

### **Udayabharathi Shrivastava**

Here is my impressions of the college as an alumni. I studied MPC Intermediate in this prestigious college from 1990 to 1992 being a native resident of tenali from my birth to Intermediate.

During this time, all the staff were very encouraging to the students, irrespective of the backgrounds. They were not only lecturers, they were also mentors for students from rural backgrounds, and some were even sponsors for some of the economically background students. Specifically, as majority of the students were also hostelers, the lecturers were also very endearing and interacted like family members.

Also, as I completed my education, picked up a professional career, and there came a point where I wanted to give back to the college in any way. The college were very receptive of the alumni engagement, and collaborated with us to help the students on Graduate Employ-ability Module (GEM). We engaged on one Saturday of the month for 5 years, preparing the final year students of every batch for their life beyond their under graduate studies and college. Special mention to the lecturers like Sushma and others that showed up all these Saturdays, at the expense of their personal family time, for making the college a ground for not just academic, but holistic development of the students, to face their life ahead. We were able to improve the placement numbers from 10% to 100% by 4th and 5th years of engagement.

As I follow the updates from the college's website. about the academic advancement of lecturers (PhD) and students (Placement Cell), the social and civic responsibility aspects that the college continues to participate, and the value system of the administration and every one in the institution, I am convinced that colleges of such integrity are so important to move the women forward and for India to continue to flourish. JMJ College for Women, Tenali has been doing a silent yet powerful contribution for over 55 years now, and will continue to play a huge part to give a wonderful foundation to the daughters of this region in India. I am thankful to be an alumni of this college and proudly reflect this on my linked in profile even today.

Thanks & Regards

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