IQAC Report (2021-22) – June 2021 to March 2022

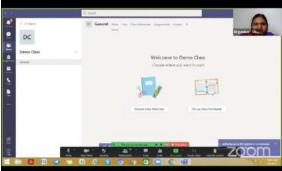
IQAC organised a two day National Professional Progression Programme on "Toward a Constructivist Framework for Fostering Change and Innovation in Higher Education" for the faculty on 7.06.21 & 8.06.21. On 7th June 2021 the chief guest Mr. Vigranth Bapu, Assistant Professor & PG Department Co-ordinator, Kristu Jeyanthi College, Bengaluru delivered an expert talk on "Adapting to Pedagogical & Emotional Changes during Covid 19" which initiated the faculty to focus on accomplishing their wellness goals in the changing academic ambience and strengthen them with the new perspectives towards life changing circumstances in the academic arena. On 8th June 2021, Rev. Dr. Xavier Vedam S J, General Secretary, AIACHE spoke on "Institutional Expectations" highlighting the essential qualities that enrich the professional life of the faculty. Dr. S. Aloysius Albert, Assistant Professor of English and Dean of Students, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, addressed the faculty on the theme "Role of Instructors in 21st Century Classroom," which highlighted the natural paradigmatic shifts in the field of higher education, the means of handling the digital learners in the post pandemic era. 147 faculty participated in the orientation programme.





On 28th June 2021, IQAC organised a Hands-on Training Programme on "Microsoft Teams" in the online mode. Ms. A. Patricia Romila, Assistant Professor of English spoke on the installation of Microsoft Teams and the simplified pathways for the easy access. Ms. M. Jothimani, Dean, School of Physical & Computing Sciences & Associate Professor of Computer Science highlighted the functioning of the different modules in the Microsoft Teams and their salient features. 54 faculty participated in the training programme.





IQAC conducted a two day Professional Progression Programme on "Life Skills and Dimensions of Well-being" for the Supportive Staff on 24.8.21 & 25.8.21. 60 non-teaching faculty participated in the programme. On 24.8.2021, Rev Dr. John Suresh, Professor of Psychology, St. Thomas College of Education, Thoothukudi delivered a lecture on "Stress Management and Self Help" which indicated the importance of the overall well-being and the necessity of reducing stress in family and profession with easy selfcare routine. The Resource person Dr. G. Nancy Angeline Teaching & Occupational Health Physician, St. John's Medical College, Bengaluru on Ergonomics & Menstrual Health enunciated the impact of the negligence of women health in the midst of workplace tensions which would lead to serious depression and illness and elaborated on the measures to rectify it with the intake of nutritious food, flexible exercise and adequate rest.





On 31st July IQAC conducted an Orientation Session for the SWAYAM NPTEL mentors in the online mode. 32 mentors from the various departments attended the orientation session. Dr.B.Serena Margaret, Dr. B. Serena Margaret, IQAC & MOOC Coordinator elaborated on the creation of student profile in the SWAYAM NPTEL Portal, the course registration process, the submission of weekly assignments and the exam registration process.

IQAC organised Students Induction Programme for the I PG students on 03.09.21 through Zoom platform. Dr. B. Serena Margaret, IQAC, SIP, MOOC Coordinator and Associate Professor of English welcomed the students and introduced them to the Students Induction Programme. 143 students participated in the Students Induction Programme. Dr. Sr. A S J Lucia Rose, Principal delivered the Inaugural address. Dr. Sr. S. Kulandai Therese, Deputy Principal familiarised the Marian Norms by elucidating the Marian moral values and the regulations of the college. Rev. Sr. Josephine Jeyarani, Director of SSC, inspired and kindled the students to achieve higher goals in life. Dr. A Punitha Tharani, Controller of Examinations, enumerated the mode of exam, the proportion of internal and external marks and the mode of evaluation. In the preparatory session, the Heads of the departments focused on the specialized domain knowledge required at the post-graduation level and the administrators were introduced through a video session. Dr. K. Vinitha, Librarian addressed the students on the significant features of the SMC Library with its enormous rare and rich collections of books, e- books, the available facilities and the nlist e resources. The chief guest Dr. A Shahin Sultana, Professor, Department of Social Work, Pondichery University, addressed the students on "Positive Youth Development: A Move towards Individual and Social Change." She highlighted their significant societal role in bringing about a transformation of society and the need for their committed efforts to initiate themselves into a successful career.





IQAC organised a special lecture on 4.9.21 in commemoration of Teachers' Day on the topic "Eluthuarivithavan Iraivanagum." The resource person Dr. T. Rajaram, Professor and Head (Retd.), Department of Tamil, SVN College, Madurai highlighted the commendable role of the teachers in sparking the students' enthusiasm, love for learning and thirst for knowledge and also spoke on the ways of handling the younger generation. 129 faculty participated in the programme.





