## 7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

The vision of the college is the empowerment of the youth by providing quality education in order to make them competent, self- reliant, responsible society builders, professionals, and citizens. The mission of the college is encapsulated in its motto – "Gyanam Sarva Hithaya" – "Knowledge for Universal Welfare." This means the emancipation of backwardness, poverty, and mental constraints of the youth of the downtrodden sections of society through higher education, life skills, and personality development. The college strives hard to promote academic excellence, to inculcate human and social responsibilities, to address the rural-urban divide, and to mould the students into good citizens of the nation.

The emphasis is on the comprehensive development of the students, independent learning, critical and rational thinking, innovative application, and value orientation. The mission of the college is to provide quality education to all the students by incorporating technology, research orientation, skill up-gradation, and societal development methods. The college aspires to train young minds to think innovatively and contribute to society through research and extension activities.

The students of B.J.R. Government Degree College have proved that they are at the forefront of research, in JIGNASA, the State Level Competitions of Students' Study Projects, promoted and sponsored by the Commissionerate of Collegiate Education, Telangana State. The students got the opportunity to learn valuable research skills, and also inculcate the spirit of inquiry which helps to promote research culture among them. 07 Student Study Projects were selected at the Cluster Level and sent to the State Level, viz. Telugu, Botany, Zoology, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science, and Public Administration. The study projects of the departments of Public Administration/Political Science, Botany, Chemistry, and Computer Science were selected for JIGNASA State Level study projects competitions under YUVATHARANGAM 2018-19. The Departments of Political Science/Public Administration and Computer Science received First Prizes with cash awards of 30,000 rupees each along with certificates. The department of Botany received the Second Prize with a cash award of 21,000 rupees and a certificate. The Department of Chemistry received a Commendable Prize.

The college has collaborations and MoUs with Promize IT Services Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad, Synthochiral Lab. Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Ministry of Earth Sciences, GoI, Hyderabad, National Remote Sensing Center, ISRO, Hyderabad, Sri Yuva Bio-tech, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Research. These MoUs enable the students to conduct experiments in their respective subject study projects. The success in JIGNASA study projects has gone a long way in motivating the students. It inculcated the research aptitude among the students. With this inspiration, students participated in national seminars and presented papers.