



*Holy Cross Home Science College, Thoothukudi*  
*Annual Report*  
*2019- 2020*



*Rev. Dr. Sr. Mary Gilda*

*Principal & Secretary*

Greetings of the Day!

Excellence is never accidental. It is the gradual result of striving for better future. As we stand at the tag end of another trustful academic year, it is with much satisfaction and pride, I look upon the year that had passed and with dedication and joy I place on record the activities of the college for the academic year 2019-2020. Due to lock down we could not have college day celebration and this report was presented during staff council meet held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Holy Cross Home Science College, established in 1975, is administered by the Society of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, Madurai Province. The College is affiliated to Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. It was Re-accredited with 'B' grade by NAAC. We pay homage to our Foundress Claudine Echenier, who founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, in France, in the year 1838 and I remember our pioneering Sisters of this college who had the vision to create this institution a place of learning and women's emancipation.

Empowered by the self-emptying love of God and inspired by our Mother Foundress we, the Sisters of the Cross envision a just and harmonious society where all people live life in its fullness. Our mission is to nurture persons to be well integrated who in turn become agents of societal change and our goal is to form persons of character, conscience, compassion, commitment and competence.

The college aims at the all round formation of students to achieve wholeness and all our programmes are equipped to achieve this goal.

I present to you in absencia report of 45<sup>th</sup> College Day. The tireless energy offered by our faculties in bringing about significant improvements and initiatives in higher education especially to our institution, served as an inspiration for our students and parents. On behalf of the entire Crossian fraternity, I extend a hearty welcome and express my gratitude to staff council members for accepting to listen to the report. There are many milestones we have achieved. I take this opportunity to thank my colleagues of various departments for their whole-hearted support, cooperation and trust in all the endeavours.

#### **Courses at our College:**

- The College runs 6 UG, and 3 PG courses; 1 Certificate Course under the Career Oriented Programme (COP); and 18 Vocational Training Programme.

#### **Admissions 2019-2020 :**

- Admissions 2019-20 went off smoothly. The total number of applications received for both UG and PG courses was 571 and the total admitted was 254.
- I thank the Vice Principal, Heads of Departments, teaching faculty and administrative staff, as well as students for their whole-hearted participation in the admission process.

The new academic year 2019 -2020 began on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 for the senior students and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 for I UG students.

#### **Our Strength:**

- We now have a total strength of 42 teaching staff, 11 supportive staff, 639 students (UG:561, PG:78).
- Seventeen members of the teaching staff are Ph.D Holders and Five faculties are on the process of completion.
- 10 staff members have cleared SET/ NET examination.
- Two of our faculties obtained guideship from the university.
- Commerce department has been granted a status as research department with effect from 16/03/2020

#### **Students' Council:**

The Students' Union Council Election was held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The following students were elected as office bearers:

- Ms.M.Ashiba Rajabu Nisha (III B.Com) as Chairman
- Ms.C.Evangel (II B.A English) as Vice Chairman.
- Ms.D.Vinista Mary (III B.A) as Secretary and
- Ms.K.Kayathri (II M.Sc) as Treasurer

**Achievements :**

- The Department of Food Science and Nutrition received Rs.15000/- as project fund for 2 PG students from TNSCST, Chennai.
- Dr.Sr.Rubha M.S. received acceptance letter from UGC for financial assistance and to participate in the International Conference at Rome, Italy on 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 organized by
- Mrs.Angelin Priya, HOD, Department of English completed her Ph.D viva voce on 06/03/2020
- Ms.M.Nivetha, III UG, department of Computer Science received Rs.3000/- for Adi-Dravidar Welfare scholarship.

**Benevolent Practice of Management**

The management has the benevolent practice of distributing scholarship to socially and economically deserving students. This year the management had given a cash prize of 2,71,900/-

- The management had given of Rs.25000/- as seed money and also study leave with salary for faculties to complete their doctorate
- The management encouraged the faculties to publish papers in UGC referred journals and to publish text books and supported them with cash awards of Rs. 13500/- to 8 faculties.
- The faculties were motivated to attend / organize National and International seminars

**Students Orientation:**

In order to motivate the students and to foster a spirit of independence and self-direction through self-reflection and advocacy, orientation programmes were offered to students. The nucleus of programme for the academic year was “Educate – Empower - Excell”.

