

EVOLUTIONARY MILESTONES: THE JOURNEY OF BISHOP COTTON WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Bishop Cotton Women's Christian Law College, affiliated to Karnataka State Law University Hubballi, Approved by Government of Karnataka, Recognised by Bar Council of India New Delhi, and established in 2002 by CSI TA Karnataka Central Diocese (Church of South India Trust Association) under the able guidance of the Bishop, Karnataka Central Diocese as the Chairman. In the year 2019, the college was recognised under the status of 12B and 2f of the UGC Act 1956. The College is a registered member of India Survey on Higher Education of Government of India

Embarking on a transformative journey in legal education, “Empowering Women Empowering India” a vision envisaged by Dr. Elizabeth Thomas, Former Principal of Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College, initiated an integrated 5year B.A.LL. B course. Bishop Cotton Women's Christian Law College was ceremoniously inaugurated on July



14, 2002. A watershed moment transpired on August 1, 2002, as the initial classes commenced for the batch, I year B.A., LL.B., under the adept leadership of Dr. A.P. Porkodi, who assumed the pivotal role of the First Principal and the college being affiliated to the Bangalore University.

Charting a course of expansion, commenced the 3-year LL. B course in the academic year 2007-08, same year the institution also laid the foundation stone for a new building on the August 18, 2007, reflecting its vision for growth and enhancement. In January 2009 the new additional building was inaugurated.

In June 2009, all law colleges in Karnataka were brought under the umbrella of Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi, and therefore the affiliation shifted from Bangalore University to Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi, signifying a strategic shift in its academic alignment.



In the academic year 2012-13, the college transitioned to B.B.A., LL. B (5 Years Course), diversifying its educational wing.

STALWARTS OF PROGRESS: PIONEERING LEADERSHIP AT BISHOP COTTON WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN LAW COLLEGE

Dr. A P Porkodi assumed the role of first principal on 1st August 2002, emerged as the stalwart and visionary pioneer, embodying a robust personality that served as the bedrock for Bishop Cotton Women's Christian Law College. Her leadership was characterized by a resolute demeanour, marked by a strong and unwavering commitment to the institution's ideals. As the first principal, she stood as a formidable pillar, laying the foundation for the college's formative years.



This leadership baton was passed to **Dr. Shiny Harsha** on August 27, 2016, marking a transition that brought fresh perspectives and direction. She assumed the leadership mantle with grace and dynamism, infusing the institution with her innovative vision. Her leadership was marked by a forward-thinking approach, ushering in new perspectives that revitalized the academic and administrative landscape. Dr. Shiny Harsha's tenure was characterized by her astute and progressive direction, contributing to the college's evolution and growth. She brought a dynamic and visionary spirit to the helm, ensuring a harmonious blend of tradition and modernity in the pursuit of academic excellence.



Prof. Dr. Indirani, K S stands as a paragon of excellence, seamlessly amalgamating the qualities of a resolute leader, understanding mentor, and an invaluable administrator. Her transition from the role of in-charge principal to the position of principal is a testament to her adept navigation of the academic landscape, displaying meticulous precision in her decision-making. She fosters collaboration with an empathetic approach, earning admiration from faculty and students. As a skilled administrator, she excels in managing academic intricacies with perfection.



COLLEGE MOTTO: *Nec Dextrorsum Nec Sinistrorsum*

This Latin expression means "neither to the right nor to the left"-but on straight on, Prophet Moses commanded the Israelites not to deviate from the law of God with the same words (Joshua 23: 6). This moto was given by Dr. G U Pope to the Bishop Cotton School. The college has inherited the same motto through its parent institutions.

THE COLLEGE SHIELD AND CREST



The Emblem of the college is the Crest of Bishop Cotton of Calcutta. The Crest is divided vertically down the centre. The right of the shield is called the Dexter and the left the Sinister. At the left of the Crest are found the arm of Bishopric of Calcutta- the Bishop's Mitre (head-dress), the Bishop's staff and the open Bible. The right side of the Crest contains the arms of the ancient house of Combermere in England to which Bishop Cotton belonged. The white figures of '8' like shapes represent skeins of Cotton. The inverted 'V' is chevron which is supposed to represent the gable of a house which was usually granted to a family for distinguished service in a siege.

