POMPEI COLLEGE AIKALA INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS 2019-20

Pompei College Aikala is located in the rural and agrarian environs near Kinnigoli in Dakshina Kannada District of Karnataka. It has been imparting quality higher education to the rural youth for nearly forty years since its inception in 1981 by Rev Fr Bernard L D'Souza. The College takes pride in having helped hundreds of students from disadvantaged sections to gain socio-economic mobility through computer literacy programme. Majority of our students hail from lower economic strata and, in addition, most of them are girls. The situation that prevails around us even today seems as though higher education is the privilege of a few.

It is a well-established fact today that without the digital knowledge and skills the students from the disadvantaged sections will not be employable, despite having graduate degrees. It is in such a context that the College envisages to offer Certificate courses in Computer Education to help the students imbibe digital skills that are in demand in the job market. The management of the College deems it to be its responsibility to prepare its students to compete in the job market by inculcating employability skills. To envisage a bright future for our students.

As part of computer education initially a computer literacy survey is under taken by the Department of Computer Education in the beginning of the academic year to find out the computer illiterates. After identifying the computer illiterates on the basis of the survey each mentor meets to persuade the computer illiterate to pursue computer education. This initiative facilitates the rural students with job-oriented computer courses at an affordable cost.

The computer education course offered in our institution is distinctive to its vision priority and thrust in following respect: 1. Low cost: Each computer certificate course costs Rs. 1000. At times with a request from parents even the minimum fee is waived by Fr. Correspondent. 2. Flexible schedule: Two morning sessions: a. 8.30 a.m. to 9.15 a.m. b. 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Two sessions in the evening: a. 3.45 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Students could make use of the facility during their leisure hours and during lunch break if at any reason they have lost the session.

Through this programme the students who make cumbersome journey to cities to learn computer courses are educated in the college itself, avoiding stressful journeys. and vices of the urban environs. By laying emphasis on digital education which is a necessary tool to form into a whole human being in the present socio-economic environs. along with regular studies.

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