- Student Advisory and Counseling Committee organized a one day programme for the II UG with the support of EUT (Evangelical Union Team), Thoothukudi on 03/09/2019 and for III UG by Shalom team from Chennai on 16/09/2019
- Three days life skill camp was organized for all the final year Under Graduates and Post Graduate students of our college from 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of December, 2019.

**Students Induction Programme**

Students induction programme was organized for the 1<sup>st</sup> year UG students following the direction of university and UGC from 19<sup>th</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in order to help students to acclimatize with the new surroundings, develop confidence, create bond with fellow students and faculties to become aware of various issues of social relevance and to imbibe human values there to become responsible citizens.

## **Academic Progression**

In the academic year 2018-2019, 210 students passed out and 55 students are assuming their higher studies and 50 students are placed in various organizations.

### **NSS & YRC**

NSS and YRC provide a platform for the students to move out of their text books and engage themselves in broader, social and environmental issues. They get practical exposure in addressing problems and offering fruitful solutions through experiential learning.

The following activities were organized by the NSS unit of our college:

- International Yoga day was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 in our college premises at 8.30 am. 100 student volunteers actively performed the Yoga.
- Drug abuse awareness programme was organized on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Mrs.S.Padmavathy from Auxilliam Matric Hr. Sec. School, Thoothukudi was the resource person.
- On 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019, Youth Red Cross in association with N.S.S organized Blood Donation and Group identification camp in the college for the students to identify their blood groups and donate blood. More than 150 students identified their blood group and 30 students donated their blood.
- On 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019, the N.S.S. unit of our college celebrated the Ozone day in the adopted village at Antoniyarpuram, Thoothukudi.
- The Youth Red Cross and N.S.S jointly organized “Beach Cleaning Programme” under the guidance of Thoothukudi Municipality on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at Therespuram. 60 volunteers along with the Coordinators eagerly participated in the cleaning process.
- NSS special camp was organized from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to 06<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Anthonyarpuram.

The hope of every nation in the world is its young people. We, in our institution, prepare our students to be caring citizens so that they have an opportunity to touch the lives of the needy and the vulnerable. We try to make a difference in our students through Youth Red Cross (YRC). The following activities were organized by the YRC of our college:

- 15 YRC volunteers of our college participated in “May I Help You” scheme in the Government Hospital, Thoothukudi from 23.09.2019 to 15.10.2019 to render their service for the outpatients of the Government Hospital.
- A Tree Plantation Programme was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 10.45 a.m in the College premises. Dr.S.M.D.Mathuravalli, Student Union and Advisory Committee Co-ordinator and Head, Department of Fashion Designing and Apparel Making planted the saplings.

## **LISA**

Library with open access system holds 5883 books and subscribes 17 journals (05 International and 12 National) and 12 periodicals. This year 137 books have been added to the existing collection. The amount spent for books and journals in 2019-2020 is Rs.64,918. The library is linked with Inflibnet Nlist facility. At the beginning of the academic year, the librarian organizes Orientation Programme for the freshers about the use of library resources. Library automation was done with bar coding for the books and for the students entry. Due to Covid-19 we could not arrange book expo for our students.

## **Sports:**

- The importance of sports and games encompasses more than just the benefit of physical activity. It increases self-esteem, mental alertness and teaches the students' life skills like teamwork, leadership and patience. Our students participated in Kabadi organized by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University in Intercollegiate Competition which was held at Government Arts and Science College, Srivaikundam on 04<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Regular sports activities were held in the campus
- Sports day was conducted on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020. Our Chief guest Mr.P.Rajkumar, General Secretary, TDSLA, Thoothukudi, honored the participants of various events and distributed prizes. The Yellow House won the overall shield.

## **IQAC :**

- To proceed the academic year with full energy and valour, an orientation for all the teaching staff was arranged on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 by IQAC. The first session on "Lead to be Led" was conducted by Dr.Sudharani, Associate Professor, St.Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi and the second session was handled by Dr.S.Ramesh Kumar, Research Coordinator, Holy Cross Home Science College, Thoothukudi.
- On 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 a Faculty development programme on "Intellectual Property Rights" was organized and the programme was led by Dr.N.N.Krishnaveni, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science.
- A Guest Lecture on "Interpersonal and Communicative skills" was arranged for Supportive staff on 04<sup>th</sup> October 2019,.
- A Workshop on "Hands on Training in MS Excel" was conducted on 09<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 for all the faculties.

