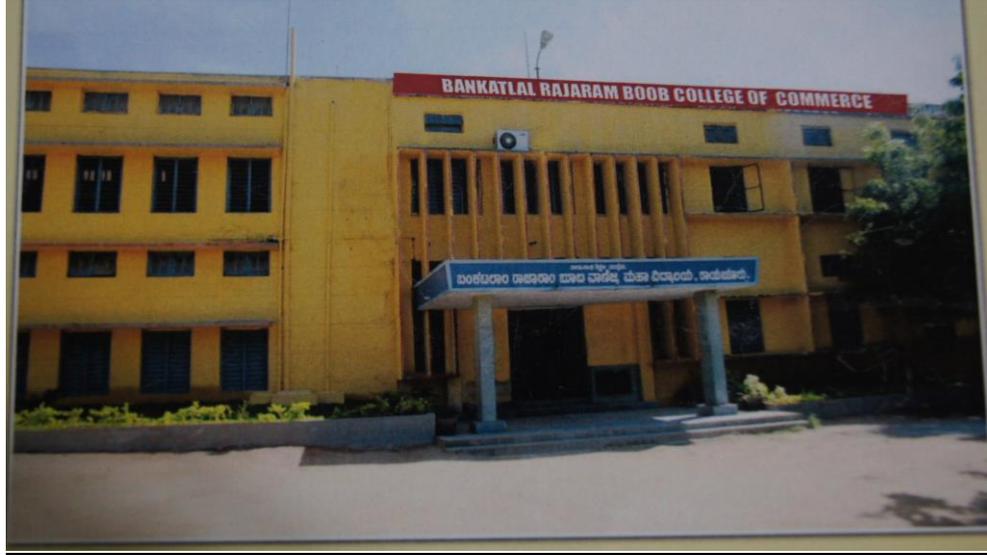


A Tribute to B.R.B College of Commerce – 50 Years of its glorious existence

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Taranath Shikshana Samsthe, is one of the premier educational institutions of Raichur district: often the district is dubiously distinguished as the notified backward area of Hyderabad Karnataka region. The Samsthe made its mark in the educational field, way back in the year 1920 through the establishment of Hamdard School. It was started by Pandit Taranath during Nizam’s repressive rule, along with his likeminded friends. It was registered originally as Raichur Education Society under the then Hyderabad Society Registration Act. Later on, to commemorate the noble deeds of the Pandit- the great maverick, the Samsthe was renamed after his name as “Taranath Shikshana Samsthe.” The flagship school started then, became a beacon light and had led to the establishment of a cluster of educational institutes under the banner of the Samsthe. The stewardship of the Samsthe is vested in the hands of the President Sri Parasmalji Sukhani- an industrialist, noted educationist and leading politician (also alumnus of the college) and the General Secretary Sri Maski Nagaraj- legal luminary and ardent lover of education.

B.R.B College of Commerce is one of the colleges started by the Samsthe so as to cater to the needs of people of this backward area in the year 1964. The college had stepped in to the educational arena only with 49 students at that time and today it reached to the pinnacle with the burgeoning strength of 722 students in B.Com stream; with a surprising strength of 45% girl students. Every year, the college secures **Ranks** at the university level

and brings out the golden boys and girls –sought after by the society. It is because of this cultivated habit of securing ranks, popularly the college is called as Rank College of the area. So far the college has bagged astonishing 91 Ranks- considered to be a staggering number, found seldom elsewhere. In order to ensure allround development of the students, the college gives equal impetus to sports & games. As a result of this, the college has brought out 69 university **Blues** including a couple of students who represented the college in the international sports events. The college enjoys the rare distinction of organizing sports meet of the university for the first time in the annals of the history of the Samsthe way back in December, 1970. The college has travelled arduously all along and entered into critical phase of 50th year of its glorious existence in the field of education, serving the society at large. At this golden movement it is befitting to recall the generous donations of Boob family of Raichur, for the establishment of this iconic college. As a mark of respect to the munificent donors' viz., Late Bankatlalji Boob and Rajaramji Boob, the college is christened after them.

