

THE KARNATAKA JESUIT PROVINCE SOCIETIES

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The Karnataka Jesuit Province carries forward the educational mission of the Society of Jesus through its various registered educational and charitable societies spread across the state of Karnataka. These societies have been established at different times to respond to the educational needs of diverse regions and communities while remaining united in the Jesuit vision of forming compassionate, committed, competent, creative, and confident citizens.

The seven societies functioning under the Karnataka Jesuit Province are:

- 01) Karnataka Jesuit Educational Society (KJES) - 1956
- 02) Anekal Jesuit Educational & Charitable Society (AJECS) - 1976
- 03) Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society (BJES) - 1973
- 04) Bijapur Jesuit Educational & Charitable Society (BJECS) - 2006
- 05) Hassan Jesuit Educational Society (HJES) - 1974
- 06) Mangalore Jesuit Educational Society (MJES) - 1973
- 07) North Karnataka Jesuit Educational & Charitable Society (NKJECS) - 1992

Through these societies, the Karnataka Jesuit Province manages and supports a wide network of educational institutions ranging from schools and pre-university colleges to institutions of higher education, technical training centres, and social outreach programmes. Inspired by the Jesuit tradition of excellence in education, these institutions strive to provide quality, holistic, and value-based education that promotes intellectual growth, character formation, social responsibility, and leadership.

A distinctive feature of the educational ministry of these societies is their commitment to the education and empowerment of the marginalized and underprivileged sections of society. In keeping with the Jesuit preference for serving those at the margins, special attention is given to students from economically weaker backgrounds, rural communities, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, minorities, migrant families, and other vulnerable groups. Various initiatives such as scholarships, fee concessions, remedial coaching, hostels, mentorship programmes, and community outreach activities ensure that educational opportunities reach those who are often excluded from mainstream development.

The institutions under these societies foster an environment that nurtures academic excellence alongside human values such as integrity, justice, compassion, inclusiveness, respect for diversity, and care for creation. Through curricular and co-curricular activities, students are encouraged to become socially conscious individuals who contribute positively to society and work towards building a more just and equitable world.

Over the decades, the seven Jesuit societies have made significant contributions to the educational landscape of Karnataka. Their collective efforts continue to transform lives by providing accessible, affordable, and quality education rooted in Jesuit values. By combining academic excellence with a preferential option for the poor and marginalized, these societies remain faithful to the Jesuit mission of forming men and women for and with others, committed to the service of faith and the promotion of justice.

The Karnataka Jesuit Province remains grateful for the dedication of its Jesuit members, collaborators, teachers, staff, alumni, benefactors, and well-wishers who contribute to the success of this educational mission. Together, these societies continue to shape generations of young people who are equipped with knowledge, values, and a commitment to social transformation.