## **Scholarship 2019-2020**

Our students availed post matric scholarship for minority students and Center Sector Scheme of Scholarship for college students with an amount of Rs.32,450/- and 7,50,000/- respectively. Apart from that Beedi Worker's Children scholarship, Tamilnadu Agricultural Labourer's Scholarship were also obtained. The management and well-wishers provide fee concession and freeship to meritorious students.

## **Publications & Seminar Attended:**

In 2019-2020, 8 books, 14 International and National papers have been published in Journals by our faculty. 27 Faculty members participated and published papers in seminars / workshops. 4 Faculty members are International Journal Reviewer. Two faculties Mrs.X.Della and Ms.S.Revathi cleared NET Exams in December 2019. Dr.Sr.Rubha received an acceptance letter from UGC for travel grant to attend International Conferences in Italy. Congratulations to all involved!

## **Various major events held in the College:**

### **Marching towards growth**

- The management re-organized the committees for this academic year. The committee meetings were conducted regularly at the end of the month under the guidance of the Principal and IQAC coordinator. The reports were presented and a copy was submitted by the coordinators of the committees regularly.
- Certificate Courses were introduced for the all students. The syllabus was framed by our faculties and it was forwarded to the subject experts and received their approval and feedback. The students were requested to present their outcome in the form of project.
- Research publications and submission of projects were encouraged and the projects / proposals were submitted by our faculties from July – October 2019 to various organizes for approval
- Our college is registered and recognized as Local Chapter under Swayam / NPTEL
- Our college Website was modified and updation was completed for the departments and for the college.
- Two of our faculties namely Dr.Sr.Mary Gilda and Dr.Sr.M.S.Rubha were appointed as Chair persons for the Board of Studies by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. Due to personal reason Dr.Sr.Mary Gilda withdrew her name form Board of Studies.
- Startup programme was initiated for all the students on Saturdays inorder to develop their technical skills and to provide employment opportunities to the students at lower cost. Our faculties along with Alumni and few of our regular students were appointed as

instructors for the course. The instructors were given the remunerations. 10 programmes were completed and 5 programmes are going on from July to October.

- Student and Staff exchange programmes were arranged by the Departments of Commerce and Computer Science. Our Crossian members had the joy of visiting and inviting St.John's College, Palayamkottai and Holy Cross College, Nagercoil. The Department of English organized staff exchange programme at Bishop Caldwell College, Thoothukudi and the department of Food Science and Nutrition at Sara Tucker College, Palayamkottai.
- I am happy to inform you that Dr.Sr.Rubha M.S. was selected as senate member for 3 years representing our college.
- Dr.K.Sudha, Department of the Commerce and Dr.N.N.Krishnaveni, Department of Computer Science were conferred doctoral honors in June 2019.

### **Progress of the Department**

- The department of Commerce, Food Science and Nutrition and Fashion Designing signed MoU with GST Academy of Excellence, Erode, Nila Sea Food, Thoothukudi and ESSDi Academy, Tirupur.
- The Department of Computer Science organized a one day "Workshop on Android" on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 for the students.
- A Guest Lecture on Challenges and Opportunities in Textile Industries was held for students by the Department of Fashion Designing on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The session was steered by Mrs.M.Arice Mary, Head of the Department, Department of Costume Design and Fashion, WCC College, Nagercoil.
- The Department of Computer Science organized a guest lecture on "Lets reverse the threat against cybercrime" on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- On 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019, the Department of Fashion Designing organized Career Guidance on CAD softwares and opportunities of Textiles. Mr.L.B.Thiyagarajan, Proprietor of ESSDI Infotech Corporation, Tirupur was the resource person.
- The Department of Computer Science arranged a one day workshop on "Python" on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 for II UG (Computer Science). Ms.A.Kavya (Alumni) Infosys, Banaglore was the resource person.
- The Department of English under Oracle Literary Club, conducted "Literary Décor" for all the literature students on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.
- The Department of Commerce in association with "GST Academy of excellence" organized a one day workshop on 'Procedural aspects of GST' on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 . A total of 94 students were trained during the workshop.



