



**KARNATAK UNIVERSITY'S
KARNATAK ARTS COLLEGE,
DHARWAD**



**Academic and Administrative Audit Report
for the year 2017-18**



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Karnatak Arts College, Dharwad is a prestigious institution in the North Karnataka region and a constituent college of Karnatak University, Dharwad. Established in 1917 this institution is known for its high academic standards in all branches of humanities and arts. The college has a picturesque campus spread over 95 acres of land. There are more than 2000 students. This college has produced several highbrow academics who have received acclaim across the world and is known as the Gateway of Learning in the region.

Prof. Promod B. Gai, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Karnatak University, Dharwad constituted the Academic and Administrative Audit committee consisting of the following members for evaluating the performance of the Karnatak Arts College for the year 2017-2018.

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The AAA Committee visited various departments, college office and Computer Laboratories and held discussions with the faculty and students of Karnatak Arts College, Dharwad on March 19, 2019. They also interacted with the supporting staff and visited NSS office and Health centre to complete their Academic and Administrative audit – a responsibility bestowed upon them.

Observations

- Karnatak Arts College is the oldest college in the North Karnataka and is familiar in the region as an institution of excellence.
- The campus of Karnatak College has a typical architectural grandeur surrounded by sylvan greenery.
- The College has well qualified faculty and 60.86 percent of faculty members are PhD guides.
- Records are well maintained by all the Departments but there is scope for further improvement.
- Some of the classrooms have CC TV Cameras.
- There is dearth of human resource in the main office and requires minimum of two more staff and a computer operator.
- The college runs distinctive courses such as MTTA, BTA, PG Diploma in Hotel and Hospitality services.
- It has also Foreign Languages as optional subjects at undergraduate level.
- There is a language laboratory that needs further upgradation.
- NSS unit is doing an excellent and innovative service and has brought laurels to the college.
- Health Centre is well equipped and needs renovation for the building where it is housed and requires almirahs to store expensive and other medicines.

Commendations:

- Most of the faculty members are actively involved in research activities.
- Extracurricular activities in terms of NCC, NSS and Cultural activities are commendable.
- Empowering lady students with self defence techniques like rifle training and karate is highly commendable.
- Cent percent placement of students in the Department of Tourism Studies is commendable.
- Department of Management Studies students are well trained in terms of organization visits and dissertation works.

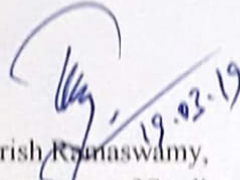
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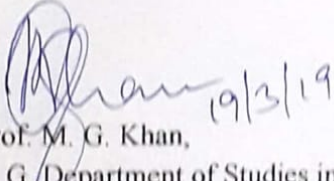
- The college has an excellent faculty and they need to be encouraged and supported.
- The faculty has both innovative ideas and dedication that needs channelling with good leadership.
- The academic performance of the staff is more than satisfactory but they need some infrastructural support to strengthen their efforts at research output.
- The infrastructural facilities in the office and the computer lab need to be further strengthened.
- CC TV Cameras are to be installed in all classrooms and on the campus as it is a heritage building so also improvement in security services is needed.
- Some of the departments such as Philosophy where there is a dwindling strength of students need administrative strategy for their survival. We recommend that these subjects should find place in recombination with active departments such as History, Economics and Philosophy so that students will choose them and study.
- Departments such as Anthropology, MTTA, Psychology, etc. where they have field work and practical classes in their syllabi must get budgetary support and state of laboratories with adequate funding for their lab maintenance. They should be encouraged to prepare brochures highlighting their field work results and lab facilities to attract more students.
- Permanent faculty recruitment is a priority area as many departments are practically running on Teaching Assistants and guest faculty – while the TAs are qualified they also need job security and hence preference should be given to them at the time of recruitment.
- Renovation work of the building in respect of Health Centre and Department of Psychology needs immediate attention. The wash rooms need upgradation and maintenance.
- Faculty members should involve in their departmental activities in harmony and must concentrate on organising national level conferences, seminars and other academic activities with interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary content.

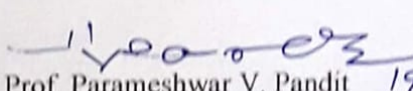
- They should also hold academic activities using the interdepartmental resources on issues of contemporary relevance such as cultural studies – departments like languages can come together to organise these academic activities.
- Departments like Sanskrit and Kannada can concentrate on classical and indigenous literature to highlight our cultural strengths and enlighten general public on the significance of traditional knowledge and living styles.
- Faculty members are to be encouraged to publish more research papers and research oriented books while text book writing in English and Kannada be encouraged with incentives.
- Departments must concentrate on tapping resources for holding academic activities by twining with funding agencies and government institutions like archives, RDPR etc.
- The departments must also move MoUs like the MTTA department and jointly organise academic activities.
- Alumni Associations are to be strengthened at the department level and make use of the network to develop the department.
- Add-on courses such as soft skills, skill in writing etc by associating with the Skill Development Centre of Karnatak University. Also with tie up with the Equal Opportunity Cell they can train students for competitive examinations.
- For the benefit of students teachers must take extra time to develop their knowledge and employability by organising programmes with University Employment and Guidance Bureau.
- Departments with Post Graduate studies must be given opportunity to teach both Undergraduate and Post Graduate courses as many of faculty in Commerce, Economics and other departments are well qualified to teach.
- There is a need to establish a full-fledged Computer lab with at least 100 computers to strengthen computer facility and accessibility with internet connectivity for the benefit of students and teachers.

- There is a need for a separate computer lab and photocopying facility on the campus.
- Awareness programme about use of e-learning resources for teachers as well as students are to be organised.
- The machineries for kitchen lab of BTA/MTA are to be procured and the budget for the department be increased.
- BBA is one of the important courses suffering due to dwindling strength of the students, be supported by permitting them to have on their BOS invited members from industry to restructure their syllabi as per the statutory provision.

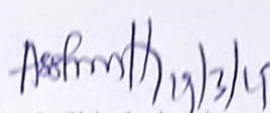
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