IQAC organised a Two Day Students Induction Programme for the I UG students on 6.9.21 & 7.9.21 through the zoom platform. Dr. S. Sudha Rani, Staff Advisor, Students' Council & Assistant Professor of English welcomed the students. Dr. B. Serena Margaret, IQAC, SIP & MOOC Co Ordinator & Associate Professor of English introduced the purpose and the conduct of the Students Induction Programme to the students. Dr. Sr. A S J Lucia Rose, Principal delivered the Inaugural address. Dr. Sr. S. Kulandai Therese, Deputy Principal familiarised the rules and regulations of the college. Rev. Sr. Josephine Jeyarani, Director of SSC, motivated the students to work towards achieving their dreams. Dr. A. Punitha Tharani, Controller of Examinations, enumerated the mode of exam, the proportion of internal and external marks and the mode of evaluation. In the preparatory session, the Heads of the departments inspired the students by focusing on the mission and the vision of the department and the scope of their respective courses of study and the administrators were introduced through a video session and Dr. K. Vinitha, Librarian spoke to the students about SMC Library with its enormous rare and rich collections of books, e-books, the available facilities and the nlist e resources.





Dr D. Pechimuthu, Associate Professor of Zoology & International Soft Skills consultant, V.O.C College, Thoothukudi delivered a talk on "Get.., Set.., Ready..," to the students to

envision and explore smart goals in their life and career. Dr. Yashika Nathani, Consultant Psychiatrist, Blissful Minds Wellness Research Hospital & Hope De-Addiction Centre, Madurai delivered an expert talk on "Relax and Re Start" which assisted the students to relax and calm their mind, to recognise the inner peace and to take better decisions in life. Poet V. Kalpana Dharmendra, Writer and Motivational Speaker spoke on "Vanamum vasapadum" and motivated the students to dream higher than the sky and reach the new horizons in life. 484 students participated in the online Students' Induction Programme. The students were guided on a virtual college tour and a video on Clubs and Forums were shown. Ms. B. Bala Yoga Meena, Alumna of St. Mary's College spoke on her experiences as a Marian. The I UG students gave a positive feedback.





In the NIRF Ranking 2021 released by the Ministry of Education, Government of India on 9th September 2021, the institution secured a prominent place in the 101-150 Rank band.





IQAC organised the Internal Academic Audit for three days from 07.10.21 to 09.10.21. IQAC members and Deans of various schools assessed the presentations of all the departments and evaluated the modules of documentation. IQAC recommended a few suggestive measures to be carried out before the External Academic Audit.





IQAC organised the External Academic Audit on 21st October 2021. External Experts from various disciplines were invited to assess the progressive and the qualitative aspects of the institution for the academic years 2019-20 & 2020-21. The External Experts Dr. V. Subhathra Devi, Head & Associate Professor of English, Thiagarajar College (Autonomous) Madurai, Dr. Horne Iona Averal, IQAC Co-ordinator & Associate Professor of Zoology, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Trichy, Dr. A. Lourdusamy, IQAC Director & Associate Professor of Mathematics and Dr. M. Jayanthi, Vice-Principal (Students Affairs) Associate Professor of Commerce, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore assessed the School of Language & Culture, the School of Biological sciences, the School of Physical & Computing sciences and School of Management and Economics respectively and recommended a few constructivist measures to further the progress of the institution.













IQAC organised an Orientation Session for the mentors of the SWAYAM-NPTEL MOOCs on 15th November 2021. Dr. B. Serena Margaret IQAC & MOOC Co-ordinator led the meeting and stimulated the mentors to guide and ensure their students' registration for MOOCs in prompt time and achieve distinction in their respective course of study. The online video links and lecture notes of all NPTEL courses were given to them. 24 faculty from the various departments attended the session.



IQAC organised the Internshala meeting on 17th December 2021. Dr B. Serena Margaret IQAC Co-ordinator elaborated on the difficulties faced by the students in procuring internships and requested the University Relations Team to generate internship opportunities for the students to enhance the future career of the students.



IQAC, Psychology and Counselling Forum jointly organised a "Restorative Mind Spa" on 19th November 2021. Psychology Department and Counselling Forum guided the entire teaching faculty to involve in various activities which freed their minds and relieved their stress which was the need of the hour. 164 faculty participated in the mind spa which elevated their spirit.





IQAC organised an Orientation Programme on "Managing Stress and Staying Positive" on 2nd December 2021. Mr. Deek Parassini, Founder, Life is All Positive (LIAP), Abu Dhabi addressed the faculty on the stress-free ways of handling the millennial learners and the significance of having a positive outlook. The interactive session was vibrant with a lot of questions from the faculty on the learner centred ambience which were precisely addressed by the resource person. 159 faculty participated in the orientation programme.

On 23^{rd} December 2021, IQAC uploaded the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the academic year 2019-20 in the NAAC portal.



