**Government College of Arts & Science, Aurangabad (M.S)**

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Portray the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust

***Contribution towards Marathwada liberation movement and Educational services to Marathwada region***

Government College of Arts and Science is a pioneer educational institution in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra state. As Government College of Arts & Science is the first higher educational institution in the region, all first-generation learners are from this college. The college was established in 1923 in Aurangabad, the capital of Marathwada region.The college is marching towards centenary in 2023. It has a historical campus,surrounded by a huge rampart constructed in the 17th century which =was a part of Aurangazeb’s residence comprising of Mardana Mahal ( Mens’section ) ,Zanana Mahal (Womens’section) and other historical monuments like Pamar Kothi and Adil Darwaza.Adil Darwaza serves as entrance to the college.All these historical structures are preserved by the college and the Archaeology department.Thus the college contributes towards the preservation of ancient monuments.

 The vision of our college is ‘**दुरितांचे तिमिर जावो’** . In English it means = to dispel darkness from the lives of all and enlighten all. And keeping this vision in mind the college has been spreading the light of knowledge to all inclusive.Since its inception in 22 september 1923. College is serving in educational sector for 99 years in an inclusive way is a distinct feature of the college. Marathwada region is industrially backward region and engage in agriculture activities. 80% students of the college are from agrarian family in the Marathwada and some part of Vidarbha region. The college opened the doors in 1923 for the first-generation learners of rural areas of Marathwada. College has achieved milestones and marching towards centenary. Today the college is able to position itself as a reputed government institute in the Marathwada region.

In the last 98 years, college has enlightened the students from rural background, tribal background and many students from under privileged section. Most of them are now working on reputed posts in various fields the field of journalism, politics, administration, cinema, technology, medicine and academics. College has developed responsible citizens for the welfare of the society.

Following are two distinct features of the college

**VANDE MATARAM AUDITORIUM**

**Vande Mataram Auditorium: Symbol of college student’s dedication towards liberation of Marathwada region**

Vande Mataram auditorium was inaugurated in 2022.It is a symbol of dedication of students who were freedom fighters in the Liberation Movement of Marathwada. The clarion call for the independence of Marathawada was given in the building of Boys Hostel of this college.This call later culminated into a massive liberation movement and the college proudly boasts that freedom fighters of Marathawada liberation movement were students of this very college.As a memorial to these freedom fighter the foundation of Vande Mataram Hall was laid. It is developed by Higher and Technical Education Department of Government of Maharashtra. It is constructed on college and a part of college infrastructure.

Newly constructed Vande Mataram Auditorium is symbol of liberation movement.Vande Mataram movement for freedom was started from this college. Marathwada region was under Nizam of Hyderabad regime.The day is celebrated in commemoration of the anniversary of Operation Polo, which led to the annexation of Hyderabad into the Union of India. The Marathwada region of the present-day Maharashtra was a part of the then princely state of Hyderabad, which was under the Nizam’s rule.

 There were restrictions to sing Vande Mataram song in the Nizam state. But students from the college as well as from rest of Marathwada gave slogan of Vande Mataram. On 17th September 1948 Marathwada region got freedom from Nizam of Hyderabad. On this day Nizam’s rule was over. The Region became a part of independent India. The main leaders were the students of Government College of Arts and Science. Some of them were Late. Govind Bhai Shroff, Vijayendra Kabra, Raman Bhai Parikh and P. H. Patwardhan, Anant Bhalerao.

Government of Maharashtra has developed auditorium as memorial of dedication of freedom fighters. Special gallery in the auditorium gives information of freedom fighters contributed in the liberation movement. Auditorium will be useful for college activities as well as for various social activities in Aurangabad.

**RARE BOOKS COLLECTION IN COLLEGE LIBRARY**

Being the oldest institution in the region, the college has rare collection of books in Urdu and Sanskrit.The college was established in 1923, it was a period of Nizam rule. Language for education and communication was Urdu in that period. And hence college has collection of rare books in Urdu language. There are more than 2000 thousand books in Urdu language comprising different areas like History, Geography, literature, Science and Theology. The collection of Urdu and Persian Books is one of a kind which is not found in any other library in the city. It is a feast for book lovers.

College Library has kept collection of Urdu separately. Library provides the books as per demand. Many readers and people studying Urdu literature visits the library and refer rare books. It is a heritage of college.

Library has collection of more than 1500 rare books in Sanskrit language. As Sanskrit is ancient language, books are valuable for everyone. Many Sanskrit language lovers’ visits library. Library provides these books to educationists, researchers and students. Collection of these rare books is like a treasure for Urdu and Sanskrit lovers.