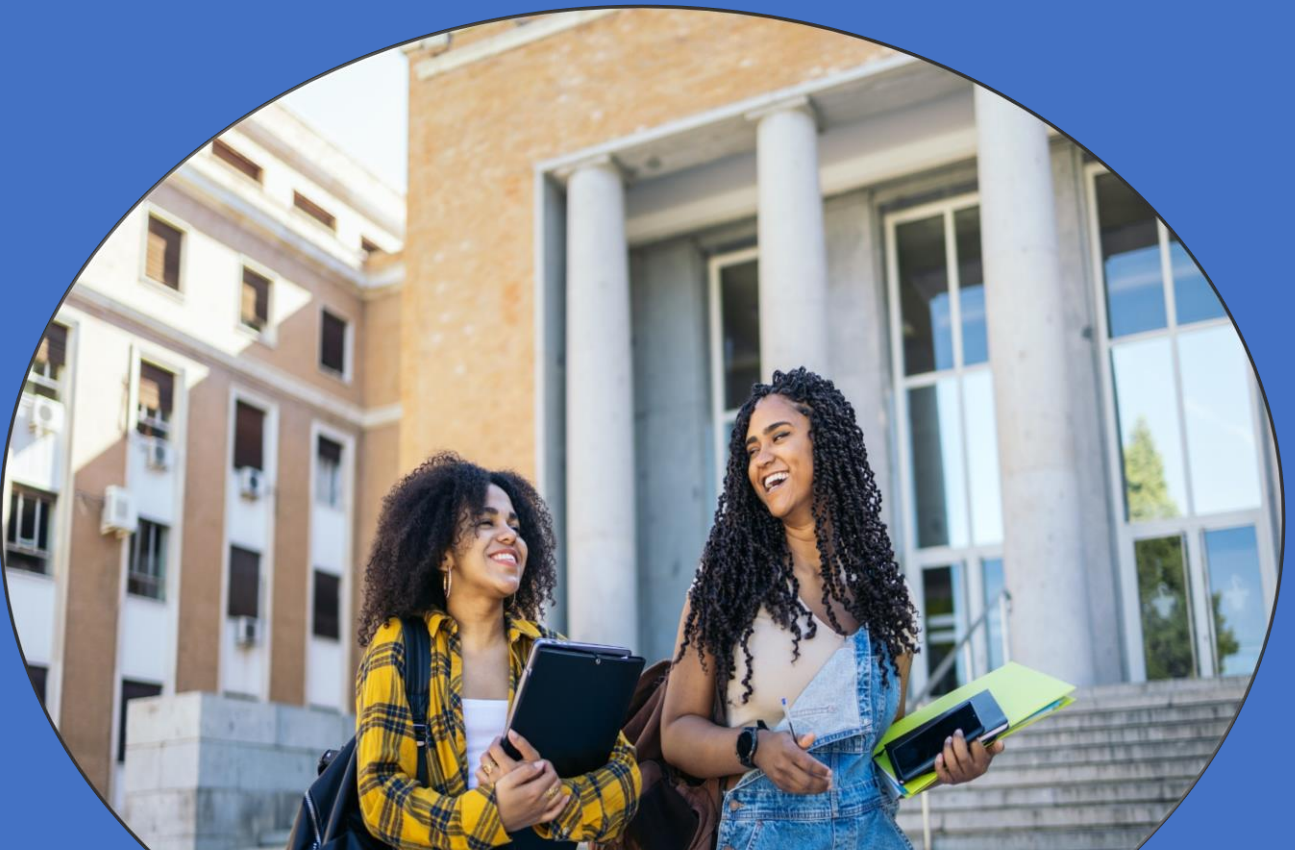




HOLY CROSS HOME SCIENCE COLLEGE THOOTHUKUDI-3

49th COLLEGE DAY REPORT

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Esteemed Chief Guest of the day, Dr B. Ahilan, Dean and Guest of Honor, Dr. N. V. Sujathkumar, Professor & Head, Fisheries College & Research Institute, Mother Superior, Rev. Sr. Siron, Headmistress of HCHS School, Rev. Sr. Sarath Mary, dear sisters, learned members of the faculty, administrative staff, members of PTA, Alumni, well-wishers and my dear students, Good morning.

I extend a warm welcome to all of you on the occasion of the 49th College Day of Holy Cross Home Science College Thoothukudi.

