COLLEGE WITH POTENTIAL FOR EXCELLENCE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE I YEAR 2010-11

JSS College of Arts, Commerce & Science, Ooty Road, Mysore is located on a sprawling 8 acre plot in sylvan surroundings at the foot of Chamundi hills. The college offers a wide range of course both at the graduate & postgraduate levels. Besides, it offers a number of PG Diploma & Career oriented courses. Another unique course on offer is Sharana sahithya. It was conferred with autonomy in the year 2005 and was reaccredited with 'A' grade by NAAC in the year 2008. During the year 2008-09, the college ahs set up Centre for Buddha studies under UGC sponsored scheme. In 2010, Government of Karnataka sanctioned Bio-technology Finishing School to the college.

The College was bestowed with status of CPE by UGC under 11th plan in the year 2010. The college took up implementation of various activities in right earnest immediately after obtaining approval of action plan & budget.

The core committee and various subcommittees constituted for the formulation of action plan were actively involved in the various activities to achieve expected outcomes.

A grant of Rs. 75 lakhs was received on 15.04.2010. The approval for action plan & budget for 2010-11 was received on 13.08.2010. The salient features of the steps taken by the college in implementing the various activities are detailed below.

A. TEACHING (UG)

The college has undertaken various activities to enlighten teachers about innovative methods of teaching for effective delivery of revised curriculum.

The total amount spent on "Teaching (UG)" for the year is Rs. 22,71,680/-out of which Non-recurring expenditure is Rs. 13,47,241/- & Recurring expenditure is Rs. 9,24,439/-

A1. Adoption of ICT in teaching: 40 teachers were trained in the usage of ICT. The training was imparted by the faculty members of the department of Computer Science by conducting 40 hours of theory & practical classes. Many teachers are now familiar with the usage of various e-learning resources.

- **A2.** Implementation of CBCS & CAGP and introduction of vocational courses and skill oriented programmes: Preliminary discussions have been held for implementation of CBCS scheme at UG level. Curriculum has been designed by including latest developments for Certificate & Diploma courses in Animation and approved by Board of Studies & Academic Council. The course is proposed to be started from 2011.
- **A3.** Entrepreneurship Development & Career guidance: A Workshop on Entrepreneurship Development & Career guidance was held on 24.02.2011. Final year students were exposed to various aspects of Entrepreneurship development and career opportunities. The language lab has been augmented with 28 computers and software from M/s Young India Films has been procured. This has positively impacted the placement of students.

A4. Strengthening of laboratories & setting up of Hardware & Networking

Lab: The college has acquired apparatus required for effective implementation of revised curriculum. The college has also set up a Hardware & Networking Lab. These measures have helped to enhance the practical skills of students.

A5. Development of Library & Information Centre: The library & information centre is being integrated with MIS

B. TEACHING (PG)

Various programs have been undertaken towards imparting training to teachers for enhancement of quality of teaching and promotion of research.

The total amount spent on "Teaching (PG)" for the year is Rs. 8,94,240/-out of which Non-recurring expenditure is Rs. 8,66,100/- & Recurring expenditure is Rs. 28,140/-

- **B1. Adoption of ICT in teaching:** 30 teachers were trained in the usage of ICT. The training was imparted by the faculty members of the department of Computer science by conducting 40 hours of theory & practical classes. Many teachers are now familiar with the usage of various e-learning resources.
- **B2.** Implementation of CBCS & CAGP: A workshop on CBCS & CAGP was conducted on 6 & 7, August, 2010. The rules & regulations have been framed & approved by Academic Council.

The scheme has been implemented in all PG programmes.

B3. Introduction of chosen academic programmes: Master's degree in Commerce was started during the year 2010-11. Necessary infrastructure has been created & qualified faculty have been appointed.

