



### 7.3. Institutional Distinctiveness

Bijapur Lingayat District Educational Association (BLDEA) itself is a unique non-profit organisation established in 1910. Its objective is catering to the educational needs of underprivileged children and widening educational opportunities. BLDEA's Shri Sanganabasava Mahaswamiji College of Pharmacy and Research Centre (named after blessings of his holiness Paramapoojya Shri Sanganabasava Mahswamiji of Banthanal), since its establishment in the year 1982, the college is serving to cater the needs of students from all parts of India and outside India. In the circumstantial background of the association, the college has adopted and promoted several programs/schemes by which the college stand distinctive in various aspects such as;

1. Research activities
2. Faculty representation in university and other bodies
3. Corporate social responsibility
4. E-governance

#### 1. Research activities

Research is to see what everybody else has seen and to think what nobody else has thought. The BLDEA's SSM College of Pharmacy and Research Centre (SSMCOP) is one of premier institution in northern part of Karnataka. The staffs working in the institution were actively involved in research apart from the teaching. The research ideas of students and staff members are supported by various granting agencies performing ground breaking research in the pharmaceutical sciences for development and progression. The research grant received by all department shows the research eco system in the college. The number of teachers submitting their proposals for grant is appreciable and it is uniqueness of SSMCOP. Students from all parts of India are admitted for M. Pharm and Ph. D Programs. In the past 5-6 years, the college has received a research grant of Rs. 1.91 Cr. from various funding agencies such ICMR, VGST Govt. of Karnataka, RGUHS Bangalore, AICTE New Delhi etc, which include fellowships, grant for individual researcher, grant for organising seminars/workshops/conferences. Another distinctive feature of our organisation is awarding research incentives to Principal Investigator. Institute awards an incentive calculated @ 3% on non-recurring amount of the grant received. BLDE (Deemed to be University), a sister concerned organisation also supports financially to our staff members to carryout joint



research works with Medical College. The quality and quantity of research work is published in indexed journals (<https://bldeapharmacy.irins.org>). Patents granted and published indicate committed research being carried out at our institute. Our faculty members are nominated as editorial board members of journals published by RGUHS, Elsevier, Bentham Science, Wolters Kluwer Health etc, One of our staff member served as Editor-in Chief, for "Drug Invention Today (2012)" published by Elsevier.

## 2. Faculty representation in Universities/Apex bodies/Professional bodies/BLDEA Administration authorities.

**2.1 Faculty representation in Universities:** The SSMCOP is one of the reputed and well known colleges in RGUHS-Bangalore for having experienced staff. Staff members are recognised nominated by the Vice-Chancellor for the various categories of the administration such as Asst. Registrar, Academic Council Member, Faculty of Pharmacy, Board of Studies, members of Local Inspection Committee, resource persons for curriculum design workshops, etc. Our staff members are also representing in BLDE (Deemed to be University)'s various statutory bodies such as Board of studies, Doctoral Committee, Chairman for scientific committee of International Conference supported by UNESCO.

**2.2 Faculty representation in Apex bodies:** A good number, about twelve, staff members are in the "Panel of Inspectors" at Pharmacy Council of India which is an apex body established by Govt. of India to regulate Pharmacy Education in India.

**2.3 Faculty representation in Professional bodies:** Staff members hold positions like President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasures in "Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (APTI)".

**2.4 Faculty representation in BLDE Association's Administrative authorities:** Our faculty members hold honorary positions such as administrative officer, SOP Cell Coordinator, Central Purchase Committee Member.

## 3. E-Governance in administration/academic

Over the years, the SSMCOP has implemented a large number of initiatives; one among them was e Governance. Sustained efforts have been made at multiple levels to improve the delivery e governance services and simplify the process of accessing them. e-Governance has steadily evolved from computerization that encapsulate the finer points of Governance, such as fee management system, learning management system, admission



module, staff and student attendance, payroll, etc. to provide better service, orientation and transparency.

**3.1 E-Governance in administration:** Management has deployed GreytHR, All-In-One cloud based Payroll and HR software (<https://blde.greythr.com>) which will facilitate online capture of attendance which is linked to payroll and leave management. Admission and fee management is done through an online portal (<https://payment.bldea.org/finance>). In the year 2016, BLDEA management has established a 3-tier system of quality frame work to monitor Institute's operations. Management committee-Principal-Institute level committees will work on a common agenda set by the hierarchy for inculcating quality procedures. It operates through a portal (<http://bldeasopcell.in>) wherein annual targets have been set by management committee and the progress is reviewed monthly. Staff appraisals are collected and evaluated by experts other than our institute. All teaching staff, PG & internship students will update their daily work-done report on online SOP portal.

**3.2 E-Governance in academic:** Institute established "Advanced Teaching and Innovation Cell (<http://ssmcati.in>). The Cell is undertaking various innovative steps in advancing teaching methodologies and developed a user friendly online platform to facilitate the Teaching-Learning activities. Two-way participation of students-teacher is made possible.

#### 4. Social Responsibility:

Since its establishment, the institute has contributed in bringing awareness among society through various programs regarding usage of medicine, protection of environment and maintenance of healthy life. The distinctive work, undertook was manufacture and distribution of about 4500L of alcohol based sanitizer during Covid-19 1<sup>st</sup> lockdown period. With the help of Nandi Distillery, we manufactured and distributed the sanitizer to Vijayapur District Administration, District Hospitals & PHCs, Police department, State Transport departments. This herculean task was carried out with the financial support from BLDE Management; management has provided its vehicles, additional staff and other facilities. One more CSR was taken by our college was during first wave of Covid-19, PUC Board decided to conduct examination for English paper. DDPIPU requested to distribute sanitizer; our staff members took part in this noble cause, sprayed sanitizer to 9623 students and 300 staffs. The district administration, DDPIPU and Vice Chancellor, RGUHS, Bangalore has given the appreciation letter. (<https://bit.ly/Appreciationletter>)

  
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