- On 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019, a workshop was conducted by the Department of Tamil. The resource person focused on “KAVITHAI YENNUM KALVISUDAR” and trained the students to write poems and spoke on various topics and distributed the prizes to the winners.
- The Department of Computer Science organized a guest lecture on “Career Guidance” on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2019
- The Department of Food Science & Nutrition joining with Poshan Abiyaan Awareness Camp (ICDS) celebrated the National Nutritional week on the title ‘Nutri health and Food Expo’ on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- The Department of Computer Science organized a “One day workshop on programming with PHP & MySQL” on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 for II & III UG (Computer Science) students.
- The Oracle Literary Club of Department of English conducted a Literary Expo for the students of English Literature on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- An awareness programme on New Education Policy was arranged for faculties and student representatives and the impacts of the NEP were explained to them.
- Union inauguration was held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in the presence of Dr.Malar Kodi, Principal, Geetha Jeevan Arts and Science College, Thoothukudi
- In order to promote awareness regarding Human Rights among the students, Human Rights Association organised a Guest Lecture on “Human Rights Protection Act” on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019 at AV Hall.
- On 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, the Women’s cell organized an orientation programme on “Women Empowerment”. Dr. Josephine Renuga, Head, Department of Tamil presided over the function.
- A two day Fine Arts celebration was held on 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2019 in order to motivate the students and to explore their talents.
- The 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day was celebrated along with our school students. The School and College students had the opportunity to showcase their talents on patriotism.
- Our students were invited to present a programme to All India Radio, Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi on 08<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019 respectively.
- A guest lecture was organized on “Road safety awareness”, on 20/9/2019.
- Anti Ragging programme were arranged for the students by Anti Ragging Committee on various topics and reports were submitted regularly

- Anti ragging squad of our college conducted a Guest Lecture on the topic “Psychological impact on Ragging” on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for the all 1<sup>st</sup> year UG students.
- In commemoration of 150<sup>th</sup> Gandhi Jayanthi, various competitions were held and students were awarded. Guest Lecture was arranged for the 1<sup>st</sup> year UG students.
- Teacher’s Day and Holy Cross Feast were highlighted by the faculties and students
- KJ:JKPO; TPoh was organized on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- A three day workshop on CAD in Garment Technology was organized by the Department of Fashion Designing in association with ESSDI Info tech Corporation, Tirupur from 19<sup>th</sup> December – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and 04<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- Students Administration Day was organized on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

#### **PTA & Alumnae**

- An orientation for the parents of new comers was arranged on 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2019. Vision, Mission, the goal and objectives of the institution, general rules for discipline, attendance, guidelines for unit test and semester were explained in detail by the Principal / Vice Principal of the College. The role of parents towards their ward were highlighted
- As per the action plan, the regular PTA meetings for the II / III UG & PG were held on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Students performance at the end semester exam and their progress were explained to the parents
- An executive Committee meeting was arranged for the Parents on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The action plan of the college for the academic year (2019-2020) was discussed and their feedback taken in to consideration.
- An executive PTA meeting was arranged on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to discuss the upliftment of the students and the college.
- An annual alumnae meeting was organized on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019. New office bearers and executive members were elected.
- Alumni executive meeting was conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and discussed the activities for the even semester.
- Alumni executive members sponsored and arranged a one day workshop for I & II UG students on 07<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and the resource person was Mr.Karthick Velu, Counselor, Salam.

#### **Extension Activities**

##### **Department of Food Science and Nutrition**

Date	Programme	Place	No. of the Student Volunteer	Beneficiaries
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09-08-2019	Guest Lecture on Breast feeding importance	Bolden Puram	10	23 women
11-01-2020	Medical Camp	Bolden Puram	12	60 People
12-03-2020	Guest Lecture on Menstrual problem for Adult Women	Bolden Puram	3	20 women

### Department of Fashion Designing

Date	Programme	Place	No. of the Student Volunteer	Beneficiaries
04-12-2019	Demonstration on paper cutting and craft work I	little flower primary school	5	30
18-12-2019	Demonstration on paper cutting and craft work II	little flower primary school	5	32
08-01-2020	To impart training on bouquet making	little flower primary school	5	25
29-01-2020	Silk Thread Bangle Making	little flower primary school	5	30

### Department of Computer Science

Date	Programme	Place	No. of the student Volunteer	Beneficiaries
09-01-2020 to 21.02.2020	Computer Literacy Class (Weekly once)	Corporation School, SivanthanKulam, Thoothukudi	12	50

### Department of Commerce

Date	Programme	Place	No. of the Student Volunteer	Beneficiaries
25-07-2019	Grammar Classes (Weekly once)	R.C. School Anthoniarpuram	16	50
10-01-2020	Pongal Celebration	R.C. School Anthoniarpuram	15	50
11-02-2020	Tutoring the Students (Weekly once)	Anthoniarpuram	10	50

## Department English

Date	Programme	Place	No. of the Student Volunteer	Beneficiaries
11-10-2019 – 11-02-2020	Teaching (Weekly once)	T.N.D.T.A. Primary School, Bryant Nagar	30	I to V std students

## Extra Curricular Activities

During this academic year 2019 - 2020 our students participated in Intercollegiate Competitions organized by various reputed colleges in and around Thoothukudi.

