

St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi

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On **29th October 2021** the first meeting of the academic year started with the special lecture on “**AICUF – Voice and Ways**” by Rev. Fr. Parthasarathy S.J., State Advisor of AICUF, Chennai through the Zoom platform. The first and second year AICUF students participated in this programme. Father threw light on the history and evolution of AICUF during the course of time and also encouraged the new AICUF students to take up social responsibilities. Many street play videos were relayed and an awareness about voting campaign was also done. The students were happy to learn on the aims and objectives of AICUF and their role in the society. The meeting ended with college anthem.



On **9th November 2021** a meeting was organized for the first year AICUF students in the college campus. The meeting started with a silent prayer. Dr. Sr. Mary Joyce Baby initiated the students on the importance of being AICUFers and encouraged the students to take active part in all the meetings and activities of AICUF. Faculty Ms. Patricia Romila, Ms. Pauline Jenifer, Ms. Vinobini Samprasitta Abila and Ms. Ajitha were also present to orient the students for PART V. The students were instructed with the duties of AICUF as a unit. Personal experience as an AICUF volunteer was also shared by Ms. A. Patricia Romila.

On **12th November 2021** a meeting was organized for the second year AICUF students in the college campus. Dr.Sr. Mary Joyce Baby, Professors Patricia Romila, Pauline Jenifer, Vinobini Samprasitta Abila and Ajitha were present. They deliberated on organising events



and educating the AICUF students on its mission. A discussion was had about the office bearers to be elected in the next meeting. Students expressed their willingness to be leaders. The AICUF students gathered at the Star Hall of St.Mary’s College on **17th November 2021**. The meeting was organized to

select the various office bearers. The following students were the office bearers for the academic year: President- S.Snofar, Vice- President Petchiammal.G, Secretary Subiksha .V, Joint Secretary Rijola, Women's -coordinator Buhari Fathima, Cultural coordinators Jemima and Prasanna, Literary- coordinator Hafsa and Treasurer Anima Bage.

The AICUF students of the college actively participated in Tamil Nadu AICUF State council 2021 held at St. Joseph's college, Trichy on **19th November 2021** on the theme



'Youth Establishing Democracy'. Students from various colleges in Tamil Nadu were enrolled. The welcome ceremony commenced at 6:15 pm with Mr. Salo, Professor of St. Joseph's college, Trichy as special guest. The College AICUF President S. Snofar, Vice president G. Petchiammal, Secretary V. Subiksha and Treasurer Anima Bage participated in this programme.

In commemoration of the Indian Constitution Day - 26th November, the AICUF observed the day on **2nd December 2021** in the college premises. The morning assembly was led by AICUF students. An awareness was initiated by the AICUF on the significance of the constitution. The staff and students undertook the pledge to uphold and respect the



Indian constitution. This event was led by the Principal, Dr. Sr. A. S. J. Lucia Rose, AICUF Coordinator, Dr. Sr. Mary Joyce Baby, Ms. Pauline Jenifer, Ms. Patricia, Ms. Ajitha and Ms. Abila staff-in-charge of the forum. The celebration reinstated the responsibility of every citizen to realize the importance of the Indian Constitution among the students.

On **23rd December 2021** the AICUF students were taken to Bethany, a home for aged sisters. The Christmas day celebration was organised for them. The celebration began with



a prayer song and welcome address by Dr. Sr. Mary Joyce Baby. The students enacted the nativity scene and Santa clause Ms. Osheen entertained the sisters with joyful dance. Rev. Sr. Sandra, the Superior of the house and Sr. Jemina gave the Christmas message. It was a great experience for the students to meet the sisters and spend time with them. The students also

distributed Christmas gifts to the sisters and the supporting staff of the convent.

On **11th March, 2022**, the AICUF unit of St. Mary's organised a seminar on "Women's Freedom, Equality and Representation". Rev.Fr.John Wilson, State Advisor of AICUF, from St. Joseph's College, Trichy was the chief guest. The meeting started with prayer song Ms .P. Rahina of II Chemistry gave the welcome address. Ms. Patricia Romila introduced the Chief Guest. Rev. Dr. Sr. Lucia Rose, Principal of St. Mary's College honoured him with the memento and Dr.Sr.Mary Joyce Baby honoured him with shawl. He



enlightened the students with practical examples from daily life that gender equality, besides being a fundamental human right, is essential to achieve peaceful societies, with full human potential and sustainable development. Women and girls represent half of the world's population and, therefore, also half of its potential. The AICUF students performed two dances representing the life of women. This was very much appreciated by the State Advisor. Students took active part in raising questions. Finally, Ms. A. Ceenithai of II Chemistry extended the vote of thanks and the meeting ended with college anthem.

The AICUF students Anima Bage, Snofar, Hafsa and Buhari Fathima guided by faculty Ms. Vinobini Samprasitta Abila, participated in the Women's Commission Training Programme held at AICUF House, Chennai, from **10th March to 12th March 2022**. They were oriented on the struggles and toils of Migrated women in the society. A sensitising on the AICUFers role to recognise and support them was motivated on the first day. The second



day had an interactive introspection on the topic “Who am I?” In this session participants were asked to raise an inner question as to who they were, and their role in the society. On the third day First Aid training was provided and certificates were distributed. This training certified them as capable of providing first aid in the event of a need.

An active participation of the AICUF student representatives outside campus ensured a good reputation for the college. National level representatives Anima Bage and Hafsa participated in all AICUF meetings organised at the national level on **22nd December 2021**, **23rd January 2022**, and **6th February 2022**. AICUF students, Snofar, Prasanna and Jemima participated in the Workshop conducted in Beschy College, Dindigul **from 26th to 29th December 2021**. They were trained in folk art, street theatre to sensitise and create awareness in the society. They become torchbearers and harbingers of the orientation they received to the inmates of AICUF students in the college.