In keeping our Cultural heritage students are instilled with human values through various programmes conducted in Bishop Cotton Women's Christian Law College. Students are trained to work hard, stick to discipline, aim to achieve the highest and march on to conquer the whole world as good leaders. Bishop Cotton Women's Christian Law College is the right place for those who aspire for a versatile experience, wide knowledge, and good scholarship.

MISSION STATEMENT

1. Venturing to make a difference in the legal fraternity and society at large.
2. Addressing the social issues to bring a change in the society and to empower women.
3. Imparting knowledge and values in depth to be the standard and excellent citizens.

VISION STATEMENT

1. To sensitize the students to be a change in the legal fraternity and uphold justice in all circumstances.
2. To endeavor for the holistic betterment of the women and children, needy and the community at large.
3. To practice and uphold the values of integrity, commitment and all virtues and attempt great things for God expecting nothing.

ABOUT THE COURSE

1. The “The Karnataka State Law University’s Regulations” governs the 5 year B.B.A., LL.B Integrated Degree Course and 3 years LL.B Degree Course.
2. The duration of the B.B.A., LL. B course shall be five academic years consisting of TEN Semesters. After Pre– University/ Twelfth standard education, one can opt for a 5-year Law Course single mindedly like any other professional courses namely Medicine, Architecture and Engineering.
3. The duration of the LL. B Course shall be three academic years consisting of SIX Semesters. After completing Degree course of any discipline one can join 3 years Law course
4. Each Academic year shall be divided into two semesters.
5. The course also provided practical training, the students of 5 yrs. integrated course are to complete 20 weeks of internship that is four weeks of internship for every year of their study. The 3yrs course shall complete 12 weeks of internship, that is four weeks for every year of their study. They are further trained, attending courts- witnessing and recording the stages of cases, attend Lok Adalat, witness client interview in the chamber visit, witness mediation process at mediation centers, and impart legal knowledge as paralegal volunteers to the various stake holders of the society.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Bishop Cotton Women's Christian Law College boasts a well-rounded and conducive infrastructure, set within a picturesque and lush green campus that enhances the overall academic ambience. The institution is fortified with a state-of-the-art library, providing a comprehensive repository of legal literature and e-library. An expansive auditorium accommodates various events, fostering a space for academic discussions and extracurricular activities. A well-equipped Moot Court Hall, gym equipped with modern amenities, cafeteria, reading room, girl’s common room, separate rooms for various cells and clubs, hostel facility, spacious parking, an open-air stage, Free Legal Services Clinic, Mediation Centre, Research and Development Centre and Women and Child Centre facilitates immersive legal simulations. To cater to the holistic development of students, the college provides a dedicated Sports room and yoga classes for physical and mental activities. Additionally, a cutting-edge computer lab complements the academic environment, ensuring students have access to technological resources. The well-equipped classrooms are designed to facilitate an optimal learning

environment, integrating modern teaching aids, and fostering an enriching educational experience.



SPECIAL FEATURES OF BISHOP COTTON WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN LAW COLLEGE

1. It is unique, to be the only exclusive college for women in the state of Karnataka to impart legal education for women alone.
2. It has a spacious and beautiful infrastructure in the lush green campus.
3. Our faculty comprises extensively qualified professionals who foster strong connections with students, cultivating a supportive learning atmosphere to guarantee an optimal educational journey for each student. Beyond the confines of the classroom, they embrace real-world learning, share best practices, and showcase a lifelong commitment to the joy of learning.
4. To foster the holistic development of college and student fraternity, the college has diverse array of cells and clubs namely- Legal Services Clinic, SC/ST Cell, NSS Unit, Youth Red Cross Unit, Anti Ragging Cell, Prevention of Sexual Harassment Cell, Girl Student Grievance Cell, Human Rights Cell, Placement Cell, Research and Development Cell and Women and Child Cell. We also have the elected Student Council- Student Welfare Committee, Kannada Club, Social Service Club, Environment Club, Fine Arts Club, Sports Club and Deborah Club. Students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.
5. The college not only emphasizes academic excellence but strives for lifelong learning through innovative and technological driven approach, combining traditional and modern methods of teaching. Students are encouraged to participate in various curricular and extra-curricular activities.