- **B4.** Strengthening of laboratories & Setting up of Hardware & Networking Lab: Bio-technology & Biochemistry labs were strengthened by acquiring necessary equipment to fulfill the requirements of revised curriculum. A Software has been purchased for the Hardware & Networking Lab.
- **B5.** Development of Library & Information Centre: The library & information centre is being integrated with MIS

C. RESEARCH

Research activities in the college have received an impetus with the setting of central research facility and allied activities.

The total amount spent on "Research Facility" for the year is Rs. 35,62,991/- out of which Non-recurring expenditure is Rs. 35,15,833/- & Recurring expenditure is Rs. 47,158/-

- C1. Setting up of Central Research Facility: Orders have been placed to procure the required equipment for setting up of Central Research Facility.
- **C2. Setting up of Bioinformatics Lab:** Ten Computers have been purchased for starting Bio-informatics Lab.
- **C3. Publication of Research Journal:** Editorial Committee has been constituted for 'JSS Research Journal' & first issue will be published shortly.
- **C4.** Development of Library & Information Centre: The library & information centre is being integrated with MIS

D. EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Extension activities such as community services has been conducted as per our Action Plan.

The total amount spent on "Extension Activities" for the year is Rs. 1,19,938/- out of which Non-recurring expenditure is Rs. 57,592/- & Recurring expenditure is Rs. 62,346/-

D1. Community services: Socio-economic survey was conducted in Negathur, Kolavige & Sundanahalli Villages of Hunsur Taluk, Mysore in the month of March 2010. The report of the survey will be submitted to concerned authorities for necessary and needful action.

JSS High School, Srirampura, Mysore, has been adopted by the college for its development. Faculty of the college demonstrated experiments to students of the school. The college has provided required equipment for its laboratories and has furnished computer science laboratory.

D2. Extension activities by PG Departments of Bio-technology & Biochemistry: One day seminar was conducted on 20.10.10 to the teachers of undergraduate colleges on the topic "Ayurveda & Phytopharmaticticals".

E. ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES

Reforms in administration & examination are being carried out through adoption of MIS. A number of student-centric programmes have been undertaken.

The total amount spent on "Any Other Activities" for the year is Rs. 7,65,934/- out of which Non-recurring expenditure is Rs. 6,77,434/- & Recurring expenditure is Rs. 88,500/-.

- **E1. Adoption of MIS:** In the direction of adoption of MIS, networking is being done using optic fiber cable covering all the 4 floors in the college building having 389 points, with a centralized server located in the ground floor. Necessary software has been procured and it is under user training stage.
- E2. Adoption of Integrated Examination Automation System (IEAS) (Examination reforms): Development of a web enabled examination automation software that supports CBCS is in progress.
- **E3. Moral/Ethical Education & Stress management:** A workshop on 'Stress Management' was conducted for the students on 19.02.2011. A series of special lectures was organized on the following topics.
 - i) Yoga & Meditation for wellness
 - ii) Importance of values & morality
 - iii) Role of spirituality in life.

A number of books & CD related to moral & ethical educaion have been purchased.

- **E4. Cultural & political awareness:** Special lectures were organized on the following topics:
 - i) Right to Information
 - ii) Public Interest Litigation
 - iii) Monuments of Hampi

One day field trip was organized to Sravanabelogola, Beluru & Halebeedu for the students of History.

A Sony digital Camera has been purchased.

E5. Earn & Learn scheme: 50 merited students belonging to economically weaker sections of the society have worked in garden, library & sports ground of the college under earn & learn scheme.

CONCLUSION

Steps taken by the college under CPE Scheme have enabled the college to strengthen its infrastructure, introduce new courses, effective implementation of academic programmes, promotion of research and carrying out Extension activities.

The CPE scheme has encouraged the college to start M Sc in Physics, M Sc in Chemistry and MA in Kannada from the next academic year (2011-12) to meet the increased demand.

The college will carryout rest of all the proposed activities under CPE scheme in the year 2011-12 to realise the expected outcomes and thus fulfil the goals & objectives of CPE scheme.