

# 5.3.2 Presence of an active Student Council & representation of students

# on academic & administrative bodies/Committees of the institution



Students Council conducted a webinar on "Accept and adapt to achieve" was by students' council, St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi on 16.07.2020 at 10.30 a.m. Dr. Jeni Paduva, Dean of Science, Holy Cross College, Nagercoil was the Chief Guest. She inspired the students through her motivational talk. She stressed that women can make a great impact on society and urged the students to break all chains, imposed by the society. She narrated the importance of the status of women in the society and Women have to be courage and confident.



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### **Teacher's Day**

Teacher's Day was celebrated on 05.09.2020 at 3pm, Dr. Gousalya Bhaskaran was the Chief Guest of that Day. She delivered the message which motivated the students to reach greater heights. All the staff members and UG and PG students attended the programme through Online mode via Google Meet and YouTube Streaming.

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### Youth Awakening Day

Youth Awakening Day was celebrated on 15.10.2020 at 2p.m on the remembrance of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Rev.Fr. Sagesh Santhiya, parish Priest, Jeeva Nagaar, Thiruchendur was the Resource person. Through his speech he inspired the students to achieve more in life with positive thoughts and energy. All the staff members and UG and PG students attended the programme through Online mode via Google Meet and YouTube Streaming.

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### **Students' Council Election**

Students' Council election was held on 18.12.2020. The selected nominees were from III-year English, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer science and Commerce respectively. Likewise, from Self- supporting Courses stream, the selected nominees were from III-year English, Microbiology, Mathematics, Commerce, Psychology and Business Administration respectively. The names of the nominees Miss. P. Shalu (Chemistry), Miss. A. Brindha Sharon (English), Miss. Jenefa Ida Deborah (Commerce) as President, Secretary, Vice-President respectively for the aided stream and Miss. T. Beulah Shiny (Commerce), Miss. M. Suji (English), Miss. R. Jessima (Psychology) as President, Secretary and Vice-President respectively for self-supporting courses were announced by the Principal, Rev. Dr. Sr. Lucia Rose. On 18.12.2020, II & III year students were allowed to cast their votes through online mode from 2 to 8 pm. Thus Students' Council Election was conducted in a successful manner.

#### **Investiture** Ceremony

The investiture ceremony of the Students' Council was held for the academic year 2020-2021 on 05.02.2021 in the college auditorium. Dr. S. Malarkodi, Principal, Geetha Jeevan College of Arts and Science, Kurukkusalai was the Chief Guest. The Principal Rev. Dr. Sr. A.S.J. Lucia Rose, initiated the investiture ceremony. The newly elected office bearers Miss. P. Shalu (Chemistry), Miss. A. Brindha Sharon (English), Miss. Jenefa Ida Deborah (Commerce) as President, Secretary, Vice-President respectively for the aided stream and Miss. T. Beulah Shiny (Commerce), Miss. M. Suji (English), Miss. R. Jessima (Psychology) as President, Secretary and Vice- President respectively for the self – supporting courses were inducted to assume office. Ms. A. Elizabeth Soosma (Maths), A. Maria Roselin Angel Mary (Maths SSC) and K. Roxina (Physics) were the discipline inspectors. Ms. Joericka (Computer Science), R. Jeyanisha sweety (BBA) and W. Biwina(Microbiology) were the environment monitors.





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#### **Christmas celebration**

As part of Christmas celebration, the carols competition was held on 22.12.2020 at 2 p.m. in the auditorium. First prize was won by Department of English, Second prize and third prize by Department of Commerce and English SSC respectively.

Christmas Day Function was celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020. Rev. Fr. Rayappan, Correspondent, St. Thomas Matriculation Higher Secondary School, was the chief guest. The Guest of Honour was Rev. Fr. Sahayarayan, Financial advisor, St. Thomas Schools, Thoothukudi. The chief guest in his Christmas message, motivated the students with many anecdotes and asked them to share and spread love, happiness and peace. Prizes were distributed to the Carol competition winners. As a part of Christmas Day sharing, on behalf of our management, gifts were distributed by the dignitaries to the CDP adopted villages and TMSSS. Lot of people including children benefited from it.



