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1. Introduction

- Mysore Diocesan Educational Society
- 1961
- Brief background of the Society

The Mysore Diocesan Educational Society (MDES), established in 1966, is a registered organization responsible for administering and coordinating educational institutions founded by the Catholic Diocese of Mysore. Guided by its motto, “*To Know, To Love, To Serve,*” MDES promotes education, character formation and social transformation, especially in rural and remote areas of Karnataka.

The Diocese of Mysore had already begun its educational mission in the late 19th century with schools in parishes such as Virajpet and PG Palya. As these institutions grew, the Diocese recognized the need for a unified administrative structure. This led to the formation of MDES in 1966, providing legal identity and systematic management for all its educational initiatives.

The vision of MDES was strongly shaped by Rev. Dr. Matthias Fernandez, then Bishop of Mysore, who viewed education as a powerful means of empowering the poor and marginalized. From a humble beginning, the society expanded under successive bishops, priests, and dedicated lay collaborators. Over six decades, it has grown into a network of 153 institutions across Mysore, Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar.

MDES maintains quality through training programs, inspections, centralized recruitment, academic planning and infrastructure development. Through these efforts, it continues contributing to educational empowerment, social upliftment and nation-building

- Number of Institutions under the Society:
 - PG - 2
 - UG - 6
 - Pre University Colleges (PUC) - 19

- CBSE Board Schools – (High Schools - 5, Hr Pry - 5 & Nursery Schools 4)
- State Syllabus Schools – (High Schools - 38, Hr Pry -45 & Nursery Schools - 29)

2. Vision and Mission

Vision: Value based quality education for empowerment leading to enlightened, sustainable and healthy nation

Mission: To serve all people regardless of caste, creed or race, with special concern for rural and underprivileged communities. To promote values like love, harmony, sacrifice, service, and justice. To provide quality education that encourages learning and responsible citizenship, and develops self-sustaining institutions that nurture human excellence, spirituality and holistic education.

3. Society Activity Report

MDES ensures quality and consistency across its institutions, MDES undertakes a wide range of structured activities and initiatives such quality assurance programs, regular training for staff, systematic budgeting mechanisms, periodic visits and inspections by the MDES team, infrastructural development projects, centralized recruitment and staff training, centralized question paper setting for schools, subject-specific teacher trainings, etc.

These activities not only uphold academic excellence but also contribute to the all-round development of students and educators alike.

4. Photographs



Health Issues in Teens and 20's – St. Joseph's College for Women, Mysuru



Youth Day Celebrations - St. Joseph's College for Women, Mysuru



Green Campus, Clean Campus - St. Joseph's College for Women, Mysuru



Values and Life Skills Orientation by Rev. Fr. Edward William Saldanha, St. Joseph's, Central School, Vijayanagar, Mysuru



Career Guidance by Mr. Seby Mavelly, St. Joseph's School (CBSE), Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru.



Capacity-building programme by CBSE, St. Joseph's Central School, Yelwal, Mysuru