



CRITERIA-VII:7.3 – Institutional Distinctiveness.

WMO Arts and Science College was established in 1995 by Wayanad Muslim Orphanage to improve the socio-economic conditions of the backward and minority communities in the Wayanad district of Kerala, India. The college initially offered three undergraduate programs but currently offers 11 undergraduate and 8 postgraduate programs. The college has a student strength of 1817, with 60% girls and 90% from backward communities. The college provides seminars, workshops, invited talks, and other programs to enable students to explore new and cutting-edge areas of various subjects. The college also encourages students to participate in outreach programs to develop practical knowledge, social values, and life skills. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the college utilized various online platforms and made its infrastructure available for the establishment of quarantine facilities to support Covid-19 patients. Additionally, staff and students volunteered their time and resources to provide assistance at checkpoints and various quarantine centers. The college also regularly provides its computer center to testing agencies for conducting various entrance examinations. The college has a dynamic counselling center to support and guide students in academic and personal matters. Mentors help students to apply for various scholarships and avail of the benefits of the Edu-support scheme offered by the college. The women's cell of the college conducts programs aimed at addressing issues related to gender parity and provides help and guidance to equip female students to face uncomfortable situations with confidence. 'Ruth,' a charity initiative by the staff and students, provides financial support to the students and needy people around the college.