

## **Best Practices**

Government College Mananthavady organises and executes its Best Practices under the collective undertaking of RIME (Responsible Interventions for the Marginalised and Environment) - a programme initiated by the institution itself to streamline its contributions to the surrounding society. The initiative takes responsibility for the curricular and co-curricular programmes of the college which are devised with an intention to address interests and issues of the local community. Under the same, the institution brings in select action plans to call for the attention and edify the support of our students, staff and local society to equip the unprivileged and preserve natural resources. Our project called by the name Koode, addresses the concerns of the oppressed classes of people in the surrounding locality and strives to empower them. In this mission, we intend to include schemes to free the target community of the multiple impediments preventing their active involvement in socio-intellectual processes. A second initiative under RIME named as Uravu involves activities for the conservation of natural resources, diversity, endemic knowledge and modes of living.

During the academic year 2019-20, the college continued with many of its ongoing initiatives designed to resolve local concerns and promote knowledge productivity.

### **Koode**

*Koode* is a programme initiated by our institution to nurture the overall growth and wellbeing of its student community and also of the immediate local community. One of the prime targets of this initiative is to spearhead multiple programmes organised at college level for the mental health and wellbeing of our students. Through this programme we make effective use of all the facilities available at college and local level to specify the issues of our students and address them accordingly. The programme charts plans to utilise the service of a Counsellor and Yoga instructor to cultivate an environment conducive to the overall growth of our students. Through Counselling and Yoga practices we are trying to provide a relaxed mind set, free from all tensions to our students. True to its name, *Koode*, seeks to spread its helping hands to the needy and offers to stand by them against all odds.

The programme maps under it multiple projects of the institution which target local community as beneficiaries. Under this, our institution executed the following programmes during 2019-20. The English Department of Our College proceeded with its Social Outreach Programme in this period with greater motivation and an intention to extend a supporting hand. As part of the Programme, the students and teachers of the English Department visited the Multi-Grade Learning Centre, Pulikkad adopted by the Department on August 1, 2019 and distributed study materials and activity tools for the students. Next year, on January 22, the department scheduled a special interactive session for the students of the MGLC. The children were brought to our College and engaged with multiple activities for the whole day. The activities were designed to sharpen the skills of these children, boost their confidence and also to motivate them to aspire for bigger aims in future. Another initiative of the institution *Kaithiri*- a mission to collect and contribute books to libraries in rural/tribal areas- continued to extend its support to some for the local libraries in different parts of our Taluk. *Ekalavya*, a new venture of our institution was launched on 3/12/2019.

This programme aims to provide archery training for talented school students with the help of our Physical Education Department. Under the auspices of this project, we scheduled a two-day workshop for the selected students on archery training and also arranged an exhibition of the equipment.

### **Uravu**

During the target period, the *Uravu* initiative of our college focused on sensitising the local community of the need to cultivate and use pesticide-free, quality food products. As the first step to implement the mission, we initiated a programme named as Suphala, which helped us to channelize the social responsibility and abilities of students and staff to start a vegetable garden in a nearby tribal colony.

The RIME initiative of this institution is now planning to shoulder greater responsibilities to match the need of the hour. Targeting such intentions a special seven member committee is formed to initiate and co-ordinate the programmes of RIME. The committee intends to widen and monitor the scope of the programmes under RIME to multiple areas like- green living initiatives; bridging the digital divide; co-ordinating alumni activities to enhance students' support; upliftment of the socially and economically backward by teaching basic soft skills, numerical skills and technical literacy; preservation of folk history, culture and arts; protecting indigenous knowledge by preserving and promoting seeds, plants and food culture endemic to the region etc. With improvements upon RIME as explained above, the institution hopes to make more positive contributions for the growth and welfare of our community