6. Activities Organized by the College:

- National Moot Court Competition- **Prudentia Conscientia Ingenium Occursus**, meaning **Wisdom, Knowledge, and Talent Meet** is conducted every year by the College.
- To foster a blend of knowledge, creativity, and strategic acumen the college conducts a National Level Cultural, Legal and Management Fest **INTEGRATO**. INTEGRATO in Latin is **Integration** or **Bringing People Together**. This desires to bring students of different fields and professions, to promote a sense of equality, friendship, and sportsmanship.
- The college hosts **International/ National/ State Level Conferences, Workshops and Seminars**, bringing together the legal luminaries from various strata of society.



7. The aim of **Legal Services Clinic** is to provide free legal aid services to those in need and this is achieved with the assistance of District Legal Service Authority and a panel of advocates. The college has adopted 5 villages in the Anekal Taluk with the goal of making them litigation free.



The **NSS Unit** has 100 volunteers. The objective of the unit is to provide community services by conducting various activities through awareness programs with the aim of fulfilling sustainable goals. The Unit adopts a village every year and conducts services. Every year a special camp is conducted at the adopted village for seven days, where the NSS volunteers along with the program officer provide their community services.



The motto of **Youth Red Cross Unit** is “Serve”. The College is associated with the Indian Red Cross Society, Karnataka Division. The Unit encourages the students to extend their humanitarian services through social and health awareness programs.



Sports – The aim of the club is to provide healthy sporting habits and Sportsmanship; in this regard the college encourages the students to take part in various tournaments.

The students are grouped in five houses that are named after flowers.

BLUE BELLS (Blue)-Depicts the qualities of humanity, gratitude, and constancy of love.

CALENDULA (Orange)-Depicts happiness and health which is the breath of life.

DAFFODILS (Yellow)-Depicts the quality of sympathy and unreciprocated love.

GLADIOLA (Red)-Depicts the strength of character.

MAGNOLIA (Pink)-Depicts the qualities of nobility, perseverance, and the love for the nature.



8. The **Placement cell** serves as a vital intermediary between the academic world and the job market, ensuring the students have the best opportunities in their chosen fields and have conscientiously taken on the responsibility of aiding students in the pursuit of diverse internships and placement opportunities by grooming students to face interviews, judicial exams and other competitive exams and aspire the students in pursuit for higher education abroad.

STUDENTS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

UNIVERSITY RANKS:

Every year our Students secure University Ranks at the Karnataka State Law University Examinations.

- In the academic year **2016-2017**, B.B.A., LL.B, 5 years Course, Ms. Chaitra. L. secured the 2nd Rank; Ms. Banu Elamathy. I secured the 4th Rank and LLB, 3 year Course Ms. Munseera. K.P secured the 7th Rank.
- In **2017-18**, B.B.A., LL.B, 5 years Course, Ms. Abhilasha R secured 1st Rank, Ms. Varaganthi Sai Sampretha secured 3rd Rank, Ms. Manish Mahalingam secured 5th Rank, Ms. Mikhiya Anna Viju secured 8th Rank and Ms. Timandra Anthea Doherty secured 10th Rank.

- In **2018-19**, B.B.A., LL.B, 5 years Course, Ms. Shivangi Ranjan secured 4th Rank, Ms. Gouthami G secured 9th Rank and Ms. Sneha Tiwari secured 10th Rank.
- In **2019-20**, LLB, 3 year Course, Ms. Madhushree G S secured 7th Rank
- In **2020-21**, B.B.A., LL.B, 5 years Course Ms. Preksha R Lalwani secured 5th Rank
- In **2021-22**, B.B.A., LL.B, 5 years Course Ms. Aleena secured 5th Rank and Ms. Pooja Secured 10th Rank.

STUDENTS HAVE BROUGHT LAURELS TO THE COLLEGE BY WINNING PRIZES AT VARIOUS COMPETITIONS.

ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE INTERNATIONAL/ NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITIONS:

Moot Court Competition

- Karnataka State Law University **National Moot Court Competition**, Ms. Ayushi Jovita D'souza of 4th year B.B.A., L.L.B won the "Best Lady Advocate".
- Winners at the B. M Sreenivasaiah Memorial 8th National Moot Competition 2023, Ms. Kungumaishwarya of V Year B.B.A., LL. B, Ms. Ayushi Jovita D'souza & Ms. Advika Nayana Bhonsle of IV Year B.B.A., LL. B (5 Years Course).



Sports Achievement

- **Ms. Malati J J** represented KSLU at the ALL-INDIA UNIVERSITY MEET. She also secured first place at the Inter- collegiate cross-country competition organized by Government Law College, Kolar in association with Karnataka State Law University.



Cultural Achievement

- Students of our college participated and secured second place at the BHAVAYAMI – The Cultural Fest 2023, which was conducted by Malleswaram Ladies Association Academy of Higher Learning & First Grade College for Women in association with Lions Club International District – 317 A & Lions Club of Bangalore Elite.



Model Parliament Achievement

Madhumikha Menon 4th Year B.B.A., LL. B participated in the Mock Parliamentary Debate Competition and secured 7th place and was selected for State level Mock Parliamentary Debate Competition held at Vidhan Soudha, Bengaluru.



Selected To State RD Celebration

Patricia L of 3rd Year B.B.A., LL. B, NSS Volunteer was selected to represent Karnataka State Law University at the 76th State RD Parade, held at UAS GKV Campus, Bengaluru.



Chandrika of 2nd Year B.B.A., LL. B and Devi Jaisri of 1st year LL. B represented Karnataka State Law University at the NSS State Level Youth Festival, held at Mysuru University.



Best Paper

Nagamani S was awarded the Best Research Paper, organised by Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies in association with KILPAR and Madhumikha Menon secured First Place at the State Level Debate Competition organised by Vivekananda College of Law, Bengaluru,



ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED AROUND THE YEAR

INVESTITURE

The academic year begins with the installation of the Student Union and Student Council, either by election or nomination. The office bearers are elected or nominated based on their academic and extracurricular merit.



COMMENDATION DAY

Commendation Day is organized by the College to reward the meritorious students who secured Highest Marks amongst their Classmates. They are awarded with Medals and Certificates,



MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Every academic year, Moot Court Club organizes training sessions for whole college before it can conduct the Intra Moot Court Competition, from which the members of its panel are selected. These the members are further trained to enhance their mootng skills and participate in various competitions. The college also hosts the National Level Moot Court Competition- **Prudentia Conscientia Ingenium Occursus**



CELEBRATE THE TEACHER'S DAY AND OTHER FESTIVALS

The Fine Arts club organizes and celebrates Teacher's Day. The club also celebrates the festivals of India, like Ugadi, Pongal, Sankranti, Onam, Gudi Padwa, Bihu, etc., as the college has students from all over India a melting point of various cultures.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Christmas is organized and celebrated by the Deborah Club. The celebration is grandeur as it is celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ; it starts with worship session, nativity play, Carol singing and to add to the celebration fun games are conducted.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND VALEDICTORY FOR THE FINAL YEAR STUDENTS

Thanksgiving Service and Valedictory function is organised by the college for its final year students (5year B.B.A., LL. B Course and 3year LL. B Course).

Thanksgiving Service is prayers offered to God to invoke God's Blessing upon the outgoing students. In the evening Valedictory is organised to bid farewell to them, students who have excelled in their performance (either duty or activities) during their term at the Cottons' are awarded. The highest award **Best Law Cottonian** is given to the student being the best all-rounder, fulfilling certain criteria-Academic Excellence, Regularity in Attendance, Punctuality, Participation in activities within and outside college, Contribution to college, Co-operation with authorities, Behaviour, Discipline, Manners and Strict Observance of the rules of the College.



LAW COTTONIAN FAMILY

TEACHING STAFF



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



MAINTENANCE STAFF

