



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



## **CRITERION VII - INSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND BEST PRACTICES**

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



#### **7.1.9 Sensitization of students and employees of the Institution to the constitutional obligations**

##### **Electoral Literacy Club**

Electoral Literacy club meets twice in a semester. The members of Electoral Literacy club organize awareness programmes on the significance of VOTE in democratic set up. They are responsible for instilling the civic sense among the students and to exercise their adult franchise.

Electoral Literacy club makes the people to understand how to cast a vote and be aware of electoral rules and regulations. It also educates the youth about the importance of Universal Adult Franchise, the highest power entrusted in the hands of the citizens to evolve fair democracy. Electoral Literacy is essential as it sensitizes the young citizens about their civic responsibilities. They motivate the students and the people to participate in the electoral process. The students can raise their voice to the government policy and schemes through the voting right.

Every year January 25th is observed as the National Voters Day and the voters day pledge was taken by the students to follow ethical values to achieve true democracy. The members of the Electoral Literacy club organize Voters Awareness programmes in the rural adopted villages through Community Development programme. They organize meetings, mime show, Skit to enlighten the people about the powerful weapon, the voting right exercised by them. They also emphasized the importance in the new Voters registration after the completion of 18 years of age which is the prime fundamental duty of a citizen. Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) is one of the important documents issued by the Election commission of India. They educate the ways and means to avoid bogus vote in the election process.

Our institution conducts Students Union Council Election in a fair manner. All the students are given the right to vote in the election. The students contest in the election are given the opportunity to canvas all the students to vote for them. After the stipulated time, they are not allowed to canvas the students. The date of the election is announced. Students Union Council faculty members conduct the election through an e- voting software developed by the faculty members of the Department of Computer Science. Students are allowed to cast their democratic right. Votes are counted and the election results is announced by the Principal. After the declaration of the results, the office bearers take the Oath of Office and take charge of the portfolios allotted to them. Thus, our students are well-trained in the art of democracy to exercise their voting right.

**2022-2023**

### **Students Council Election**

Representatives to the Students' Council were elected through e- voting, Google form platform on 28th July. All the II- and III-year students cast their vote. Out of 8 nominees in the regular stream three were elected to the council, and out of 5 nominees in the SSC stream, three were elected to the council.

### **My Vote is My Right-Power of One Vote**

Choir team organised singing competition under the topic "My Vote is My Right-Power of One Vote" on 16th November, 2022 as per guidelines from election commission office, Chennai. Students had to compose their own tune for the song. Six students from various department of our college participated in the competition held in the Fatima Hall. I.H. Adline Helina Selvabai of III B.A., History, S.P. Varsha of III B.Com., and S. Rita Jennie of II B.Com., Corporate secured first, second and third place respectively.

### **National voters' day**

A Pledge on National voters' day were taken on 25.1.2023. NSS Volunteers along with other students took pledge at 11.am.

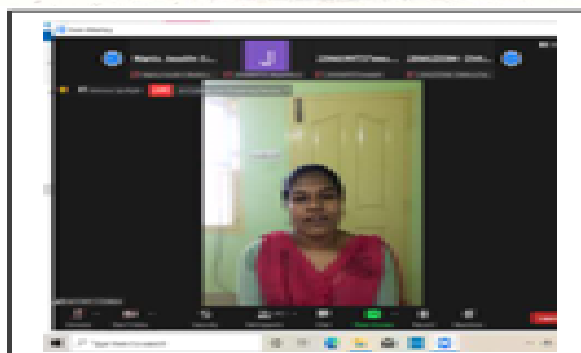




**2021-2022**

### **Students Council Election**

The Students Council Election Campaign was held on 25th August 2021 in the Zoom platform. The Second UG and the Final year students of both the streams attended the meeting. The nominated candidates delivered their persuasive speeches to canvass and solicit votes from the students. Students cast their e-votes on August 27th, 2021 and the following students were elected as Office Bearers to the Students Council: Regular Stream - B. Antony Steniba III BA English, Varsha Antanitta. S III B.Sc Chemistry Selva Lakshmi @ Pavithra. B, III B. Com as President, Secretary and Vice President; SSC Stream - Veronic Zidonia. R, III B. Com, Arokiya Nithila J.R - III BA English Literature and Sherina. J - III B. Sc Microbiology as President, Secretary and Vice President respectively.



## **Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation**

To observe 12th National Voters' Day, Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) competitions such as Essay writing, Poster Making, Slogan Writing and Drawing were held online on 12 December 2021. Ferdinand Josephine Prescila . U of II B. Sc Computer Science and D. Sneha of II B.A English secured the first prize in Essay writing and Poster Making respectively. G. M Nithyasri of II Physics and G. Monisha Rose of III Maths won the first prizes in Slogan Writing and Drawing competitions respectively.

### **My vote is my future; Power of one vote**

To bring awareness among the public on “My vote is my future; Power of one vote”, Indian Election Commission organized diverse competitions such as Quiz, Slogan Writing, Singing, Video Making and Poster making for all the students on the same theme. The students participated in all the competitions and won e-certificates.

### **Voting awareness programme**

On 17th February 2022, Department of Economics conducted Voting awareness programme was held at Maravanmadam by the students. In the programme the importance of casting vote and other aspects of election were discussed. 30 Students were the participants. 65 people were benefitted out of it. On 17-02-2022- Voting awareness programmes was held at Maravanmadam by the II B.A. Economics students through Mime Show and Skits. In the programme the importance of casting vote and other aspects of election were discussed.

On 17th February 2022, Department of Zoology organized a program on Election Awareness Campaign on Thai Nagar and Siluvaipatti North and South with 40 students of II B.Sc Zoology as participants and 65 people of Thai Nagar and Siluvaipatti North and South were the beneficiaries.

On 17th February 2022, Department of Botany organized election awareness programme to create awareness on the importance of voting in Ganapathy Nagar and Jaheer Hussain Colony in Thalamuthu Nagar. Nearly 36 Students from II B.Sc Botany were the participants. 65 members were the beneficiaries.



## 2020-2021

### 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.

### My vote doesn't make a difference

To emphasize voting as a constitutional right and remove the negative attitude "My vote doesn't make a difference" and give awareness on 100 percent voting, a voters' awareness virtual meeting was organized for the II-year students on 23 rd March 2021. The resource person of the session Mr. K. Ganesan, a social worker cum District Secretary of Consumer Protection Council gave an address on "Voting Rights".

### Election and the Voters

An awareness program on Election and the Voters was conducted on 2nd and 3rd 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 IIPG were the benefitters 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

**2019-2020**

### **Student's Council Election**

St. Mary's constitutes a Student's Council Union which acts as a liaison between the students and the management. The Council election was held on 28th June 2019. The II UG and III UG students casted their e-votes in the presence of the members of the Administration, and Students' Council Advisors. Miss. D. Joslin Amala, Miss. A PonSheeba, Miss. M. Shrinandhini, were elected President, Secretary, Vice-President respectively for the aided courses and Miss. M. ArshMubeena, Miss. T. Arokia Helena Francy and Miss. S Maria Danstila as President, Secretary, Vice-President respectively for the self-supporting courses.



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