At the outset, it is my pleasure to introduce our distinguished guest, Dr. B. Ahilan. Dr. Ahilan currently holds the position of Dean at the Fisheries College and Research Institute, affiliated with the Tamil Nadu Dr. Jayalalitha Fisheries University in Thoothukudi. With an impressive tenure of 32 years at the university, Dr. Ahilan has showcased extensive expertise in teaching, research, extension, and administration. As a Professor of Aquaculture, he notably held the position of Dean at Dr. MGR FC&RI, Ponneri from 2017 to 2022. His academic prowess extends to leading over 30 research projects, generously funded by various Central and State government organizations, focusing on ornamental fish culture, fish nutrition and the training of fish farmers. Notably, he spearheaded the establishment of the Nutrition Laboratory and Feed Mill Unit at FC& RI, Thoothukudi, in 2015, utilizing NADP funds. Additionally, he set up RAS units for seabass and an Aquaponics unit at AFFF, TNJFU, Madhavaram, Chennai, in 2018, further enhancing research infrastructure. Dr. Ahilan's scholarly contributions are extensive, encompassing 16 textbooks, 113 research articles in reputable journals and 92 papers presented at international/national conferences and seminars. Dr. Ahilan's dedication to fisheries education earned him the "Best Teacher Award" from the Professional Fisheries Graduate Forum (PFGF) in Mumbai in 2003 and from TANUVAS in Chennai in 2011. He currently serves as the Faculty Dean for Fisheries Science and Dean (Academics) for TNJFU, implementing notable academic reforms and demonstrating his commitment to advancing fisheries education. Welcome sir.

It is with immense pleasure that I introduce our esteemed guest of honor, Dr. N.V. Sujathkumar. Currently, Dr. Sujathkumar holds the esteemed position of Professor and Head of the Department of Fisheries Extension, Economics, and Statistics at the Fisheries College and Research Institute in Thoothukudi. With an impressive 35-year tenure, Dr. Sujathkumar has amassed extensive experience in teaching, research, extension work, and administration.

He has also served as the Dean in charge of the college for one year. Throughout his career, Dr. Sujathkumar has made significant contributions to education and research. He has mentored 20 postgraduate students at both the M.F.Sc and Ph.D. levels, serving as Chairman or Member of the Student Advisory Committee. Additionally, he has expanded his expertise internationally, visiting countries such as the United Kingdom and the USA to participate in the development of audiovisual aids and e-learning courses for the B.FSc degree programme in India. In terms of research, Dr. Sujathkumar has led over 10 projects funded by various Central and State government organizations and published more than 35 research articles. These projects have covered a wide range of topics including fisheries extension, marine ornamental fish breeding and e-learning programmes. His efforts have not only contributed to the academic community but have also resulted in tangible infrastructure developments such as the establishment of the TRYSEM – AV Hall, Video Studio and e-learning laboratory. Welcome, Sir.

As we pause to contemplate the remarkable 49-year journey of our college, our hearts brim with gratitude towards the divine. Today, we honour our founders and early leaders, acknowledging their visionary spirit and unwavering commitment, alongside the sacrifices of the pioneering sisters who paved the path. My sincere gratitude extends to the successive secretaries, principals, and staff for their enduring dedication to upholding the legacy of our founders and fostering an environment focused on women's empowerment. Guided by boundless divine love and inspired by Mother Foundress Claudine Echernier, we, the Sisters of the Cross, envision a society founded on principles of justice and harmony, where each individual can thrive to their fullest potential. Looking ahead, with the college poised to mark its Golden Jubilee in the forthcoming academic year, we eagerly anticipate commemorating fifty years of academic excellence and our steadfast commitment to advancing women.

The mission of Holy Cross Home Science College is to foster holistic development in individuals, nurturing them to become agents of positive change in society. Our goal is to cultivate individuals with integrity, empathy, dedication and proficiency, capable of addressing life's challenges and advocating for the disadvantaged. We prioritize the admission of students from marginalized communities, regardless of caste or creed and are dedicated to their comprehensive growth. Our programs aim to produce dynamic leaders equipped with transcendent qualities for the future.

It is with great honour and privilege that I share with you a brief overview of the institution's progress, achievements and accolades while expressing gratitude to all stakeholders for their contributions to our shared journey towards academic excellence and community outreach.

