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HOLY CROSS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

(Affiliated to M.S. University, Tirunelveli)

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Nagercoil - 629 004, Tamil Nadu, India

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), NAGERCOIL

Holy Cross College (Autonomous) is committed to fostering a harmonious society by empowering young women with the skills necessary for global competence and ecological sustainability. The college embraces a holistic educational approach, combining innovative skills development with eco-spiritual awareness. This emphasis on interconnectedness helps students recognize the intrinsic value of both human and non-human life.

The college offers 11 undergraduate (UG) and 10 postgraduate (PG) courses, along with an M.Phil. in English and 9 doctoral programs. Under its autonomous status, the institution employs a choice-based credit system (CBCS), allowing students to select interdisciplinary, intra-disciplinary, and skill-oriented courses based on their learning needs, interests, and aptitude. Additional offerings include Skill Enhancement Courses, student training programs, service-learning initiatives, and certificate courses. Departments maintain MOUs with other institutions, providing value-added courses and internship opportunities.

Currently, the college has a student population of 2,585 supported by 147 dedicated teaching faculty and 59 non-teaching staff. During the academic year, 15 faculty members completed orientation programs, and 28 faculty members participated in refresher courses. Additionally, seven faculty members serve on boards of studies and commissions in various universities and institutions, while 19 are subject experts, 39 has served as resource persons, and 38 are members of doctoral committees. Forty-seven faculty members are actively guiding research scholars across disciplines, with four faculty members and nine research scholars awarded Ph.D. this year. Five staff members have submitted their theses, while 21 faculty members are currently engaged in research, guiding 60 full-time and 31 part-time scholars.

Our faculty has published 38 research articles in international journals, 72 in national journals, 34 in conference proceedings, and 18 abstracts. Various departments organized 58 seminars and webinars, and 10 quiz competitions were

conducted. Nineteen faculty members received awards for their achievements.

Notably, three students cleared the NET examinations, 60 students earned prizes in intercollegiate competitions, and 104 students presented papers at national seminars, both within and outside the institution.

During the summer, 292 students participated in training programs, and 113 students secured placements. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organized a short-term course on e-content development for teaching faculty in July 2021. A student induction program was conducted from August 1 to September 3, 2021, for first-year students. The Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for 2020-21 was submitted, and SLOC analysis was consolidated for constructive changes. The IQAC also submitted data for NIRF, ARIA, and AISHE for 2021. A state level webinar on “Lifestyle Modifications and Management” with Siddha was organized for teaching and non-teaching staff.

In collaboration with Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, a state-level workshop on “Outcome-Based Education: The Hallmark of Academic Quality” was organized in March 2022. The examination wing hosted a state-level workshop on question paper setting strategies from 25th - 27th August, 2021. The English daily, *Hindu* is provided to all classes. Remedial classes, Mentor ward programme, training on spoken English, skill development programme was conducted during the Hour of Blossoming by the course teachers and student volunteers. 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 Institution Innovation Council (IIC) actively organizes various programs, with the Holy Cross Innovation and Incubation Centre (HCIIC) established on 28th of August, 2021 under Association of persons and simultaneously Enterprises on 23rd of September, 2021. The aim of the centre is to foster global competency in entrepreneurship, prototyping, patenting, and startups among faculty, staff, and students. This venture is an outcome of the efforts of Dr. Sahaya Selvi. Presently, the college has 13 startups: seven by faculty, four by students, and two by

external collaborators. This year, 10 MOUs were signed, and 19 certificate courses were offered.

Four student research projects were funded by the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, and the management provided seed money for four faculty research proposals. The 12th volume of *Crossian Resonance*, a peer-reviewed multidisciplinary journal, was released in December. Nineteen faculty members received various awards, including Dr. Jeni Chandar Padua, who received the Paul Harris Distinguished Professor Award in September 2021, and Dr. Sr. Sahaya Selvi, who was honoured with the Research Excellence Award by the Institute of Researchers in Wayanad, Kerala. Dr. Lesly Fatima has received the Summer Research Fellowship from Indian Academy of Science. Dr. Regi has received the Best Research award from Lemuria Research Forum, Kanyakumari, Dr. Abilasha has received the Best Education Award 2021, Dr. Ida of Dept. of Tamil (S.F) has received a good number of awards. 10 of our teaching faculty have received Best paper presentation award

The students remain engaged in community and social awareness activities throughout the academic year. Both NSS units participated in international web symposiums on COVID-19 and organized awareness programs on gender equality, human rights, and cybercrime. They also conducted a Swachh Bharat initiative and a medical camp. NSS special camp was organized in Tholavilai village. Voter's day pledge was taken. Important national and international days were celebrated. The campus activities included competitions, prayer services, and value education sessions, emphasizing socio-economic and women's issues.

The campus animation team coordinated activities such as Holy Spirit Mass on 2nd of September, 2021. Competitions on the Life and virtues of Mother Claudine Echenier on 5th August, 2021. Prayer services on different occasions, orientation session on value Education. Sessions on Socio, economic and women issues were organized for students. In December 2021, crib competition was conducted and the winners were awarded.

The Code of Ethics committee organized sessions on Professional Ethics for teaching and non-teaching faculty. The youth Red Cross organized an awareness programme on First aid emergency treatment and awareness talk on principles of YRC and on health. The national pollution control Day was commemorated. AICUF arranged for talk on Global peace, Human rights violation in Tamil Nadu, Bonded labour in Tamil Nadu, Sexual harassment against women, Indian constitution and women rights, our students participated in the leadership training programme held in St. Joseph's college, Trichy.

