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I YEAR DEGREE STUDENT ORIENATION 2026-2027

'A journey of a thousand miles, begins with a single step.'

The Orientation Program for the incoming undergraduate students across the Science, Humanities, Management, and Commerce streams was held on **July 8, 2026,** at 10:00 AM on the Open Stage of Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College. Around 200 students attended the informative and edifying event. The evocative session was designed to seamlessly integrate the new students into campus life while offering them a glimpse into the academic journey ahead.

The program commenced with an opening prayer by Rev. Sanjeev Raj, Presbyter-in-charge of St. Peter's Telugu Church, who invoked divine guidance to enlighten minds and nurture hearts throughout the academic year. Following this, Mrs. Suja D. Shanthi, Head of the Department of Computer Science, delivered the Scripture reading. The chosen passage reminded attendees to trust in the Lord and lean not on their own understanding—providing an apt and grounding meditation for the beginning of the college journey.

The illustrious college choir then delivered a beautiful rendition of the college song, fostering an immediate sense of fraternity and camaraderie among the new joiners. This was followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, performed by the dignitaries on the dais alongside student and parent representatives. The solemn ceremony was accompanied by the choir's uplifting rendition of "Standing on the Promises."

Mrs. Sunila Kumari, the Principal, delivered the Welcome Address and formally introduced the Chief Guest, Dr. D. Kiran Jeevan. Introducing him as a distinguished academician, Principal of United Mission College, and a committed social activist, she highlighted his extensive contributions to mentorship, policy design, student-centric pedagogy, and social reform. As a two-time TEDx speaker and dedicated humanitarian, Dr. Jeevan's presence offered profound inspiration to the young minds gathered.

The gathering was then warmly greeted by the Rev. Sanjeev Raj, Presbyter-in-charge of St. Peter's Telugu Church and Mrs. Sowmya, Principal-in-charge of the PU College. Their heartfelt congratulations and inspiring wishes for a future filled with meaningful learning, character formation, and dedicated service added immense depth and warmth to the program.

The highlight of the program unfolded before an audience held in rapt attention as the Chief Guest, Dr. D. Kiran Jeevan, delivered a deeply empathetic and inspiring address. His speech underscored the transformative power of education and its true purpose in shaping lives. Reiterating the profound legacy of the institution, he drew inspiration from the success of its distinguished alumnae. Dr. Jeevan reminded the students that true freedom is inherently bound

to responsibility, while also highlighting the vital lessons that failure can teach and the enduring importance of kindness. He concluded his thought-provoking message with a reassuring note, reminding the new batch that they are "in the right place" for both personal growth and future success.

The program proceeded with the introduction of the faculty members by the Principal, Mrs. Sunila Kumari. The heads of departments and faculty members from the various streams were presented to the students, establishing an early sense of familiarity and approachability.

Following this, the college profile was presented by Dr Marie Kavitha, Head, Dept. of Home Science, charting the rich history of the institution since its founding in 1985. The presentation highlighted the college's commitment to providing superior academic standards within an invigorating environment where women's education and empowerment remain a top priority. The core mission and vision of both the undergraduate and postgraduate courses align seamlessly with the college motto, *Nec Dextrorsum, Nec Sinistrosum* (Neither to the Right, Nor to the Left), reflecting a steadfast dedication to nurturing women of integrity and substance.

Dr. Chaya Anilkumar, Head of the Department of Journalism, then briefed the students on the rules and regulations of the institution, emphasizing that discipline remains of utmost significance. Students were informed of the mandatory attendance requirements, along with other essential institutional guidelines, and were strongly encouraged to think and act as ethical leaders throughout their college journey. This was followed by a reiteration of the attendance requirements Mrs. Jenifer Soniya, Faculty, Dept. of Commerce.

Mrs. Porkodi S., faculty member from the Department of Commerce, then provided a comprehensive overview of the college's diverse clubs and committees. This detailed briefing introduced the students to the institution's robust student support and extracurricular networks, which include the Anti-Ragging Cell, the Prevention of Sexual Harassment Committee, NCC, NSS, Chapel, Choir, SCM, YWCA, Eco-Watch Club, E-Evolve (Entrepreneurship) Club, Rotaract Club, Electoral Literacy Club, and the Red Cross. This was followed by an instructional session on navigating the Linways application, the portal used for academic coordination and management. Mrs. Ann Kuruvilla, faculty member from the Department of Computer Science, guided the students through the platform's operational details to ensure seamless digital integration with their coursework.

Mrs. Soundarya from Placement C, outlined the various processes and strategies designed to make students industry-ready. She highlighted the diverse training tools, workshops, and skill-development resources the cell provides to ensure students are well-equipped for their future careers.

An alumna speaker, former Student Council President Sanjana Simran Peters, shared her reflections on her time at the college. She highlighted the institution's holistic approach to education and spoke movingly about how the supportive campus community serves as a catalyst for positive personal transformation.

The program concluded with a closing prayer and benediction by Rev. Sanjeev Raj, sending the gathering forth in a spirit of hope and renewed purpose. Around 200 students benefitted from the informative and edifying event.










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