

## The New Miraj Education Society's Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Miraj

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

Miraj is a taluka place in Sangli district on the bank of the holy river 'Krishna', it is famous on the world map for its medical treatment. Miraj has already been established as medical tourism. It started practicing medical tourism. Besides medical hub, Miraj is also famous for classical music with great personalities like Ustad Abdul Karim Khan, Pandit Vishnu Digambar Paluskar and other noted personalities. It is also known for the production of musical instruments, such as, Sitar, Tanpura and Tabala. The Dargah of Hajarat Mirasaheb is famous in Miraj is the symbol of a general harmony of Hindu-Muslim community. The college is proud to be located in a city with vibrant cultural, historical traditions and background.

The Women's Education Society, Sangli led by its president educationist Late Advocate G. B. Deshmukh obtained a permission to start a college for women in Miraj in June 1983. In September 1983 a Resolution was passed by the Women's Education Society to handover the Kanya Mahavidyalaya to the Abhinav Shikshan Mandal. The Abhinav Shikshan Mandal, Miraj was a society registered on 02/09/1983 with its chairperson Dr. Shri. A. B. alias Kakasaheb Marathe, a renowned Philanthropist and industrialist. The other founder members of the society included imminent personalities including Late Shri. Dr. D. K. Gosavi, Late Shri. B. S. Bapat, Late Dr. Shri. V. B. Inamdar. In 1983, the college began with 90 Students. At the beginning people were sceptical about functioning and long-term existence of the college. The society members, teaching and non-teaching staff went door to door to convince the parents from Miraj city and rural area to send their girls to study in the college. In 1985, the Government of Maharashtra sanctioned grant to this college only because of women's college. Then under the guidance of Shri. Arvindrao Marathe the college started growing, from 90 students in 1983 to 2000 students in 2020.

The Abhinav Shikshan Mandal decided to merge with The New Miraj Education Society in 2007. The decision was based on University and UGC requirements along with making better use of facilities owned by both the Societies. After merging on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007, the college obtained permanent affiliation from Shivaji University and subsequently obtained the status of 12B & (2F) from UGC.

The New Miraj Education Society runs the following institutions:

- 1. Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Miraj A Junior & Senior college with Arts & Commerce faculties, where women can obtain education right from 11th std. to Masters' Degree courses.
- 2. Shri Balwantrao Marathe Vidyalaya A secondary co-ed school from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> standard along with regular classes, we also run a unit for deaf- dumb students from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> std.
- 3. The Unit for slow learners.
- 4. Shri. Dinakarrao Gokhale Prathmik Vidyalaya A primary co-ed school from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> standard along with regular classes.
- 5. Little Orchids International Pre-School Play Group: 1.5 yrs. to 2.5 yrs. Pre-Kg: 2.5yrs to 3.5yrs.

The motto of Kanya Mahavidyalaya is "Amtrutam tu Vidya". The mission of the college is - "We dedicate ourselves to the cause of comprehensive personality development of the students and prepare them for the cause of social upliftment by providing them with the excellent academic and ethical education along with physical education".

The Goals of the college are –

- 1. To Provide students with appropriate academic and moral education that would enable them to encounter successfully the challenges of the modern-millennium.
- 2. To Make students self-confident and economically self-reliant by exposing them to the problems of present socio-economic environment.
- 3. To Inculcate the students with values of gender equality and the scientific attitude that would help them to mould the future generation of the society.

The Management has gradually built up a corpus for constructing a separate building of the college. It has been completed in 2009-2010. At present the college has adequate number of classrooms and well-equipped Administrative Office, Library, N.C.C., N.S.S., career Guidance and Counselling Cell, Gymkhana, Digital Classroom with ICT, Auditorium, Placement Cell, Competitive Examination Guidance Centre, Examination Section, Literary Club, Social Sciences Forum, Avishkar Cell, etc.in order to facilitate the curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The well-equipped computer lab which provides free internet broad-band facility to all the students and faculty. The management has instituted various endowment prizes by generously contributing to the funds. It also encourages the staff by felicitating for their achievements in research and other activities.

The atmosphere in the college is very healthy and cordial. The strength of college is the women students who comes from rural area, minorities, socially deprived communities and economically backward class. Honestly we would like to point out that it is possible for Muslim students to get education only because of this college. The college also started post graduate courses in Economics and Commerce from June 2010. In order to expand the scope of English, Hindi and Marathi degree courses, demand for M.A. courses will be made from the university. The college also started carrier-oriented and value-added courses like GST, Marketing, Awareness in Gender Sensitivity, Human Rights etc. The Distance Education Center of Shivaji University has been started in the college from the year 2020. Besides, the Study Center of Yashwantaro Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik has been functioning since 2002.

Student support and their progression to higher education are looked after by the college sincerely. It offers welfare schemes for both the staff and students, Meritorious Scholarships, Medini Anjanikar Scholarship, Prof. S. R. Patil Financing Scheme, Advanced and Slow Learners Scheme, Proactive Alumni Association, Student Aid Fund, Late Shila Gokhale Adaptation Scheme, Cycle Bank Scheme, Abhinav College Magazine, Personal and Career Counselling, Students Mentoring Scheme, Annual Gathering and Prize Distribution Ceremony, Matoshri Purskar, Shri. Arvindrao Marathe Elocution Competitions, Concession of Admission Fees, Payments of Admission Fees in instalments, Special Incentives to the N.C.C. Cadets and Sport students, etc. are some of the remarkable mechanism/schemes to support the students. Expert and experienced staff, tradition of excellent results, consistent success in sports and various competitions, safe campus for girls are the features that college has always maintained.

Many alumni who have studied in this college are working in various fields. Many students have been included in the University's merit list while some students have excelled in sports. Some N.C.C. cadets have taken part in the Republic Day parade in Delhi. The college has also bagged several prizes in the University Youth Festival. In addition, the college has achieved success four times in a row in the Avishkar Research Convention.

The success achieved by the students in various fields shows that the quality of education in the college is commendable. The society, college and its staff are always committed to provide quality, skill-based and career-oriented education to the students in the changing scenario.