In the academic realm, 210 students benefited from the Student Welfare Fund, contributing Rs. 1,73,250 to cover tuition and exam fees. Additionally, fee concessions amounting to Rs. 97,750 were provided. The Extension Program, RUN, involves second-year UG students in community service in 15 villages, while the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) cell organized awareness programs in five adopted villages.

The Quiz club of our college has conducted an inter school and an inter collegiate Quiz competition Crossings in collaboration with SIOL Quiz club, Pondicherry. An MOU has been signed with this club. The members of the Rotaract club of our college participated in the District Rotaract meet. Dental camp was organized. Dr. Jeni Padua of the department of Zoology is the District President of Rotary Club. The Rotary club of Nagercoil offers financial support to the deserving students. The Rotaract club of our college was honoured with an Appreciation award for the dedicated services in Rotaract movement.

The Consumer Club, Human Rights Cell and Legal Literacy Club conducted competitions on different occasions, Quiz competitions and sensitization programmes were organized. RRC organized Legal Awareness Programme and Medical Camp. The Women's cell organized International Women's Day. The winners of various competitions were awarded prizes. 338 students have participated in summer training programme, implant training programme. The final year students were given opportunity for Industrial visit.

The college library, with its open-access system, holds 54,460 books, 28 journals, and 7,716 back volumes, with an additional 342 books added this year. We are also a registered member of Inlibnet through which we can access 1,99,500+ e-books and 6000-e-journals. A national webinar on “Research Indicators, Publishing Ethics, and Predatory Journals” was organized in July 2021, followed by an international webinar on “Girls: Four Times More Resilient Than Boys.” A book exhibition was organized from 10th to 14th February and from 4th to 8th April in the library.

In sports, Ms. R. Arockiya Alish of the Economics department secured a bronze medal (76kg B.W.C) at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship and placed 9th at the International Weightlifting Federation World Championships held at Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 7th to 17th December, 2021. Additionally, Ms. Gracena G. Merly won the silver medal in high jump at the 60th National Open Athletics Championships in Telangana from 15th to 19th September, 2021 and set a national record at the All India Inter University Athletic Championship, qualifying for the 2022 World University Games in China. also secured gold medal in 93d Tamil Nadu State Senior Athletic Championships 2021 held at Nehru Stadium, Chennai from 15th - 17th Oct. 2021. She also took part in the All India Inter University Athletic championship held on 21th to 24th February, 2022 at KIIT, Bhubaneswar, Odisha and clinched gold medal. In this competition, she has set the national record with a jump of 1.84mts and has qualified for the World University Games 2022 to be held in China.

Ms. T. Sowmiya, II B.A. Economics won the silver medal both in the Tamil Nadu State Weightlifting Championship held at John High School, Sivaiyam, Karur on 16th and 17th October, 2021 and in Tamil Nadu State Weight lifting championship 2021 held at Salem on 3rd and 4th December, 2021. Ms. K. Priyadharshini, II B.A. Economics won the gold medal in Tamil Nadu State Weight lifting championship held at Salem on 3rd and 4th December, 2021.

The weight lifting team of our college has bagged the Overall championship Runners-up trophy in the M.S. University Intercollegiate Weightlifting competition

held at TDMNS College, T. Kallikulam on 7th December, 2021. Our athletic team won the Overall championship position trophy in the M.S. University Intercollegiate 31st Athletics Competitions held at Anna Stadium from 17th - 19th December, 2021.

Our Basketball team has won the 2nd place in the M.S. University Intercollegiate Basketball tournament held at Sree Parasakthi College, Courtallam on 12th and 13th December 2021 and 1st place in the Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament held at Sree Ayyappa College for Women, Chunkankadai. Six of our sports students represented M. S. University team in the South Zone/ All India Inter University tournament held at different states of India.

CHILDLINE-Kanniya kumari, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) and Kottar Social Service Society jointly organized sensitization programmes through All India Radio to prevent child marriage. Capacity Building Programme on Children Parliament, Training Programme on “The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006” and “Child Protection”, awareness programme on COVID 19 & Child Sexual Abuse and Orientation Programme, had been organized for different sessions of the society in order to sensitize them on child helpline no. 1098, child issues and child protection. 4775 children and 3916 adults have benefited from various programmes.

There are 207 students residing in the hostel, motivated and guided by our committed wardens St. Shanthi, Sr. Sebasti, Sr. Elsy and Ms. Mary Lashpa. Renewal programmes were organized for them. The teaching staff went on a two days tour to Kodaikanal. It was a memorable trip, which strengthened the bonds of relationship.

The campus’s technological infrastructure includes 339 internet-connected computers, with Wi-Fi access to enhance e-resource utilization. The Rotaract Club and the Youth Red Cross organized various service and awareness programs, while the Employment Information Career Guidance and Placement Cell facilitated competitive exam coaching and recruitment drives. The Employment Information Career Guidance and Placement Cell organized webinar on coaching class for competitive examination and campus recruitment drive. An MoU has been signed with ECC Academy.

Holy Cross College (Autonomous) has made remarkable progress in advancing academic excellence, fostering community engagement, and promoting the holistic development of its students. By continually striving to empower women through education and leadership, the institution remains aligned with its vision of global competency and ecological responsibility. Through diverse programs in academics, research, and extracurricular activities, the college continues to shape a generation of empowered, socially-conscious women leaders prepared to face the challenges of the modern world.