

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), DEVAGIRI

GROOMING STUDENTS AS LEADERS

Our college having its motto as '*Pro Deo Et Patria*' (for God and for the Country) clearly states in the beginning of its Vision Statement that the College is started "To form leaders who are intellectually competent, spiritually mature, morally upright, psychologically acceptable who will champion the cause of justice, love, truth and peace and who are ever open to further growth". Thanks to the changing educational scenario, students are forced to confine themselves to their studies and it poses a challenge for the institution to realise its vision to form great leaders. The College has never shied away from its mission in creating a congenial environment for moulding leaders in the campus.

1. **Union Activities:** The college facilitates the conduct of College Union Election under Presidential System under effective supervision of the teachers. A department, on a rotation basis, is entrusted the responsibility of conducting election. An election campaign which lasts for a couple of days provides to a large number of students an occasion to interact with fellow students, a platform to express their ideologies, an opportunity to organise meetings, to address gatherings etc. A hassle-free election conducted every year also teach them indirectly how to defend one's own beliefs and to respect the opposite views.
A Union which consists of different office bearers and association secretaries who are elected by the students will organise and supervise the major functions of the college. They would conduct a series of programmes such as Union Day, Arts Day, Cultural Day, College Day etc. Other than these routine programmes mentioned they used to organise many other programmes. Apart from Union activities, students associations of different departments used to conduct department fests and take up other initiatives under the leadership of association secretaries.
2. **Moulding Leadership through Clubs and Forums:** All the clubs and forums including NSS and NCC are fully functional and so vibrant. Well qualified teachers have been appointed as the coordinators and they are mandated to submit quarterly reports of their activities to the principal. Since the key role in all these clubs are assigned to the students ranging from planning and initiating the activities to the preparation and submission of the activity report, this system has been empowering hundreds of students every year and contributing competent leaders to the society.
3. **Membership in official committees:** Majority of the official committees of the college consist of student representatives. Principal sees to it that student representatives are invited for the meetings, and involved in its activities.
4. **Leadership Training:** College arrange different programmes like ASAP, Civil Service Coaching , leadership programmes etc to impart leadership skills in the students.

A sizeable number of our alumni who have emerged as leaders in social, political, cultural, academic and religious fields reiterates the fact that the College by and large has succeeded to realise its primary goal to create great leaders for the country.