Our institution offers a range of educational opportunities including 6 undergraduate (U.G) and 3 postgraduate (P.G) courses, along with a research program in Commerce. Additionally, we provide Tailoring courses, including Aari Work and Beautician, reinforced by both State and Central governments. We take pride in our diverse curriculum, which aims to cater to the educational needs of our students while also offering skill development opportunities aligned with government initiatives.

The activities of the academic year 2023-24 started with the reopening of the college on June 19, 2023, the day commenced with a Holy Spirit Mass, seeking divine blessings for all members and endeavours for the senior students and 21st June for the I UG & I PG students. Orientation to the freshers along with their parents is a regular feature of our college.

OUR STRENGTH

Currently, our college boasts a student body of 573 students, supported by a band of 43 dedicated and efficient teaching faculty and 6 administrative staff. Thirty-seven teaching staff are Ph.D. holders; 6 are doing part-time research. Regarding student governance, elections for the Student Council were conducted on June 28, 2023, resulting in the appointment of the following office bearers:

- Chairman – Ms. L. Jancy Rani (III B.A. English Literature)
- Vice Chairman - Ms. Nishitha Fernando (II B.Sc. FSN)
- Secretary - Ms. S. Shobana (III B.Com)
- Treasurer - Ms. J. Oviya (II M.A. English Literature)

In the afternoon, the seniors gave a formal welcome to the new entrants to the Crossian family and made them feel at home on the new campus.

ADMISSIONS 2023–24

In the academic year 2023-24, our institution admitted a total of 180 students across various programs.

IQAC

Under the guidance of Dr. S.M.D. Mathuravalli, the IQAC Coordinator actively involves stakeholders in upholding standards of excellence across academic and non-academic pursuits through regular meetings, feedback exchanges, and ongoing improvement endeavours. Dr. Jayanthasri Balakrishnan, a renowned Motivational Speaker, delivered an inspiring speech titled "Yathumanaval 51.0" on June 26, 2023, and conducted an Orientation program on NAAC assessment & Accreditation Process on July 6, 2023. On February 9, 2024, Dr. Fr. Kingston Kudalane organized orientation programs focused on Stress Management, Cultivating a Positive Outlook in Life, and Communication Profiling for both staff and students.

PASS PERCENTAGE

Pass percentages for various academic programs for the November examination in 2023. Here is the breakdown:

- B.Sc (Food Science & Nutrition): 89%
- B.Sc (Fashion Designing & Apparel Making): 97%
- M.Sc (Dietetics & Food Management): 99%
- B.A (English): 89%
- M.A (English): 75%
- B.Com: 66%
- M.Com: 80%
- Computer Science: 85%
- Psychology: 75%

UNIVERSITY RANK HOLDERS

We are proud to say that three of our students have secured University ranks in the examinations held in April 2023. Ms. P. Raja Suma achieved the top position at Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, securing the first rank in the B.Sc (PG Department of Food Science & Nutrition). Ms. A.N. Mahmoodha Safrun also attained the first rank in the University for M.Sc Dietetics & Food Management. Ms. Priyadharshini excelled, clinching the first rank in B.Sc Fashion Designing & Apparel Making of the 2020-23 batch. Additionally, Ms J.Jacquin

Shravya Rose secured the 18th rank in Computer Science, Ms. A. Haritha secured the University IX Rank and Ms. S. Archana secured the University XIV Rank in Commerce for 2019-22 batch.

I especially congratulate all who have performed well academically and have acquired ranks.

STUDENTS INDUCTION PROGRAMME (SIP)

The Postgraduate Department of English organized a comprehensive Student Induction Programme for all first-year students, which took place from June 21st, 2023 to June 30th, 2023. Additionally, each department conducted skill-based programs tailored to the specific requirements of their respective courses during this period.

BOARD OF STUDIES

Dr. S. M. D. Mathuravalli is the chairperson of BoS in Food Science & Nutrition at our University and a member of BOS at VVV College, Virudhunagar, SRNM College, Sattur, Sara Tucker (Autonomous) College and Sadakkathulah Appa College, Tirunelveli. She is also a member of SCAA and a member of the Senate at our University. Mrs. A. Karolin serves as a Board Member of the FSN Department. our faculty members are serving as external examiners for conducting practical examinations and a few others for evaluating answer scripts. Few of them offer their expertise as question setters in autonomous colleges and universities.

