INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

1. THEME

"Holistic Empowerment through Value-Based, Future-Ready Education"

2. RATIONALE

De Paul College, Mysore, inspired by the Vincentian vision of *integral human development*, serves as a beacon of value-based and socially responsible higher education in the region. Located in the rapidly growing township of Belagola, the college focuses on nurturing students—especially from economically and socially disadvantaged backgrounds—into confident, skilled, and ethical citizens.

Education at De Paul goes beyond classrooms; it aims to build a student's intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and professional self through a curriculum aligned with national priorities (NEP 2020) and global trends (Education 4.0). The institution is committed to the transformation of individuals and society through meaningful, inclusive, and future-ready education.

3. PRACTICES THAT REFLECT DISTINCTIVENESS

a) Value-Based Education and Spiritual Formation

Regular value education sessions, spiritual gatherings, and Vincentian service activities reinforce compassion, discipline, and respect for diversity.

b) Five Centers of Future-Ready Education

- Centre for Career Development Industry readiness programs, internships, and placement guidance.
- Centre for Personality Development Workshops on leadership, communication, and soft skills.
- Centre for Experiential and Service Learning Service projects, rural immersion, and field exposure.
- Centre for Research and Innovation UG and PG research mentoring, Ph.D. program in Commerce under Mandya University.
- Centre for Holistic Wellness and Mindfulness Counselling, yoga, and mental health support.

c) Global Collaborations

The MoU with Niagara University (USA & Canada) offers higher education pathways and scholarships for De Paul students and school-level learners, making global education more accessible.

4. OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

De Paul College has consistently demonstrated strong academic performance and student advancement. The following achievements exemplify its institutional impact:

• Academic Excellence:

- De Paul College consistently maintains an average pass percentage of above 90% across undergraduate and postgraduate programs, reflecting a strong academic support system and committed teaching practices.
- A significant highlight includes the award of a university gold medal in Language in 2018, a testament to the college's focus on excellence in communication and the humanities.
- The institution regularly records a high number of distinctions and first-class results, with students performing well in university examinations year after year.

• Skill Development and Add-on Programs:

- Over 20+ certificate courses and add-on programs conducted annually (Tally, Digital Marketing, Soft Skills, Entrepreneurship, etc.).
- o Training in emerging technologies and financial literacy under SEP-based curriculum.

• Financial and Social Support:

- Fee concessions, scholarships, and Vincentian financial assistance schemes benefit 30% of students annually.
- Free access to resources like computer labs, library, Wi-Fi, and study material for underprivileged students.

• Inclusive Student Welfare Initiatives:

- o Regular mentoring, grievance redressal, and bridge courses for academic support.
- o Career and personal counselling made available through the wellness center.

• Graduate Success:

- Alumni are placed in reputed firms, enrolled in international universities, and working in public service.
- Entrepreneurial support and incubation guidance are provided for aspiring student startups.

De Paul College continues to be a transformative space where knowledge meets compassion, and learners evolve into leaders with purpose.

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