

ST. THOMAS COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
St. Thomas Nagar, Koyambedu, Chennai 600 107.
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022
"LET THERE BE LIGHT"

The post Covid-19 impact on educational institutions still continued in the academic year 2021-22 Following Government Guidelines, the classes for the academic year 2021-2022 were started for the II and III year UG and II year PG students on Thursday the of September 2021.

Admissions:

Our college admissions continued to be on online mode as in the previous year due to Covid-19 We admitted 1278 students in Shift and 608 students in Shift II, for the various UG and PG courses.

Fresher's day to commence the 1st year classes was celebrated at our St. Thomas Hall on 8th October 2021. Mr. Peter Alphonse, Chairman, Minorities Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu was the Chief Guest with our Chairman His Grace Dr. Yuhanon Mar Diascoros addressing the students online.

College strength:

As we bring in new courses and additional section in some of the most demanding courses, the total strength of our college has increased year to year. In 2021-22, the total student strength of our college stood more than 5300.

Qualified Staff:

As the college is now aiming to get good score in the NAAC Accreditation process, existing faculty members were encouraged to complete research programs and meet the minimum qualification standard as required by UGC. The entire new faculty appointed during 2021-22 were qualified with NET/SET/PhD as per norms of UGC and University of Madras

Staff Achievements:

The continuous encouragement to complete PhD Degree by our faculty has resulted in many of our faculty members getting their doctoral awards during the year. Mr. A. Nepul Raj, Assistant Professor, Department of Visual Communication, Mrs. R. Joy Christy Hemema, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce (Corporate Secretaryship), Mr. J. Dilli Babu, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications and Mr.T Mariselvam, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce (Accounting and Finance) was awarded PhD Degree during the year 2021-22.

Dr. M. Subramaniam, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce (Accounting and Finance) was awarded Best Teacher Award by Indian World Records in November 2021, He was also awarded Outstanding service award and Best academic performer award. 94

An overall of 41 faculties have published and presented papers during this academic year. Financial assistance for teaching Faculties were also given for conferences, workshops and Faculty Development Programs attended during this academic year. Faculty members are encouraged to attend Faculty Development programs. Seminars, workshops etc., for which a total financial support of Rs 29,350 is sanctioned and allotted this academic year and around

95 faculties have availed it by attending various programs. This has helped the faculties to fulfil their requirements for their professional development thus assists faculty members in advancing their academic careers. A total of 193 faculties, including 154 teaching faculties and 39 non-teaching faculties have attended faculty development program during this academic year. Institution also funded and conducted 6 department wise, in-house FDPs to enrich the staff members.

Internal Quality Assurance Cell:

All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) and NIRF reports are regularly uploaded over the last 10 years by our IQAC Coordinator Mr Shibi Mathai. A merit certificate was issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Education.

The ATAL Ranking of Institutions on Innovation and Achievements, a program of the Ministry of Education Government of India, has awarded a certificate of Recognition to St. Thomas College of Arts and Science on 29th December 2021 under the category "General (Non-Technical)" for the events conducted by the IQAC, Entrepreneurship Development Cell, and Institution Innovation Council.

On 11th April 2022 The Internal Quality Assurance Cell conducted a seminar on "Techniques involved in NAAC Accreditation Process". Dr. Mathew P. Joseph, Retired Principal Catholicate College, Kerala was the resource person. All programs of the college are conducted in association with the IQAC and reports of each are meticulously updated in the website by Mr. Shibi Mathai, IQAC Coordinator as the college is preparing to adhere to NAAC accreditation.

Infrastructure:

In our endeavour to provide world class infrastructure both for learning and extra curricular activities, efforts were on to improve the campus layout with laying of new roads, planned spaces for sports activities, space for car parking and two wheeler parking, gardens etc. A STP Plant and Solar Panels for energy generations was installed. Areas close to the buildings were raised by four feet on par with road height to prevent water logging. To provide easy access to the campus, an additional entrance was created with a grand elevation and arch.

ISO Certification:

On successful completion of ISO Audit, our college is now notified as ISO 9001-2015 certified institution.