Ph. D COMPLETED

The management encourages research culture among faculty by giving seed money, three months of study leave with pay while preparing the thesis and additional increments for qualified candidates. Mrs Devi Sathya, Mrs. M. Deena, Mrs. Rajeswari Assistant Professors of Commerce, Sr. J. Michael Antony Sylvia, assistant professor of Computer science and Mrs. M. Maria Sherine Sweeja, assistant professor of English recently attained their PhD degrees from the same university. Six staff members are pursuing Ph.D.

GUIDESHIP/ DOCTORAL COMMITTEE

The first Doctoral Committee Meetings were conducted for Mr. E. Essakkiappan and Mr.Immanuel, full-time Ph.D. Scholars, in January and July 2023 under the guideship of Dr. J. Elizabeth Vijaya, Assistant Professor of Commerce and she served as Doctoral committee member for 4 scholars and guiding 4 Ph.D., scholars. Dr. V.C.Jeyaradha, PG & Research Department of Commerce served as Doctoral committee member for 4 scholars. Dr.N.N.Krishnaveni, Department of Computer Science served as Doctoral committee member for a Ph.D. scholar. Dr. M. Josephine Renuga, Assistant Professor of Tamil guiding 2 PhD scholars and 2 scholars is awaiting viva voce and serving as a Doctoral committee member for 4 scholars. Dr.S.M.D.Mathuravalli, Associate Professor of the PG Department of PG Department of Food Science & Nutrition served as a Doctoral committee member for a Ph.D. scholar at Muslim Arts & Science College, Tiruvidancode.

RESOURCE PERSONS

Dr. S. M. D. Mathuravalli, Mrs. A.Karolin, Mrs. A.Marithangam, Ms. Sulochana and Ms.G. Ajitha served as resource persons in State-level seminars, ICDS, training programmes and in various colleges and schools. Mr. John Moses Giritharan, Ms. R Vino Roshini. and Ms. A. Roselin Mary, Assistant Professors in the Department of Psychology conducted a series of motivational talks and counselling sessions across different schools and institutions. Dr.N.N Krishnaveni, Assistant Professor of Computer Science served as a Resource Person and Chief Guest for Standard Club at St.Xavier's College, Palayamkottai Annai Hazeer Women's College and BMC School, Thoothukudi. Dr. S. M. D. Mathuravalli went for staff recruitment at Arunachala Arts and Science College for Women in Nagercoil, Kanyakumari. Dr. J. Elizabeth Vijaya served as the Resource Person for the One Day Seminar on Entrepreneurial Excellence: Strategies for Startup Success in Manonmaniam Sundaranar University College, Nagampatti on 26th September 2023.

SEMINAR /WORKSHOP/CONFERENCES

The Departments of Fashion Designing & Apparel Making and English organized seminars, workshops and conferences and the Department of Psychology held a workshop on "Psychological Testing & Assessment" featuring Mrs. K. Bhavani, a counseling psychologist from Tirunelveli. Topics covered in these events covered a wide range of topics such as Reflexology, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Baking, Food Processing and Saree Wrapping

and Draping. They included hands-on training sessions on baking, food processing and vermicompost technology. Additionally, the PG & Research Department of Commerce organized a workshop on entrepreneurship promotion, while the Research and Development Committee conducted a national-level webinar on "IPR in The New Economy" and workshops on bibliographic preparation and research platform registration. The Department of Computer Science, in collaboration with the Postulate Institute of Research & Technology, organized workshops on "IoT and its Applications" and "Machine Learning using Python." An international seminar spotlighted "Personalized Nutrition in an Innovative World" on September 22, 2023, the PG Department of Food Science and Nutrition hosted renowned international speakers and conducted paper presentation competitions.

FDP

Faculty members from the departments of FSN, Commerce, English and Computer Science attended a total of 43 Faculty Development Programs (FDPs). Additionally, Assistant Professors Ms. B. Bala Yoga Meena and Ms. V. Shreeja, from the English department, passed the upskill tests administered by Cambridge University in January 2024.

PAPER PRESENTATION & PUBLICATIONS

Staff and students attend seminars and conferences organized inside and outside the institution to upgrade themselves. To enhance their teaching-learning skills, the majority of the faculty members have participated in State/national/international level seminars/conferences/workshops organized by Institutions of higher education. Dr. J. Ragu Antony and Mrs. A.Karolin published in 3 UGC CARE Journals and 42 papers in National and International Seminar Proceedings with ISBN. Mrs. A.Karolin presented a paper at NIN, Hyderabad.