### Pongal

Pongal, the festival of harvest was celebrated on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021. All the teaching and nonteaching staff enthusiastically celebrated the Pongal. Variety of games were conducted for the staff members and the winners were given prizes. The faculty members made the Pongal celebration as a memorable one through traditional kolattam, kummi and choral singing. Sweet Pongal was prepared by the staff.



# **Republic Day**

72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The celebration began with the Payer Song and *Tamil Thaai Vaazhthu* followed by the unfurling of our National Flag, by the chief guest, Rev. Fr. Sahayaraj Rayen. The teaching fraternity and the student community of the St. Mary's College actively participated in the celebrations. Students exhibited their patriotism through the dance and song.



# **Fresher's Meet**

Fresher's were welcomed into the Marian family on 08/02/2021. The new bright faces enlightened the college campus with vibrant energy. The meeting was held in the auditorium with the social distancing norms. The Principal welcomed the gathering and explained the rich values and motto of the college. She motivated them to work hard tirelessly to achieve greater heights and attain their dreams. The Deputy Principal explained about the rules and regulations and dress code of the college. She also insisted about wearing masks regularly in Criterion V SSR Cycle V

this pandemic period, as it is the need of the hour. The Director of SSC, encouraged the students to be responsible citizens and live up to their dreams as strong women. They were given an astounding welcome by their seniors.



# Leadership Training Programme

A Leadership training programme "LEAD TO HOPE" was conducted for the future leaders on 05.03.2021 Mr. Neethi Gurusamy and Mrs. Andy Gurusamy, soft skill trainers from Tirunelveli imparted the training. Their training sessions were totally enthusiastic and energetic. They trained the students to become true leaders. They stressed how students must self-motivate themselves, get inspired by great people and remove their negatives to shine and prosper in life. He cited many examples from newspapers, motivational videos, interesting activities and insisted that students should work hard to prosper and succeed in life. The strength and weakness of a leader and the ways to develop oneself as a successful leader as well explained by them.



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### **Election and the Voters**

An awareness program on Election and the Voters' was conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2021. The meeting was held in the auditorium. Rev. Fr. Sagesh Santhiya, Parish priest, Jeeva Nagar, Thiruchendur was the Chief Guest. The second UG and IPG students participated on the first day. The third year UG and II PG were the benefiters on the second day respectively. Rev. Fr. In his speech explained the term politics and asked the students to think and vote for their leaders. He spoke about the importance of voting of rights and how everyone should exercise their right on election day.



Marian Cultural Fest was held on 8, 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. Competitions like Solo singing, Mimicry, Art from Waste, Vegetable Carving, Mime, Choral Singing and Group Dance were conducted. With full josh and enthusiasm, students participated in all the competitions. The Valedictory function was held on the final day, the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. Mrs. Meena Ambika, Director, Helen O Grady, School of Dramatics was the Chief guest. In her Valedictory address, she congratulated the participants and distributed the prizes to the winners, how students must self-motivate them, get inspired by great people and remove their negatives to shine and prosper in life. He cited many examples from newspapers, motivational videos, interesting activities and insisted that students should work hard to prosper and succeed in life. The strength and weakness of a leader and the ways to develop oneself as a successful leader was well explained by them.



# India's Freedom Struggle

Students Union conducted a seminar on the topic "India's Freedom Struggle" on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 11.30 a.m. in the College Auditorium. It was arranged to add a feather to the Commencement of Celebrations of 75 years of India's Independence. Dr. Jemi Merlin Rani, Assistant Professor of History, Sadhakathulla Appa College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, was the Chief Guest. She delivered an extra-ordinary speech about India's Freedom Struggle and freedom fighters. She elaborately spoke especially about women freedom fighters who have contributed a lot and sacrificed their lives for our country. She motivated the students to be patriotic. She said that our country needs our love and sacrifice to grow and prosper and it is our duty to do the needful. The speaker also urged the students to use Indian goods and everyone should promote "Made in India" campaign. Around 265 students and faculty participated in this event



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# **Independence Day**

As part of Commencement of Celebrations of 75<sup>th</sup> years of India's Independence an essay competition was conducted on 12.03.2021 at 9.30 a.m in the star Hall. Totally 101 students participated in this completion. They wrote the essay on the topic "Role of students in present Democratic India". 44 students wrote the essay in Tamil and 57 students wrote the essay in English.



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