Student Achievements:

- Students from Department of Visual Communication won prizes in Short Film Competition, Photography contest and Art competition conducted by various colleges. Many other students also participated and won several prizes in competitions conducted by various institutions.
- National Service Scheme (NSS):
- The National Service Scheme of both Shift 1 and Shift II have actively conducted more than 20 events during this academic year. Major activities of NSS during 2021-22: 75 Independence Day was on 15th August, 2021
- Volunteers took part in all the college events, including volunteering for Beach Cleaning work regularly.

- Tree planting was done in the college campus. Also trees were planted in Vandalur Zoo.
- Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January 2022 On 19th February 2022, NSS students volunteered for Tamil Nadu State Assembly Elections.
- Women's Day was celebrated on March 8th, 2022. Cultural events were organized for Women NSS volunteers.
- NSS Special Camp was conducted from 17th March 2022 to 22nd March 2022 at Soolaimani and Kandigai at Periyapalayam in Tamil Nadu. 100 NSS students participated in the camp engaged in Temple cleaning, Lake cleaning, tree plantation and also a dental camp conducted for villagers. Career guidance program was conducted for village school students.
- On April 22nd 2022, a traffic awareness and first Aid training program was conducted. Mr. Pandurangam, Sub Inspector of Police, Tamil Nadu was the resource person.
- Blood Donation Camp was organized on April 26th 2022. 190 students and staff donated blood.
- On 6th May 2022, Dental Camp was organized and 223 students benefited • Road Safety Patrol duty on all working days by NSS students from 7.45 am to 8.30 am and from 1.05 pm to 1.40 pm to ease the traffic near the college.
- NSS students participated in NSS Cultural Events conducted by Hindu College and Presidency College and won the overall trophy in both the colleges.

Student centric programs:

- Student centric programs were conducted by the college through various events. Thirty-nine Value added courses were conducted during this academic year and out of the 5195 students 3070 students were benefitted through various Value Added courses provided by the institution.
- A total number of 23 webinars were organized by various departments and around 820 students has shown active participation in it. Due to the pandemic and lockdown restrictions physical seminars were restricted, yet no time was wasted and the departments of both shift I and shift II actively engaged in conducting webinars from 8th June 2021 till 19th September 2021.
- To encourage and empower students, college has collaborated and signed 23 Mou's with several companies and organizations.
- College also took initiation in organizing 22 career guidance program for this academic year, through which 4296 students were given career guidance by industrial experts.

Placement:

Career guidance and placement cell organized a Pre-placement orientation program for final year students of all departments for both shift and II, on 8th March 2022 with support from Magic Bus India Foundation on soft skills, life skills, employability skills, interview skills and spoken English. Mr.Charles Emmanuel, Job Booster CEO and Mr.Devasagayam, Program Head gave an eye-opening talk on the job market.About 36 companies such as HDFC, EQUITAS Bank, PAYTM Services Pvt Ltd and Muthoot Finance participated in the placement drive to 458 students were selected and 327students were shortlisted.

Sports and Games:

A detailed study on various options available to provide sports and games within the college campus was made. Based on the study it was decided to remove existing basketball court as it is partially damaged and construct new basketball court and a volleyball court at the earmarked places. A study is also underway to create multi-purpose hall along with indoor badminton court.

National Cadet Corps (NCC):

St. Thomas College of Arts and Science has obtained Approval by NCC Directorate (TN,P&AN) Chennai - 9 for raising a Senior Division / Senior Wing NCC Company (Naval Wing) under 4(TN)

Naval Unit NCC Chennai with a strength of 50 Cadets from the academic year 2021 IV 2022 Mr.K.Govindarajan, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications was appointed as Caretaking Officer (CTO) who had worked tirelessly to bring NCC to the college. His efforts are commendable

Few major activities by NCC during 2021-22:

- Celebration of "National Voter's day" along with NSS volunteers .
- 73rd Republic Day was celebrated. Dr. N. Thangavel, Principal of our college hoisted the national flag.
- "Surya Namaskar Programme" was also conducted on the same day. .Paid respects to Indian martyrs and Mahatma Gandhi in the memory of Indian freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives on Martyrs Day January 30, 2022.
- NCC Naval Unit Cadets alongwith Environmentalist Foundation of India (EFI) participated in Beach Cleaning Program at Asthalakshmi Beach, Besent Nagar,
- . Ms. Shriya Sharma, Senior Wing Cadet of NCC Naval sub unit of St Thomas College of Arts and Science represented Chennai at Rashtrapati Bhavan and delivered speech.
- NCC Naval Cadets of our college participated in Women Achievers Award Function conducted by Raindropss in Rani Seethai Hall on 5th March 2022.
- Fire Disaster and Rescue Management Program, a training session by Mr. Rajenderan Koyambedu Fire and Rescue Service Station on 25th March 2022
- Participated the Beach Cleaning Campaign with other Naval Cadets under "PUNEET SAGAR ABIYAN" on 4th April 2022 at India's longest Beach (Marina).
- A on "The Real Patriotism" by Lt.Cdr. C. R. Lalith Kumar, Commanding Officer, 4 (TN) Naval Tech Unit NCC, Madras B, was conducted 7th April 2022. • Five NCC Cadets participated in the National Youth Integration Camp organised by National Youth Project in Gandhi Ashram, JOURA, Madhya Pradesh from 12th April to 17th April 2022. On 13th April 2022, our college NCC Naval Cadets paid respects to Indian martyrs who laid their lives in the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre.

Activities of clubs and associations:

Department of Visual Communication organized a two day workshop on "Video Editing Tools and Techniques" for the final year B.Sc. Visual Communication on the 27th and 28th of September 2021. Ms. Raja Preethi, student of II M.Sc. Visual communication, an Independent editor of "Sony Music Album" was the resource person.

On 23rd November 2021 a Painting Workshop for First year B.Sc Visual Communication students and M.Sc Visual Communication students. Pidilite Industries Ltd., coordinated with the College and sponsored resource person for the workshop. On 24th November 2021 organized an industrial visit to L.V. Prasad Film and TV academy.

LUMENS'22, A State-level Intercollegiate Exhibition and contest on Art, Design, and Photography and Short film screening was organised on 11, 12, and 13 May 2022. A 20 feet by 25 feet portrait of Satyajit Ray colored using chalk was the highlight during the program. An Art Workshop was organised for three days from 9th to 11th May 2022 as part of LUMENS'22 jointly with Fevicryl.

Department of Mathematics celebrated the National Mathematics Day as a tribute to the great Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. On 25th March 2022, conducted a seminar on "The Applications of Mathematics in real life". Dr. Sundarabalan was the resource person.

The Department of Computer Applications organized a seminar for the final year students on the topic "Technology Stack of the Current World" on 1st April 2022, Mr. Dinesh Balaji Logalah, Senior Architect, Cognizant Technology Solutions, Netherlands was the resource person.

Department of Corporate Secretaryship conducted a seminar on 24.03.2021, Dr. R. Mugunthan, Principal, Apollo Arts and Science College, Chennai was the resource person. An Industrial visit organised for third year students in Fecal Sludge Treatment Plant, Karunguzhi, Tamilnadu on 23rd April 2022.

The PG Department of Commerce conducted a seminar on "TAX PLANNING AN OPTIONAL SCHEME U/S 115BAC OF INCOME TAX ACT". Dr. Varadharaj Head of the Department Research Advisor in Commerce Govt. Arts and Science College Perumbakkam, Chennai was the resource person. Workshop on RESEARCH METHODOLOGY was also organized from 19.04.2022 to 21.04.2022. Senior Professors from various colleges in Chennai were the resource persons.

PG Department of Electronic Media organised a workshop on Film Lighting techniques Cinematography. Mr. Mahendran Jayaraju, Industry Cinematographer was the resource person. It also organized an inter-department Competition in the College Campus, write doodle do, Scriptwriting, Face painting, Film review, Radio jockey and Story writing.

The Department of Computer Science has organized a Seminar on "CYBER SECURITY", Mr. Manoj Srinivas, Assistant Vice President, Sales and Marketing from TEVEL CYBER CORPS, Chennai was the resource person. Mr. A. Karthick, System Engineer from DXC Technologies, Chennai was the resource person for a seminar on the topic "Gateway to IT". The Department of Computer Science - Shift II conducted a seminar on "Cyber Security". Mr. Manoj Srinivas, Assistant Vice President, Sales and Marketing from TEVEL CYBER CORPS, Chennai was the resource person.