Initially, the college was started in L.V.D college-Owned and managed by the Samsthe, with the splinter strength and later on shifted to a majestic independent building of its own in the year 1965. The foundation stone for this magnificent college was laid by the then Vice Chancellor of Karnataka University, Dharwad Dr.D.C Pavate – wrangler on 17-11-1965 under the ceremonious president ship of the then president of City Municipality, Raichur – Dr. Sangameshwar Sardar , a noted dentist at that time.

The Samsthe , had appointed Sri. P.O. Thomas as the first principal of the college, to steer its activities. The others who rendered their yeomen services in the capacity of principal are : Sri K.S. Naidu, Sri K.A. Panchaksharaiah, Sri K.Pavan Kumar, Sri T. Kinniraiah and Sri V. Sudarsanam. At present Sri Vishnu T. Masthe - Associate Professor in English leads the College as its Principal.

It is mandatory for all the colleges and the other institutes of higher learning to get accredited by NAAC as per the guidelines of University Grants Commission. In compliance with the same, the college got accredited in the year 2003 and secured “B++” grade at national level. Later on , in the academic year 2012-13 it is reaccredited by the NAAC at “B” grade level on a par with the leading colleges at the state level, under the new scheme. Thus, the college has retained its quality tag as before.

The college has rich academic ambience befitting for the students to pursue their studies. It has well equipped A/C computer lab housed with 50 systems, state of the art English lab with 20 systems , well stacked library with more than 26000 books and leading journals, down to earth Digital library established with the financial assistance of Sri

Manohar Maski MLC – Government of Karnataka, well established physical education department, NSS with 100 enrolled Volunteers, NCC , spacious class-rooms, modern office, two A/C halls supplemented by smart boards, auditorium for indoor games, open air theatre and the other paraphernalia required for creating conducive environment. The college is housed in the sprawling campus measuring 10.05 acres of serene land and is away from the city's hustle and bustle.

The college has constructed a spacious ladies hostel adjoining the college with the help of UGC Grants and the equal financial support of the Samsthe. The hostel, has in all 18 rooms to accommodate 54 students with all the best amenities, so as to cater to the long pending needs of outstation girl students. The facilities are extended at affordable fee to the girl students keeping in mind their economic conditions, from this academic year.

The courses offered in the college are: B.Com, B.com (vocational) COP in Insurance and Risk Management certificate courses under twinning programmes and the Tally course is started in this academic year under an MOU with the premier Tally Academy, exclusively for the benefit of poor students at cost of effective fees.

The college offers counselling to the aspirants of higher studies and also organizes campus placement by inviting the Companies, Banks, and LIC etc. Many students, by availing these facilities completed creamy courses like CA, CWA, CS, M.com, MBA, KAS, IAS and settled down holding key positions both in India and abroad.

The college was affiliated earlier to Karnataka University Dharwad and later on, after the establishment of Gulbarga University, Gulbarga in the year 1980 its affiliation shifted accordingly. The college is one of the permanently affiliated colleges and comes under the gamut of 2(f) and 12(B) of University Grants Commission.

The Samsthe has taken initiation under the guidance of Sri Parasmalji Sukhani and General Secretary Sri Maski Nagaraj to start one more section to meet the growing demand of commerce and also to start Post Graduation in Commerce i.e, M.Com catering to the educational requirements of student community. The college is permitted to start M.Com from the Academic Year 2014-15.

It is more appropriate to recall on this august occasion the monumental services of council members, members of managing committee headed by the President Sri. Parasmalji Sukhani as the Chairman and its secretary Sri M.Vijay Kumar, teachers, non-teaching staff, students and the parents who reposed trust in this college.

The Golden Jubilee of the college is scheduled to be held during 2014-15.