MEDICINE:** Students studying in rural colleges need to be oriented towards research. In order to motivate them, a perfect research laboratory is necessary. Poor students with economically backward status if exposed to the available resources can make up their mind to contribute towards progress of the nation. Many rural science students face distinct challenges after completing higher education, due to the lack of research experience. Vision Group on Science and Technology [VGST], Government of Karnataka has fully funded grants for the establishment of research facility. KLE Society Belagaum has also supported the college financially as matching share to make scientific laboratory as reality. Now this laboratory has 2 unique and distinct scientific instruments (a) impedance analyzer with temperature dependent up to 800 °C and (b) electrochemical analyzer. This facility generally we see in only reputed universities, not in rural colleges like us. Providing an international level high end research facilities is a challenge for any Higher Education Institute, but proud to state that “we have this state of the art facility”. This facility invites the students to gain knowledge. This is the unique research facility and no other degree college has.

**400 M X 8 LANE CLAY TRACK:** Good Infrastructure is the backbone for any Sporting activity. For good health habits this track is very well developed. India has got most of its promising top athletes from the rural background, thus our infrastructure will motivate the students to shine in the field of track events at national and international level in the years to come. It is now helping the all round development of the rural youths. Besides the clay track there is enough space available for both indoor as well as outdoor games. The college has ample facilities to guide and train the students in both indoor and outdoor games.

**SWIMMING POOL:** The college has a swimming pool (25m x 18m with 8 lanes)with the financial support from UGC during XI plan period. The rural youths having learnt swimming in the wells or lakes of the villages are now practicing different events like freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly etc in our pool.

**LIFE SCIENCE MUSEUM:** Learning and teaching of Botany and Zoology is complete only when the students are able to see actual preserved specimens. It becomes easier by observing organisms closely in the specimen bottles rather than merely reading about them. The departments of Botany and Zoology have preserved plants and animal according to taxonomic classification and are kept in museums. Charts and models are also being displayed in the laboratories. Plants are grown in the Botanical Garden and specially maintained in the shade house. Preparation of a herbarium is an integral part of learning Botany. **Our work on Herbaria is registered with New York Botanical Garden (USA) Acronym (BKCC)**

**PARAMARSH (UGC Scheme):** We are proud to mention here that one of the popular schemes of UGC entitled “Paramarsh” is sanctioned to our college with financial assistance of Rs. 30 lakhs. Under this scheme we are mentoring, aspiring 5 higher education institutes of the area to undergo assessment and accreditation by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). This scheme is under progress since November 2020. Through this scheme we are promoting quality assurance in higher education among the aspiring higher education institutes agreed upon with us. NAAC peer team members, former vice chancellors, senior resource persons, expert faculty of our institution including the head of the institution, IQAC coordinator have been guiding the faculty of mentee institutions, organizing workshops and training programmes. The Scheme is under progress through a “Hub & Spoke” (H&S) Model. In this method, mentor institution, viz KLE Society’s Basavaprabhu Kore Arts, Science and Commerce college, Chikodi is the “hub”. We have the responsibility of guiding the mentee institutions. Thus in the process, the mentee institution is undergoing self improvement. With centralized control over the process, our efficiency is also improving. Resource utilization is to its potential and thus till date we have made an effort to observe overall development of the mentee institutions. Additional services [“Spoke”] are provided to the mentee institution for self improvement. Mentor institution has pool of experts from multiple resources. External members are used as a resource pool. Every resource person is making a ground assessment and suggesting required action plans for mentor institutions.

More than 20 NAAC assessors including Former Vice chancellor of Karnatak University Dharwad Prof S K Saidapur, Prof. Chandrakant Kokate (former Vice-Chancellor of Kakatiya University, Warangal, Telangana, Nagarjuna University, Guntur and KLE University, Belagavi, Karnataka), senior NAAC peer team assessors Dr. Mrs. Vani Nikhil Laturkar of Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded, Maharashtra have visited mentor institution to address the faculty members of mentee institutions.

The mentor institution is accredited by NAAC at A grade consecutively for three periods (2004, 2010 and 2016). Mentor institution is getting ready for fourth cycle of assessment and accreditation by National Assessment and Accreditation Council. Our institute is serving the students in particular and the society in general since five decades. Our institution is recognized under 2 (f) & 12 (B) of UGC Act 1956.