The Department of Psychology conducted several webinars on topics such as future in clinical psychology, Anxiety Disorders, Geriatric Psychiatry and Art Therapy. A 5 day "Value Added certificate course in psychology" was conducted under the guidance of Dr. V. Chandramohan, Clinical Psychologist. On 25th March 2022 a seminar on "Kinetics and Me" was organised and Dr. S. Maheshwari, Educationist and Motivational Speaker was the resource person. A

workshop on "Hands on Training of SPSS in research data analysis" was organized on 26th April 2022 and Dr. E. Karthikeyan, Assistant Professor, Loyola College of Education, was the resource person.

The Department of English inaugurated the English Literary Association 'Literatica' on 12th April 2022. Dr. R. Preethi, Assistant professor, PG and Research Department of English, Ethiraj College for Women was the resource person.

The Department of Business Administration organised a Five days online faculty development "Management Path for Faculty" from 15th March 2022 to 19th March 2022. programme on Professors and HODS from various institutions were the resource persons.

The Department of Commerce (Bank Management) organized a Seminar on Digital Banking and Cyber Security. Mr. R. Ranjith Kumar, Digital Banking Ambassador for Tamilnadu & Puducherry Federal Bank was the Guest Speaker.

The Department of Commerce (Accounting and Finance) organized a seminar on the topic "Build a rewarding career" with special address by renowned educational consultant Mr. Jayaprakash Gandhi.

The Department of Tamil conducted debates on various topics for the students and staff on Teachers Day celebration. It also organized pongal celebration. Green Club organized a seminar on Impact of Global Warming on 14th March 2022 at 10 AM. Mr. C. Bharath, Managing Trustee/Founder, Thisai Charitable Trust, Chennai, Social Activist and Environmentalist, was the resource person.

Green Club in association with M/s.Trust 1-2-1 Pasumai 4 U organized a mass plantation program by planting Bheema Bamboo Saplings in Vadaperumbakkam on 22nd March 2022 to celebrate World Forestry Day and World Water Day. Saplings were sponsored by M/s.Growmore Biotech, Hosur

Green Club also organized Inter Collegiate Food Festival on 27th April 2022. The objective of this program is to explore the Students about Pandaya Kaala and Parambariya Unavu Murai. Mr. Naturopath G. Sither IV Traditional Naturopathist, Organic Farming & Marketing Expert, Thanjavur spoke on "Traditional Food Culture and People Empowerment". Ms. Reshika Babu, Head, Department of Recovery, Rehabilitation, Recuperation gave a special presentation on Traditional Food Culture.

Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) in association with IEDP-EDII University of Madras organized an online webinar on the topic "Struggles and success stories of an Entrepreneur Life" on 8th June 2021. Ms. Rithika Chandran, Entrepreneur was the resource person

On WORLD ENTREPRENEURS DAY, EDC in association with STC-IIC and IQAC conducted an of webinar on 24th August 2021on "How to Build a Startup Entrepreneur". Dr. Santhi Sarava Director of Taru Financial Services and Taru Fine Arts was the resource person.On 27th January 2022 a webinar was conducted with Mrs. Karpagambigai Viswanath, Founder.

Youth Red Cross organised a seminar on 5th July 2021 on the topic "HEALTHY DIET & HEALTHY LIFE". Dr. Sr. JAYA MBBS, MS (OG) Bon Secours Hospital was the Guest speaker of the day

Consumer Club conducted a webinar titled "The Impact of Covid19 on the food consumption pattern in India Eat Right; Food is Medicine" on 28th June 2021. Dr. M. Rassul Jayapathy Assistant Professor Department of Tamil, St. Thomas College of Arts and Science was the resource person.

