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HOLY CROSS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

(Affiliated to M.S. University, Tirunelveli)

Accredited with A+ Grade (CGPA 3.35 - 4th Cycle) by NAAC

Nagercoil - 629 004, Tamil Nadu, India

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Imbibing the Spirit of the Holy Cross, the institution envisions a harmonious society by empowering young women for global competency and ecological sustainability through a holistic approach with innovative skills. Eco spiritual awareness is instilled in students which helps them to see the interconnectedness and understand the intrinsic worth of the human and non-human world.

Holy Cross College, the first women's college in Kanyakumari district was inaugurated on 2 August 1965 at the request of Most Rev. Dr. Roch Agnisamy, the then Bishop of Kottar who identified the urgent need to educate the young girls of the district. The college was conferred Autonomous status in 2007. It has undergone four cycles of accreditation by National Assessment and Accreditation Council and has been awarded with CGPA of 3.35 on four point scale at A+ grade upto August 2024.

The college offers 15 UG, 12 PG, 2 M.Phil. and 9 Doctoral programmes under autonomy. The choice-based credit system allows students to choose interdisciplinary, intra disciplinary courses and skill-oriented papers even from other disciplines according to their learning needs, interests and aptitudes. Skill development programme, students training programme and service-learning programme are offered. Each department has MOUs and gives value added courses and arranges for Internship in collaboration with other institutions.

The college functioned with a student strength of 2585 and a band of committed and hardworking 147 teaching and 58 non-teaching faculty respectively. The academic year 2020-2021 was a unique year. The entire functioning was in a new normal situation due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown restrictions. Almost throughout the year, except for a month towards the end of the academic journey, all the curricular, cocurricular and extra-curricular activities were carried out in online mode. ICT tools were used in teaching learning process. There are 339 computers connected to the internet. To enhance the online utilization of e-resources, we have installed Wi-Fi facility in the campus.

During this academic year, four of our faculty members have completed orientation programme and seven have done their refresher course. Twelve of our teaching faculty served as members of Board of Studies in other Universities and institutions, ten as subject experts, twenty-four as resource persons and thirty-six as members of the Doctoral Committee in other varied institutions. Forty-five of our teaching faculty guide research scholars in various disciplines. Twelve have been awarded Ph.D. during this academic year. Five of our staff members have submitted their theses. Twenty-one of the faculty are doing research and 95 scholars are actively

engaged in their research work under the guidance of our faculty. Our faculty have published thirty-eight research articles in international journals, seventy-two articles in national journals, seven in proceedings with ISBN number and 11 in abstracts. Forty-eight seminars/webinars were organized by different departments. 49 quiz competitions were conducted. Eight of our teaching faculty have received awards. Three students have cleared the NET examinations. Seventy-six of our students have got placement.

Two hundred and forty-two students have attended the summer training programme. The Women Studies Centre organized an international conference on “Women Empowerment”, conducted E-Quiz, a demo on “Paper bag making”. International Women's Day was celebrated giving motivation to students on "New Avenues for Modern Women",

The student members of both the NSS units took part in the Road Safety Programme, webinars on New Education Policy, Green India, Do's and Don'ts during Pandemic. The voters awareness programme and a signature campaign for 100% voting was conducted. The students involved themselves in Swachh Bharat programme and medical camp. They also took the Rashtriya Ekta pledge.

The YRC of our college gave an awareness talk on “Safety of Girls in the Current Scenario” and “Women in Progressive Ways”. One day training programme on first aid and disaster management was conducted. Blood donation camp was organized for which our college was given an award by Government Hospital, Padmanabhapuram. Webinars on different topics were also conducted.

The Eco Club promotes an Eco-Friendly atmosphere. Quiz competition, poster making, verse writing competition, photography contest was organised and also an awareness talk on “Save our Environment” was conducted.

The Campus Animation team conducted competitions on the Life and virtues of Mother Foundress, on 7 August, 2020. On August 10". Mother Foundress Day was celebrated online mode and the Life of Mother Claudine Echernier was presented to the students and faculty through an animated video. Prayer services were organized at the beginning and end of odd and even semesters. An orientation session on Value Education was arranged for Teachers handling value education classes.

AICUF organised a webinar on Environmental Impact Assessment 2020 on 31st August, 2020. An elocution competition on “Creating a Drug free India” was conducted on 22nd February 2021. An awareness programme on voting rights was given to the students.

The English daily “Hindu” is provided to all classes. Remedial classes, training on spoken English, skill development programme are conducted during the hour of Blossoming by the course teachers. Medical checkup is done for all the I UG students by a team of medical personnel. Counselling is given to students in need by trained counsellors among the staff.

