

**V.V.Sangha, Ballari**

**A.D.B. First Grade College, Harapanahalli**

**Institutional Distinctiveness**

A.D.B First Grade College was established in the year 1972, by Veerashiva Vidhavardhaka Sangha, Ballari, a pioneer in educational progression in Karnataka state. This is the third rural college of V V Sangha, Ballari and it is located near the fort of Raja Somashekara Nayaka who ruled this area. Backed by a liberal donation of one lakh by Late Sri Ambli Mallappa in 1972 and a gift of 6.93 acres of site with a ready basement by Sri. Seshaji Hastimal Jain, the college was started in its most ideal location.

The college started with a humble strength of 45 students in B.A. and B.Sc. under the patronage of Karnataka University, Dharwad. In the beginning we had 5 class rooms, 3 laboratories and a small library. With the increase in strength the need to have a new building was felt. Because of the financial assistance of V.V.Sangha and UGC grants; we were able to improve the necessary infrastructure. At present the college has 28 rooms, a good library facility, well equipped laboratories and a seminar hall. The strength of the college and number of faculty members increased considerably since 1975. Now the college has 717 students and 12+26 faculty members along with 11 Non- teaching staff.

Dedication, devotion and encouragement of the management, enlightened faculty with a research bent of mind enabled the institution to grow at a faster rate. To fulfil the demands of the growing hardware industry, Electronics course in B.Sc., programme was introduced in 1986. Optional English in B.A. programme was introduced in 2006 and B.Com course was introduced from 2011. The Institution maintains good results with ranks and distinctions. The number of girl students is more than that of boys. We offer special lecture series, career guidance, Social services, Leadership qualities and Talent exposure in academic and extracurricular activities.

To honour meritorious students, 16 donors have contributed Rs.93,000/- towards an endowment prize for students who have secured 1st and 2nd place in B.A. and B.Sc.