A seminar on the topic "Salient Features of Consumer Protection Act" was conducted on 1 October 2021. Honorable Dr. J. Vijayathilagam Assistant Commissioner (VRS), Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, Government of TamilNadu and Mr. R. Nehemiah Assistant Commissioner, Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, Government of Tamil Nadu were the resource persons. A seminar on the topic "Product Liability under Consumer Protection Act, 2019" was conducted on 29th March 2022. Mr. K. Newlin Frederick, Advocate, Madras High Court was the resource person.

On 8-4-2022, an Industrial Visit to Madurantakam Co-operative Sugar Mills Ltd. was organized.

Red Ribbon Club (RRC) volunteered their services in the Felicitation of His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Mathews III our Patron on His First Apostolic visit to Chennai on 20th March 2022 RRC volunteered their services in the seminar "The Real Patriotism" conducted by National Cadet Corps on 07th April 2022. The seminar was given by LT. CDR. C. R. Lalith Kumar, Offg Commanding Officer, 4 (TN) Naval Tech Unit NCC.

Women's Upliftment Club celebrated International Women' Day on 8th March 2022. The chiefguest for the celebration was Dr. P. Banumathy, who spoke about Women Empowerment.

St. Thomas Cultural Club encouraged our students to participate in various inter-collegiate events conducted by colleges like Ethiraj College for Women, Annai Violet Arts and Science College, Shri Krishnaswamy College for Women, D.G. Vaishnav College and won the prizes. Our students won 10 First prizes and 5 third prizes in various cultural competitions. Our students also won the Overall Runner prize from Ethiraj College for Women at an Intercollegiate Event.

ThomTalenzia 2K22, a cultural fest for Thomasians to exhibit their talents was organised on 29th and 30th April 2022. Prominent Personalities from media and other fields was invited as Guest and Judge. Ms.Reshma Shyam Play back singer, Mr. Arun and Mr. Aravind Casting Directo Ajmal Tahseen play back singer, Actor Balaji, Actress Vaishnavi, Actress Lavanya, actors Mr. Frank and Mr. Rio Raj.

Internal Complaints Committee:

The Internal Complaints Committee conducted an awareness programme on "Self-examination for prevention of breast cancer" for women students on 25th March 2022 with expertise of Dr. A. Kalaiselvi Xavier, Professor, MMM College of Nursing, Chennai A seminar on "How to become women of Excellence" was conducted on 6th April 2022. Mrs. Renu Sara Alexander, Principal, Spartan Schools, Chennai gave a very motivating talk.

World Earth Day was celebrated on 22nd April 2022 and a placard design competition based on the theme "Invest in your planet" was conducted for all the students of the college.

Institutional Innovation Council (IIC):

A workshop on "Innovative Initiatives for Institutional development" was held on 28th January 2022. Prof. J. George Fernandez, Professor and Convener Loyola International Academic Collaboration, Loyola College, Chennai 34 was the resource person.

Christmas carol service:

Carol The Christmas carol service was held on 20th December, 2021. Mr. AMV Prabhakara Raja M.LA was the guest of honour for the day. The choirs from Patrician College, Mar Gregarious College, Daniel Thomas Matriculation School, Loyola College and St.Thomas College Arts and Science enthralled the audience with their singing.

Scholarships:

Every effort was taken to extend State and Central Government Scholarships to eligible students In addition, Zachariah Mar Dionysius (ZMD) scholarship instituted in memory of our Founder Chairman is extended to deserving students. 653 students were granted scholarship by the government of Tamilnadu and 4030 students were benefitted by the scholarship provided by the institution.

College Automation Software:

The ERP software is updated, thus making it feasible for the faculty members and the administration to monitor the activities such as internal examination conducting and mark posting, attendance, etc., in a much better manner.

Commitment towards faculties:

As the faculty members extend their support in giving best education to students from various strata of society, it is essential to reward them adequately. Hence, revision of salary of all staffs will be studied and implemented from next year.

Conclusion:

We wish to thank our Chairman His Grace, all the Members of the Management Board, Principal and all the Staff members of College for their continued support. Our thanks are also to all of St. Cathedral, Broadway, our College Bankers and Auditors, prominent Guests of our College and everyone who made this year a grand success.

May God Almighty bless our College.

With prayers,

Ajit John punnoose
Treasurer

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Secretary