BOOK/BOOK CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS

Dr. J. Ragu Antony, Associate Professor of English, published two chapters titled "From Subjectivity: Oryx in Margaret Atwood's Oryx and Crake" in the book "Othering Subaltern(ity)" by Pacific Books International, Bangalore. Mrs. A.Marithangam published a book on a Textbook in Biochemistry. Dr. V. C. Jeyaratha, Dr. V. Devi Sathya and Dr. M. Deena authored a book on Export & Import Documentation Procedures, while Dr. M. Deena, Dr. V.

Devi Sathya and Dr. T. Sangeetha Sudha collaborated on books concerning Banking & Insurance. Furthermore, the Department of Commerce published seven book chapters.

Additionally, the PG & Research Department of Commerce organized a one-day workshop on fostering innovative ideas and entrepreneurial spirit on February 23, 2024. The Research and Development Committee orchestrated a National-level Webinar on "IPR in The New Economy" on February 20, 2024, covering topics such as bibliography preparation and research platform registration. Furthermore, the Department of Computer Science, in collaboration with the Postulate Institute of Research & Technology, Thoothukudi, hosted workshops on "IoT and its Applications" and "Machine Learning using Python" on different dates.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

The PG Departments of Food Science and Nutrition and English and the Department of Computer Science engaged in various Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) activities with the Lions Club of Pearl City, Thoothukudi, St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi and Ant Creative Career Academy, Thoothukudi to support student welfare and educational initiatives organized a student welfare program, providing funds and dresses to economically disadvantaged students. The Department of Fashion Designing signed a MoU with Oviyam FX Institute, Thoothukudi and Lekshmipuram College for Arts & Science, Nagercoil.

FACULTY AWARDS

The institution was honoured with the Best Institution Award for the academic year. Rev. Dr. Sr. Rubha received the Best College Principal Award, while Dr. S.M.D. Mathuravalli was recognized with the Distinguished Teaching & Outstanding Educator Award. Dr. J. Ragu Antony was awarded the Faculty Mentorship Award and Mrs. R. Tiffany received the Best Teacher Award. Mrs. A. Karolin was honoured with the Community Engagement Award and Dr. M. Josephine Renuga received the Sirandha Kavithamizh Petchalar Award. Additionally, Dr. J. Elizabeth Vijaya received the Research Recognition Award and the Inclusion & Diversity Award, sponsored by the Association for Women Empowerment & Child Development under the Indian Trust Act 198/B4-2017. Faculty members were celebrated for their exceptional achievements in language, education, research and social activities on International Women's Day 2024.

The Nature Science Foundation, Coimbatore, bestowed the Best Institution Award to the Holy Cross Home Science College and received the Best College Principal Award upon Dr. Sr. Rubha. Dr. S.M.D. Mathuravalli was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award. The institution was acknowledged with the Best Campus Amenities Award. Mrs. X. Della, Mrs. R. Tiffany and Mrs. A. Karolin were recipients of the Best Faculty Award, while Dr. V.C. Jeyaradha was recognized with the Best Social Worker Award. Additionally, Dr. Sangeetha Sudha was presented with the Best Entrepreneur Award.

Best Institution Award, Best College Principal Award, Best Campus Amenities Award, Lifetime Achievement Award- Dr.S. M. D. Mathuravalli, Best Faculty Award- Mrs. X.Della, Mrs.R.Tiffany and Mrs.A.Karolin, Best Social Worker Award- Dr.V.C.Jeyaradha and Best Entrepreneur Award- Dr. Sangeetha Sudha given by Nature Science Foundation, Coimbatore.

The institution presented Appreciation Awards to Mrs.A.Marithangam, Dr. Bagavathi Thangam and Dr. N.N. Krishnaveni, Assistant Professors, as well as Mrs. A. Irudhaya Amalarani, Mrs. Perinbam and Mrs. Sundari, Administrative Staff members of the college.

Dr. Sr. M. S. Rubha, our Principal, received an award of distinction at the National Women's Day Awards Celebration, while Dr. K. Jeyamalar, an Assistant Professor in the Tamil Department, was honoured with the Muththamizh Kavi award. Additionally, several students were recognized with Illamkalai Sudar and Silambu Selvi awards for their outstanding performances. Furthermore, Dr. Josephine Renuga received an honorary award for her exceptional contributions.

