

URSULINE FRANCISCAN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY (UFES)

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Name of the Society: **Ursuline Franciscan Educational Society® (UFES)**

Year of Establishment: **1964**



The **Ursuline Franciscan Educational Society (UFES)** traces its inspiration to **St. Angela Merici**, who pioneered the education of girls in **Brescia, Italy**. Inspired by her vision, **Fr. Urban Stein S.J.** founded the Company of St. Ursula in Bolar, Mangalore, in **1887**. Under the leadership of **Mother Nympha Fernandez**, the first Ursuline community house was built in **1901**, where activities such as a half-day free school for the poor and needlework classes for girls began—marking the humble beginnings of **UFES**.

To address the need for basic education for the poor, **St. Ursula's School** was started in **1892** and expanded in **1901**, later receiving a new block in **1952**. Over time, the **Ursuline Sisters** opened technical and needlework training centres and expanded their educational mission to places such as **Hunsur, Thirthahalli, Santikoppa, and Koppa** between **1951 and 1958**. From **1960 to 1963**, several schools, including high schools, were added.

With the establishment of **Lourdes High School, Bejai**, the need for a formal organization arose. The **Ursuline Franciscan Educational Society** was officially registered on **3 April 1964** under the **Mysore Societies Act**. From **1965 to 1992**, many English and Kannada medium schools were established across Karnataka.

The Society expanded its mission beyond the state and country:

- **1986:** Began schools in **North-East India**.
- **1993:** Expanded to **North India** with schools up to Class 12.
- **2000:** Opened a **special school** for differently-abled students at Vamanjoor.
- **2002:** Entered **Pre-University education** with colleges in **Hubli** and **Hunsur** (today about eight P.U. colleges).
- **2004–2005:** Extended its mission to **Africa**, establishing schools in the Same Diocese.

The Society celebrated its **Golden Jubilee in 2014** and **Diamond Jubilee in 2024**. Continuing its growth, in **2026** UFES introduced an **MCA programme** in its UG College and established **two CBSE schools**, marking another milestone in its educational mission.

Number of Institutions under the Society:

PG & UG	01
Technical Institutions	05
Pre University Colleges (PUC)	08
ICSE Board Schools – (ISC 12 th , High Schools, Hr. Pry & Nursery Schools)	04
CBSE Board Schools – (CBSE 12 th , High Schools, Hr. Pry & Nursery Schools)	05
State Syllabus Schools – (High Schools, Hr. Pry & Nursery Schools)	12
Boarding / Orphanages	27

2. Vision : "I have come in order that you might have life in all its fullness" Jn10:10

Mission: Inspired by the teachings of Jesus and our patrons St Angela Merici and St Francis of Assisi, our founder Fr Urban Stein, and pioneers, we, the Ursuline Franciscan Sisters, aim at the integral development of each student of our formal and non-formal education institutions where our Sisters serve so that the students bring about the dimension of social justice, in the social, political, economic and cultural fabric of society.

Society Activity Report: The Ursuline Franciscan Educational Society® Along with all its institutions continues its mission of providing value based and holistic Education through a wide range of academic, co-curricular and community-oriented activities throughout the year. All the institutions foster intellectual growth, moral values, social responsibility and spiritual development among students. Academic enrichment programmes such as seminars, workshops, remedial classes, mentoring sessions and faculty development initiatives were regularly conducted for Parents, Teaching &



Non-teaching staff and students.

All our institutions appoint campus councillors and provide one to one guidance to student's parents & teachers who require support. Emphasis is laid on student-Centric approaches, skill development and leadership training. The society has launched the **Mother Nympha Adolescent Empowerment Programme** in all its institutions, which moulds students into true leaders involving them in social service activities.



The AEP programme is conducted from pre-primary level up to 10th standard, with monthly classes and activities involving parents. We are proud to have initiated the **Scarf stream Social change Agent Forum** which motivates students to reach out to the society with their skills and expertise. Through these initiatives, students learn to adapt to various situations, refrain from risky behaviours, and become valuable assets to their families and society.

The **UFE Society** focuses every year on specific themes that help students value the life and society. During the years 2022-24 the theme was **Secularism, Democracy and Fraternity**. For the year 2025-26 the focus is on the value of Peace and for the year 2026-27 the Society plans to focus on **Social cleanliness**. The intention behind these themes is to create true awareness among all in the society.



Every year the UFE Society conducts the **Basic counselling skill course** for the teachers with the help of our sister counsellors. Each year, **forty teachers** are trained for **six days** as residential participants. This year, **42 teachers** from all our institutions across Karnataka participated in the programme.



The Society conducts **two meetings every year** for the Headmistress, Principals, Managers, Wardens, Superiors and Governing Body Members. The **Annual General Body Meeting** is a gathering of all the stake holders of the society, where the input session, comprehensive annual report of the society is presented and discussed.

During this meeting the winners of the yearly programme are recognised and awarded, similarly the **SSLC, PUC, Degree toppers** are honoured and the future programmes and plans are deliberated. There is regular Inspection by the President, the Secretary and the deputy Secretary to all our institutions.



Every institution functions under the guidance of **the President, the Secretary, and the Governing Body members**. The departmental works are undertaken from time to time, and a good rapport is maintained with all the officials of the institution. All our institutions enjoy a **prestigious reputation in the society**, wherever they are situated.