The families of our students and those in the neighbourhood affected by COVID-19 pandemic were offered support in cash and kind. 280 students were helped from the student welfare fund, contributed by our teaching faculty, to pay their tuition fee, examination fees and bus concession, amounting to Rs. 2,15,110, Scholarships and freeships or given to the deserving financially weak students. We received an amount Rs. 4 lakhs as the balance amount of autonomy grant for the preceding year.

In the extension programme RUN (Reaching the Unreached Neighbourhood), the focus was on the crisis faced by the villages of Kanyakumari District, during COVID-19 pandemic. The financial background and household expenditure of families were dealt with. Responses related to education, health, pollution, impact of mobile phone and social media during lockdown, availability of basic facilities, usage of online tools, difficulties of homemakers, vaccination, hygiene etc. were collected from the families.

Ms. Gracena G. Merly, III B.A. English, has won the first place in the High Jump event of 24 National Federation Cup Series Athletics Championship 2021 held in Patiala, held from 15 to 19 March 2021 and cleared 1.84m. She secured the first place in the High Jump event in 34^o Tamil Nadu State Junior and seniors open Athletic Championship held in Sivakasi from 22nd to 24th of January. She also won the first place in the High Jump event of Indian Universities Athletics (Men/Women) Team selection trials for 31st World University Games 2021, held as KIIT. Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 7th to March 2021. She bagged three gold medals.

Ms. R. Arockiya Alisha, II B.A. Economics, was selected for senior weightlifting coaching camp at sports authority of India, Netaji Subash National Institute of Sports, Patiala. The Department of Physical Education organized a webinar on “Exercise for Betterment of Health” on 6th July, 2020. In commemoration of National sports day, a sports quiz was organized on 24th August, 2020. Games were conducted during Pongal celebrations, held on 11th January, 2021.

We have open access system in the library with 54103 books, 53 journals and 7655 back volumes. Two hundred and sixty-one books have been added this year. A national webinar, on “Reading, writing and Research for Rapture amidst pandemic captive” was organised on July 24nd 2020 and an International webinar titled, “Pandemic - The Wakeup Call to Move from Revolution to Evolution” on August

17, 2020, A National level E-quiz was conducted on August 6, 2020, an E-essay writing competition on 21st August, 2020.

CHILDLINE-Kanniyakumari, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) and Kottar Social Service Society jointly organized sensitization programme, mass awareness programme, training programme, Child Marriage Prevention Sticker Publication Programme. Stakeholders Meeting with allied members and online webinar programme for YCS Group children, Social Work Practitioners, NGO representatives, College Students, General Public, Railway passengers, School Teachers, community children & adults, Village Health Nurses, Doctors, HMs. Staff members from Holy Cross College (Autonomous) and volunteers in order to sensitize them on child helpline no. 1098, child marriage causes and consequences, The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006, child sexual abuse, POCSO Act 2012, Psychosocial Support for Children due to the COVID-19 situation. 21 families received 5 Kgs. Rice, during the lockdown of COVID 19 pandemic situation with the support of CHILDLINE-Kanniyakumari, Holy Cross College (Autonomous).

CHILDLINE-Kanniyakumari, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) and Kottar Social Service Society) jointly organized special events such as National Nutrition Month POSHAN ABHIYAN programme, International Girl Child Day programme, 'CHILDLINE Se Dosti' Programme (Children's Day Programme), Pongal Celebration with Children and ICDS, National Girl Child Day. "Tamilnadu Girl Child Protection Day" and special programmes on psychosocial support for children due to the COVID-19 situation of crisis.

There are 150 students residing in the hostel, motivated and guided by our committed wardens St. Shanthi, St. Sebasti, St. Ely and Ms. Elizabeth. Renewal programmes were organized for them. The non-teaching staff had one day outing to the Thallayani along with our Retiree Mrs. Jesu Nesa Thangam, who had rendered her services to our college for more than three decades.

Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil, remains steadfast in its commitment to educational excellence, holistic development, and societal enrichment. Throughout the challenges of the past academic year, our institution has embraced innovation and resilience. We continue to empower young women with global competencies, instilling eco-spiritual awareness and fostering a nurturing environment for academic and personal growth. As we look ahead, guided by our values and enriched by our achievements, we reaffirm our dedication to shaping future leaders who embody compassion, knowledge, and the spirit of service in a rapidly evolving world.

"No matter how much falls on us, we keep plowing ahead. That's the only way to keep the roads clear." -Greg Kincaid