STAFF STUDENT EXCHANGE

Student staff exchange programmes took place at Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli, Holy Cross College, Nagercoil by the Departments of PG Department of Food Science & Nutrition and Computer Science Staff Students Exchange Programme. As a part of the MoU signed under Crossian Consortium with Annai Velankanni College, Tholayavattam on 29th February, 2024.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATION

Students are encouraged to participate in seminars/conferences/workshops. 56 students have attended seminars organized by the university and other colleges and 107 in the parent

institution itself. FSSAI organized student competitions, including quizzes, poster-making and millet recipe preparation. Winners received certificates and shields, with a paper and poster contest focusing on home food safety. Additionally, the Department of Food Science and Nutrition conducted a poster-making competition on the "International Year of Millets 2023," with twenty students participating. 22 students from the PG & Research Department of Commerce attended a Skill Training Programme in Honey Bee Horticultural, Muthaloor, Sathankulam on 15th July, 2023.

INTERNSHIPS & INDUSTRIAL VISITS

The PG Departments of Food Science and Nutrition, along with the Research Department of Commerce, coordinated Clinical Dietetics internship programs in Coimbatore, Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli for both undergraduate and postgraduate students. These programs aimed to offer students practical exposure and hands-on experience in real-world settings. Additionally, nine departments organized industrial visits to various companies, including Idhayam, V.V.V. Sons, Edible Oils Limited, Spectra Lab, Nila Seafoods Cold Storage Private Limited, Anjali Oil Mill, SNP Milk Plant, Connemara Tea Factory, Vandiperiyar, SPIC Ornamental Garden, Defense Food Research Laboratory in Mysuru, Penguin Apparels, Aralvaimozhi and fabric industries in Puthamputhur. These visits were intended to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, thereby preparing students for their future professional endeavours.

DAY CELEBRATIONS

Throughout the academic year, our college organized numerous events to promote student leadership, community engagement and academic enrichment. The Students Administration Day, orchestrated by the Students Union Council, empowered students with administrative responsibilities and facilitated senior students in teaching roles for juniors, nurturing leadership skills and fostering community involvement. Various celebrations, including Teachers Day, Holy Cross Feast, Deepavali, Christmas and Pongal, fostered joyous get-togethers, while commemorations of International Yoga Day and International Self Care Day enriched students' holistic well-being. Additionally, the Department of Psychology

organized awareness programs on Suicide Prevention and World Suicide Prevention Day, emphasizing "Creating Hope through Action." Other initiatives like the Expo, special lectures and contests by the Department of Food Science and Nutrition promoted health awareness, including programs on millets, nutrition education, World Food Day, World Breastfeeding Week and National Nutrition Week. Events such as the Nutri-flashmob and Cancer Awareness Programme furthered health education, while the Department of Computer Science observed Ozone Day and conducted an e-waste campaign contributing to sustainability efforts.

The PG & Research Department of Commerce celebrated Commerce Day with the intra-departmental competition "DIA DEL COMMERCIO'23" and organized a guest lecture on Human Resource Professional Day to enhance students' understanding of HR practices. Initiatives by the Department of Tamil, such as Illakkiyam Kaatum Penn Nilaippadu and Vaanavil K.Raviyin Padaippugal, alongside celebrations of Kamarajar Birthday, World Literacy Day and Vanna Vizha, highlight the preservation and promotion of the cultural heritage of Tamil-speaking people. Additionally, these endeavours serve as a platform for the expression of classical literature, poetry and religious texts.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

All the departments conducted 22 extension activities to a rehabilitation centre, Caldwell Colony, Thoothukudi and skill training for school children in R.C Primary School, Threspuram, Sivandhi Aditnar School, Extension Middle School, Panchayat Union Middle School, Shanmugapuram, Thoothukudi, Seenaa Vaanaa Govt. Hr. Sec. School, TNDTA Middle School, Keela Shunmugapuram Thoothukudi visited for extension activities. Our students adapted fun-based activities to teach English grammar and spoken English to the middle school level students.

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMME

The Postgraduate Department of English conducted a 2-day Life Skills Programme titled "FemPower Navigating Tomorrow" for all the final undergraduate and postgraduate students of our college on 28th & 29th February 2024.

CERTIFICATE COURSES

In both odd and even semesters, sixteen and twelve certificate courses respectively are offered, aiming to provide learners with real-world exposure and practical application of their skills.

