## 7.3.1 Institutional Distinctiveness

Founded in 1948, the mission of Mount Carmel College, Autonomous has been 'Empowering through Education' acknowledging the vital role played by education in achieving societal change. With visionaries at the helm, the institution has ensured that quality, value-based education remains accessible and affordable, empowering individuals & contributing to a more just and inclusive environment.

In keeping with the tenets of the vision & mission, the institution undertook the following:

**MAMTA - Model Anganwadi Makeover & Transformative Action**

The MAMTA initiative, launched by MCC@75, adopted five Anganwadis in Bengaluru Rural to create more child-friendly, educational spaces. Although government support exists, many centres face infrastructure and resource limitations. Interior Design students from MCC assessed each centre's needs, collaborating with local carpenters to improve layouts and design, transforming these Anganwadis into enriched learning environments. This initiative not only benefited the children but also offered students practical experience, reinforcing MCC's commitment to community empowerment.

**Participatory Democracy Fellowship Program**

The Department of Economics & Public Policy, in collaboration with B.PAC and Janaagraha, created this fellowship to link MA Public Policy students with citizens and representatives. Through analysing policies and developing actionable objectives, students promote governance accountability, transparency, efficiency, and equity, enhancing citizens' quality of life.