

BELGAUM DIOCESE BOARD OF EDUCATION & SOCIAL WELFARE (BDBE & SW)

Secretary – **Fr. Gerard John D'Silva**



1. Introduction

- **Name of the Society** : Belgaum Diocese Board of Education & Social Welfare (BDBE & SW)
- **Year of Establishment** : 1969
- **Brief background of the Society** :

The Society is registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960, having its Registered Office at BC 69 Bishop's House Belagavi. The chairman of the Society is the Bishop of Belgaum. The society has a governing board consisting of 12 members including the Secretary and Chairman. All Governing Board members are religious (either Priests or Sisters). The main objective of the Society is to provide quality education for all, with special focus on the poor and the marginalized in the society. AGM of the Society is held every year in which the activities of the society for the year are discussed. A Governing board is elected for a term of two years which meet regularly and all major decisions relating to the society are taken in the Governing Board meetings.

- **Number of Institutions under the Society:**

PG	:	Nil
UG	:	5
Technical Institutions	:	1
Pre University Colleges (PUC)	:	4
ICSE Board Schools – (ISC 12 th , High Schools, Hr. Pry & Nursery Schools)	:	Nil
CBSE Board Schools – (CBSE 12 th , High Schools, Hr. Pry & Nursery Schools)	:	Nil
State Syllabus Schools – (High Schools, Hr. Pry & Nursery Schools)	:	42

2. Vision and Mission

Vision:

To co-ordinate the activities of all the educational institutional in the Diocese, which have been established by Catholic Organisations and primarily meant for Catholic Students, but are also open to all other Communities without any distinction of caste or creed.

Mission:

To promote education and to help maintain the highest possible educational standards.

To conduct Social Welfare activities of Upliftment, empowerment, sponsorships, scholarship of schools, boarding's and orphanages,

3. Society Activity Report

A daylong seminar for heads of schools was conducted on two separate occasions in Belgaum and Dharwad by the Secretary, KRCE, and Bangalore. Administrative and legal issues related to schools were discussed at these seminars.

As in the previous year, a series of Teacher Enrichment Programmes were conducted in clusters of schools over a period of 2 weeks by a resource person well versed in applied psychology. Topics such as educational psychology, student-teacher relations, AI (Artificial intelligence) and its impact on student learning, trends in AI and preparing teachers for the impact of AI on students and teachers was dealt with. Once again, teachers liked the topics and the way the subject was presented.

It seems like the effects, of Covid 19 still has a lingering effect on school children. Shorter attention spans, weaker foundations in subjects overlooked during Covid holidays and lack of instruction and monitoring during those days still have their effects on children. As was the trend in schools all over Karnataka, this year the SSLC results were below the expected level. Efforts are being made to ascertain why this has happened and measures are being taken to see that the results improve in future.