ACCOLADES

The academic year 2023-24 was marked by several notable achievements and events. G Rea Keren won the Gold Medal in the District Level Badminton Tournament held at Thoothukudi on the 21st & 22nd February 2024. Inter-collegiate tournaments in Chess, Badminton and Hockey were also attended, showcasing the college's sporting prowess. G. Rea Keren represented the college in the South Zone inter-University Badminton Tournament and emerged victorious in district-level Badminton Competitions held in March 2024. Additionally, college hockey players were chosen to represent the state in championship competitions. In July 2023, college athletes showcased outstanding performances in the state-level Chief Minister's Trophy, with Ms. G. Rea Keren representing Thoothukudi district in Badminton, alongside students participating in Football and Hockey tournaments, highlighting the college's dedication to both academics and sports, furthermore, Ms. M. Archana of I B.Sc. CS secured the Runner position in a Hockey match at Rani Anna Govt. Women's College, Tirunelveli. Our students won I, II & III prizes in Kavithai competition at Kamaraj College, Thoothukudi, Extempore conducted by JCI, Tamil Nadu State NSS Cell (State Adventure Camp-2023 at Yercaud), NSS National Adventure Camp at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, District Level Badminton Tournament at Thoothukudi, Group Dance competition at The American College, Madurai, District Level Shuttle – Singles, District Level Shuttle – Doubles, Standup Comedy competition-Commquest organized by Kamaraj College, Thoothukudi, JCI Pearl city Full Novel quiz in Tamil. Ms. A.M. Mahmoodha Safrun, Graduate of M.Sc (DFM) cleared NET examination in December 2023. Dr.N.N.Krishnaveni, Scientist Fellowship Program, IPR under Women Scientist Fellowship Program (Selected), DST, Govt of India from January 23, 2023-2024.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College & University Students received 107 applications, out of which 51 were approved, totalling an amount of ₹6,88,000 disbursed

so far. Post Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities amounts to ₹14,000. There were 30 applicants for the Post Matric Scholarship for Adi-Dravidar. The management and well-wishers offer fee concessions and freeships to deserving students based on merit and financial need.

FOOD BANK, BOOK BANK AND FREESHIPS

A food bank is offering free meals (Lunch) to 25 underprivileged students experiencing financial difficulties. Books, educational materials and other stationery items are usually provided at the start of the academic year. However, due to severe flooding, additional essentials such as sarees, dhotis, lungis, pants, shirts, towels, bed sheets and food items like rice, lentils, sugar, oil, wheat flour and semolina in bags are being distributed to flood victims. Additionally, stationery and books are being provided after the flood because students residing in low-lying areas lost their possessions.

LIBRARY

Our library boasts a collection of 6707 books and subscribes to 23 journals and periodicals with open access. This year, 77 books were added to our collection, totalling an expenditure of Rs. 51,110 on books and journals for the academic year 2023-24. Additionally, the library is connected to the Inflib-Nlist facility. The Crossian Book Bazaar Expo took place on September 27, 2023.

SPORTS

The Sports Committee organized a Sports Day celebration, where college students actively participated in various sports events such as 100 m, 200 m, relay, Badminton, Football, Hockey, Chess and Carom. The chief guest Mr. Rajesh graced the day celebration and distributed prizes to the winners.

NSS

The NSS unit at Holy Cross Home Science College initiated impactful events and initiatives, starting with a rally against drug abuse on June 26, 2023, involving Dr. Jayanthasri Balakrishnan and 83 volunteers. Collaborating with the Health & Fitness committee and YRC units, an eye checkup camp on July 11-12, 2023, identified eyesight issues in 189 out of 548 students examined. Regular extension activities in Pandarampatti village included awareness

programs for villagers. A NSS orientation program on July 13, 2023, hosted 75 students with Dr. A. Vasanthi from Pope's College, Sawyerpuram, as the guest speaker. Marking NSS Unit 53's anniversary on August 15, 2023, the college planted 23 saplings in the adopted village with 25 volunteers. Other activities included addressing cybercrime against women, treks, marathons, coastal area beach cleaning and seed collection efforts. Notable achievements included recognition for planting 1000 palm seeds on October 12, 2023 and participation in adventure camps. Additionally, a special NSS camp from January 26 to February 1, 2024, was held in Pandarampatti, Thoothukudi district. The unit also organized a blood donation camp with Thoothukudi Government Hospital on March 20, 2024, highlighting its commitment to community welfare.

