



St. Mary's College (Autonomous)
Reaccredited with 'A+' Grade by NAAC (Cycle IV)
Thoothukudi



CRITERION 7 - INSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND BEST PRACTICES

**7.1 Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities
Year 2018 -2023**



7.1.10 The Institution has a prescribed code of conduct for students, teachers, administrators and other staff and conducts periodic programmes in this regard.

➤ **Report on the Student Attributes facilitated by the Institution**

St. Mary's College (Autonomous), a premier institution of higher education, founded by the Congregation of Mother of Sorrows servants of Mary in the year 1948, plays a significant role in shaping the destiny of innumerable young coastal women in and around Thoothukudi. With a proud legacy of 75 years, the college has excelled in every discipline keeping in pace with the global trends in the academia. Enhancing human dignity by empowering the women has been its main concern. Started primarily to benefit the catholic minority, the college strives hard to reach out to the society, mostly identified as economically backward and socially underprivileged. Slow and steady progress marked the growth of the college and higher education for women gained momentum. St. Mary's College lives upto the founders' lofty vision of making young women agents of an egalitarian society through liberative education. The vision of the college is "To make young women agents of an egalitarian society through liberative education." The mission of the college is "To empower women through regular and non-formal courses to make them economically independent and socially aware so that they make better homes and contribute to family and social progress." Fide Vivant is the motto of the college.

Academic Excellence	The college strives to promote excellence in academia. The college follows the outcome based curriculum framework and The curriculum helps to strengthen the students' abilities by widening their knowledge and skills. It helps them to gain new knowledge and skill and to undertake future studies. The college encourages students for doing internships and provides opportunities for research projects.
Human Values	The college follows one core value throughout the academic year. The programmes and competitions are conducted in that particular theme.
Leadership and Teamwork	The Student Council Election conducted every year. The students elect their leaders. The software for election is designed by the department of Computer Science. The student representatives take charges as President and Secretary in Clubs and Forums. Each class has class representatives. The practice in the college inculcates ability to work effectively and respectfully with diverse teams. It facilitates to act together as a group or a team in the interests of a common cause and work efficiently as a member of a team.
Ethical and Social Responsibility	The Outreach Programmes like Community Development Programme (CDP) and Extensive activities like NCC, NSS and Centre for Excellences aids to identity issues from multiple perspectives. The students participate in Grama Sabha and help the community to develop. It helps to add moral and ethical values in conducting one's life. The courses on Ethics, Sustainable development and Entrepreneurship promote ethical and social responsibility.
Communication and Interpersonal Skills	The various Skill Development programmes, Training programme and Seminars are organised by the departments. Language labs and communication skill workshops for students are conducted regularly. It helps the students to express thoughts and ideas effectively in writing and orally and present complex information in a clear and concise manner to different groups

Eco-friendly Campus	The college conducts regular awareness programme for students to conserve environment. The campus is plastic free campus. The tree plantation campaign is undertaken by Green Campus cell of our college.
Empowering Young Women	The college provides place for empowering young women through various confidence building strategies and programmes. It empowers the young women
Creativity and Innovation	The Institution's Innovation Cell of our colleges organize programmes related to Research, patent and IPR. Inter Collegiate Competitions are conducted by the departments. The students participate in various cultural programmes and have won laurels to our college, The Student Council organises Fine Arts Competition each year that encourage creativity
Lifelong Learning	The curriculum and co-curriculum of the college promote lifelong learning. The students learn how to learn, that are necessary for participating in learning activities throughout life, through self-paced and self-directed learning aimed at personal development, meeting economic, social and cultural objectives.

The students enhance their personality, leadership qualities, social skills, and become a responsible Indian citizen, by participating in all above said activities.

Lucia Rose
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