On 29th December 2021 Ministry of Education announced the results of the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIAA) 2021. The institution secured the "Performer" status in the ranking along with 131 institutions across the nation.

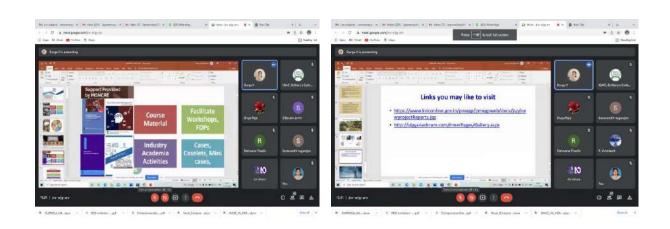


On 5th January 2022, IQAC organised an Orientation Session on "Data Verification Format for Criterion III." Dr. B. Serena Margaret IQAC Co-ordinator explained the new data template for Criterion III of AQAR 2020-21 to the 32 faculty from various departments.



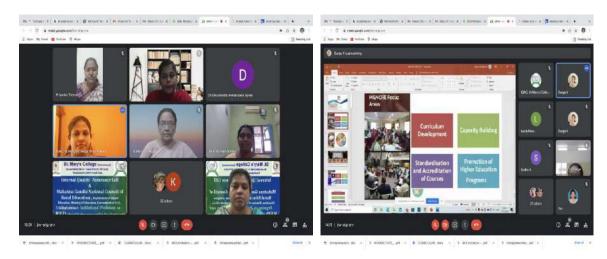
IQAC of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi in association with Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India organised an online workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development (RED) for the UG & PG students on 17th January 2022 from 11

a.m. to 12 noon. Dr.B.Serena Margaret, Associate Professor of English & IQAC Coordinator welcomed the resource person and the participants. The resource person, Ms. V. Durga, Tamil Nadu RED Cell Coordinator for MGNCRE, Ph.D Research Scholar Department of Cooperation, The Gandhigram Rural Institute Dindigul presented an insight into the contemporary scenario of rural entrepreneurship, advantages, opportunities, challenges faced by the entrepreneur and the institutions promoting rural entrepreneurship and their role in developing and fostering rural enterprises. She also highlighted the fact that the promotion of rural entrepreneurship is extremely important in the context of producing gainful employment and reducing the widening disparities between the rural and the urban. 42 UG students and 21 PG students attended the workshop. The students gave a positive feedback that they were able to grasp the comprehensive rural entrepreneurship development policy of the Government of India and the opportunities available to them through the enlightened address of the resource person. Ms. S. Rishwana Thaslin of II MA English Literature proposed a vote of thanks.



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focused on the guidelines to develop synergic convergence of human resources which are socially and economically just and inclusive for the vulnerable sections of rural India. 35 faculty from the Department of Business Administration, Department of Commerce, Department of Commerce (SSC), Department of Economics, Department of Economics (SSC), Department of MHRM from the School of Management & Economics and 19 faculty from the departments of Botany, Zoology & Microbiology from the School of Biological Sciences, the departments of English, History from the School of Language and Culture, the departments of Physics, Chemistry from the School of Physical and Computing Sciences attended the workshop. The faculty gave a positive feedback that the resource person focused on facing the big challenge of entrepreneurship development in the rural context in the era of globalisation. In the Q & A Session, the faculty acknowledged the fact that monitoring rural development programmes by supplying right information at the right time is the need of the hour which will lead to the development of rural entrepreneurship. Dr.T.Priyanka, Assistant Professor of Commerce (SSC) & IQAC member proposed a vote of thanks.



On 1st February 2022, IQAC organised an Orientation Programme on "Building Quality Culture for the Supportive Staff." 60 non-teaching faculty attended the meeting. Rev.Sr.Flora Mary, the secretary enlightened the faculty on the formative Marian culture that will uplift the professional life of the supportive staff. Dr.Sr.A.S.J.Lucia Rose, the principal focused on the qualitative measures that will assist the prowork of the supportive staff.

IQAC uploaded the data for NIRF 2022 on 18th February 2022.



On 25th February 2022, IQAC submitted the data for *India Today*- MDRA Best Colleges Ranking 2022.



On 1st March 2022, IQAC organised an Explanatory Session on "Data Verification Format for AQAR 2020-21." 30 faculty from the various departments attended the orientation session.



On 18th March 2022, IQAC organised an Orientation Session on "Collaborative Activities: Research & Academic" to the heads of the departments and the members of the Marian Research Forum. 63 faculty attended the meeting. Dr. B. Serena Margaret, IQAC Coordinator expounded the new data verification template prepared by IQAC to authenticate the research and academic collaborative activities and urged the participants to document the data in the new format.



In the Education World India Autonomous Colleges Rankings 2022, the institution secured 53rd place at the national level 19th place at the state level.