YRC

The YRC inaugurated its academic year 2023-24 with a ceremony on September 21, 2023, led by Dr. Vasikaran, Chairman of the Indian Red Cross in Thoothukudi District. An awareness program titled "Health and Hygiene" took place at St. Antony's High School, Siluvaipatti, on February 20, 2024.

PTA AND ALUMNI

The college values the significant support provided by the PTA and Alumni, whose participation in General Body Meetings is highly valued. On October 29, 2023, an alumni meeting was held, honoured by the presence of retired Tamil staff member, Mrs. Saroja Jone. The event showcased cultural performances by students and was attended by around 128 alumni.

CELLS/CLUBS/COMMITTEES

Subsequently, all associations, clubs and committees were inaugurated, along with the installation of student council members. The college witnessed numerous impactful events and initiatives across various domains. The Fine Arts Week "Crossian Femme Fiesta" held on August 24 & 25, 2023, showcased students' talents and the PG Department of Food Science & Nutrition winning the rolling shield. The 77th Flag Hoisting Ceremony on August 15, 2023, featured Mr. N. Keerthi Nivas as the chief guest. Additionally, during the NSS valedictory

function on January 30, 2024, students performed folk dances to raise awareness about anti-drug abuse.

The Eco and Rotaract Clubs were actively engaged in environmental initiatives, including a wall painting program named "Save the Children" on July 1, 2023 and collaboration with the Thoothukudi Municipal Corporation for awareness programs. They also participated in planting 10,000 palm tree seeds on October 18, 2023 and contributed to a plantation drive at the college campus on February 28, 2024, for National Science Day.

The Consumer Club and Human Rights Cell collaborated to organize a rally and awareness program on individual rights and social injustice on February 2, 2024, inaugurated by Mr. Prabakaran, the Tahsildar of Tuticorin Taluk, alongside senior police officials.

The college's Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti-Drug Committee organized events such as guest lectures and surprise bus stand visits to prevent ragging. They also conducted visits to rehabilitation centres, reflecting the college's commitment to student safety and respect.

The Career Guidance Cell organized sessions on personal hygiene, personality development, bank job opportunities, and TANCET MCA Exam Preparation, benefiting students with insights from industry experts and alumni.

The Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDII) involved students in entrepreneurial activities such as honey cultivation and vermicompost training since January 12, 2023. Collaborations with external partners enhanced student readiness for the entrepreneurial landscape.

The Young Innovator Contest' 23 cum Expo aimed to foster innovation among youth, with schools and college students participating in showcasing prototypes and ideas. The club also organized a cyber security awareness programme for hostel students on September 12, 2023, focusing on protecting data from hackers and safe mobile phone handling.

UBA

The UBA Coordinator, Dr. N.N. Krishnaveni, participated in workshops focusing on community outreach activities. She engaged in one-to-one meetings with village Panchayat

leaders to discuss low-cost/no-cost activities and gather village profile data. The team received UBA funds amounting to Rs. 50,000 on January 28, 2024.

HOSTEL

There are students in the hostel who are cared guided and animated by Deputy Warden Sr. Sylvia. Renewal programmes, input sessions, group sessions and para-liturgical services on special occasions are arranged for the inmates.

Our upcoming initiatives include:

- Constructing the Golden Jubilee Block to commemorate our institution's milestone.
- Establishing a Research Centre for Food Science & Nutrition
- Renovation of Nutrition and biochemistry labs
- Extension of Food Court/ canteen
- Initiating the process of re-accreditation by NAAC to uphold our commitment to quality education and continuous improvement.

We express our gratitude to the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University authorities and officials from various district departments, as well as parents, alumni and well-wishers for their unwavering support. Special thanks to colleagues, both teaching and non-teaching staff, for their continuous collaboration. Our students are appreciated and we wish ongoing success in serving the nation. As we look ahead with grateful hearts, we seek divine guidance to reach new heights and contribute to a better world.

With this, I would like to bring my remarks to a close by expressing my heartfelt gratitude once again to Dr. B. Ahilan, Dr. N.V. Sujathkumar, and all other distinguished guests present here today. I also extend my appreciation to everyone involved in organizing this event, as well as to those who share our vision of progress and excellence.

THANK YOU!

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