- Commerce department students participated in Quiz, Group dance, Super singer Competition at JCI Pearl City, Thoothukudi on 02/08/2019 and won 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes
- On 27/08/2019, Commerce students participated in various competitions like Corporate walk, Cooking without fire, Product Launch, Talent Show, Rangoli, Poster Making, competition at St.Mary's College, Thoothukudi and won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prizes
- Lady Doak College, Madurai arranged EEGHAI 19 competition on 29/08/2019 our college B.A. department students won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize
- A.P.C. College, Thoothukudi organized APC ian FIESTA on 29/08/2019 our college B.A. department student won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize
- Bishop Caldwell College, Thoothukudi organized Bible Contest competition on 21/09/2019 our B.A. department students won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize.
- Fathima College, Madurai organized SPRING 2K19 on 20.09.2019 our college B.A. department students won the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in various competitions
- On 24/01/2019 our B.Sc Computer Science students participated in Paper presentation competition organized by SSDM College, Kovilpatti and won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize
- On 31/01/2019 our B.Sc. Computer Science students participated in the various competition such as Software Marketing, Paper Presentation, Word Hunt organized by Govindammal Women's College, Tiruchendur and won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes
- Our students participated at National Level Inter Collegiate Competition at St.Xaviers College, Palayamkottai on 07/02/2020 and won Runner up shield.
- College students participated at State Level Inter Collegiate Competition at St.Mary's College, Thoothukudi on 10/02/2020 and won overall shield
- On 21/02/2020 our I B.Sc Computer Science students participated in Vegetable Carving competition organized by St.Mary's College Thoothukudi and won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize
- On 10/03/2020 our B.Sc. Food Science and Nutrition students participated in FITFEST 2020 competition organized by American College and won the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes

## **Placement Cell**

The final year UG & PG students of our college had the opportunity of taking part in the career guidance seminar and expo organised by the District Employment and Career Guidance Centre, Thoothukudi on 30th Jan, 2020. The programme was inaugurated by opening the Book Expo by Mr. M. Chandran, Regional Joint Director, Employment Office, Madurai. Dr. Josephine Renuga welcomed the gathering and compered the programme. Rev. Dr. Sr. Mary Gilda, Principal and Secretary felicitated the programme and encouraged the students to make use of the opportunities and to plan their future career. Mrs. Prabhavathi, Assistant Director, District Employment and Career Guidance Centre, Dindigul gave a clear idea about competitive exams and motivated the students to attend TNPSC Group and Civil Service exams. Mr. Ramanathan, Assistant Director, Madurai presented about various job portals and Government websites that are available for the graduates to register their degree for Government and other jobs. Selvi. M. Durga Devi, Commercial Officer motivated the students by sharing her experience to succeed in the competitive exams and achieve their goal.

## **To Conclude**

It is with a thankful heart, lifted unto God, I place on record the achievements of the academic year 2019 – 2020. The institution in its march towards excellence had to incorporate new trends and accommodate other demands. The corporate effort of people helped in translating the thoughts into reality.

In our mission and commitment to higher education, we are grateful to many individuals who support us, collaborate with us and work tirelessly to ensure the smooth functioning of our day to day activities. Let me take this opportunity to acknowledge gratefully, the unstinted co-operation, constant inspiration and immense support extended by our beloved President Sr.Fatima Kattar and to the members of the Managing Committee and Sisters in the Community. I sincerely thank office bearers and members of PTA and Alumni Association for their dynamic support, and encouragement towards the development of the institution.

We wish our students higher professional pursuits and achievements. We do hope that our students, after graduating from the Crossian family, strive to create better conditions and meaningful prosperity for fellow citizens around them and for the world at large. I bow in gratitude before the Lord Almighty who made all these accomplishments possible.

Thank you for sparing your precious time to listen to the report

Thank You!

**Dr. Sr. Mary Gilda**