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Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Newsletter

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

— Nelson Mandela

From the Principal's Desk.....



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Dear Readers,

It is with great pleasure that I present this edition of the IQAC Newsletter, which stands as a meaningful reflection of our institution's continued pursuit of excellence, innovation, and quality enhancement. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) has consistently served as a pivotal force in strengthening our academic framework and fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

This newsletter highlights the commendable efforts, creativity, and accomplishments of our students and faculty members, whose collaborative spirit significantly contributes to institutional growth and academic enrichment. Beyond being a mere chronicle of activities, it embodies our shared commitment to learning, innovation, and progress.

I take this opportunity to place on record my sincere appreciation to the IQAC Director, Dr. X. Venci Candida, and the Joint Director, Ms. A. Anishya Dani, for their visionary leadership and unwavering dedication in guiding IQAC initiatives with purpose and excellence. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to the Editorial Board for their meticulous efforts in compiling and presenting this newsletter in an engaging and professional manner.

Let us continue to uphold our core values, embrace innovative practices, and move forward with confidence as we strive to set higher benchmarks in education and meaningful service to society.

Wish you all a perspective and inspiring read!

With warm regards,

Dr. S. Sahayaselvi

Principal



From the Editorial Board.....

“IQAC is not merely a cell; it is the driving force behind institutional excellence.”

Greetings from the Editorial Board!

We are pleased to present this edition of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Newsletter, which reflects our institution’s unwavering commitment to continuous quality enhancement, innovation, and academic excellence.

As an institution committed to holistic development, we view quality not as a final destination but as an ongoing and dynamic process. Guided by the principles and framework of IQAC, we consistently reaffirm our dedication to strengthening academic standards, promoting best practices, and fostering a culture rooted in accountability, transparency, and inclusivity.

This newsletter captures the collective efforts of our academic community in implementing quality initiatives, innovative practices, and outcome-oriented activities that contribute to institutional growth and societal relevance.

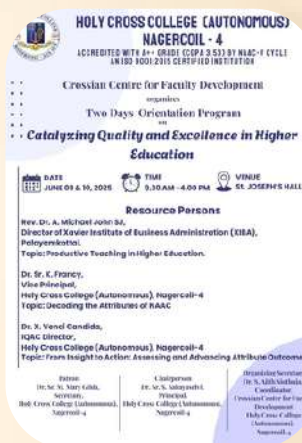


Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Activities

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) is an integral component of the institution, committed to promoting and sustaining quality in academic and administrative performance. It functions as a proactive mechanism to develop a system of conscious, consistent, and catalytic improvement in all institutional activities. IQAC strives to institutionalize quality culture by initiating, planning, and monitoring various quality enhancement measures with the support of internal and external stakeholders. Through continuous quality sustenance and enhancement initiatives, IQAC ensures excellence in teaching–learning processes, research, and overall institutional development.

Orientation Programme on “Catalyzing Quality and Excellence in Higher Education”

The Crossian Centre for Faculty Development in association with IQAC organized a two-day Orientation Programme on 9th and 10th June 2025. The programme aimed to strengthen teaching quality, evaluation methods, and documentation practices aligned with NAAC quality benchmarks. Sessions were handled by Rev. Dr. A. Michael John SJ, Director, XIBA, Palayamkottai, Dr. Sr. K. Francy, Vice Principal, and Dr. X. Venci Candida, Director, IQAC, who provided insights into productive teaching strategies, quality attributes, and documentation processes. Interactive discussions and group activities enabled faculty members to adopt innovative practices and enhance their contribution toward institutional excellence.



Passing the Baton – Handover of Responsibilities

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organized the “Passing the Baton” ceremonies on 18 June 2025 and 26 June 2025 to ensure the smooth transition of administrative, extension, and co-curricular responsibilities to newly appointed faculty coordinators and office bearers. Outgoing heads and coordinators presented reports on their achievements and formally handed over files, documents, and responsibilities to their successors, ensuring continuity in governance and institutional activities. The programme acknowledged the valuable contributions of the outgoing members while motivating the new appointees to uphold quality standards, introduce innovative practices, and carry forward the institution’s vision and mission with dedication and commitment. The event reflected the spirit of responsible leadership, teamwork, and continuous institutional growth.



Student Induction Programme 2025

The IQAC conducted the Student Induction Programme from 23rd June to 1st July 2025 for 515 first-year students to help them adapt to the academic and campus environment while promoting holistic development. The programme included sessions on institutional values, discipline, communication skills, mentoring, fitness, and career orientation. Resource persons including Rev. Sr. Rosary, Dr. Sr. Sahayaselvi, Dr. X. Venci Candida, Dr. Antony Prakash Babila, and faculty members of various departments guided students through interactive sessions, workshops, and activities, enabling them to integrate confidently into college life.



Towards Excellence – Review of Departmental & Co-curricular Roadmaps

IQAC organized review sessions titled “Towards Excellence” on 15th and 16th July 2025 to evaluate departmental and co-curricular action plans. Academic heads and coordinators presented their roadmaps aligned with institutional goals and NAAC quality benchmarks. Constructive feedback and interactive discussions helped refine plans, encouraging outcome-based planning, systematic documentation, and improved coordination to ensure quality enhancement across academic and co-curricular activities.



Faculty Forum

The Faculty Forum conducted by IQAC on 18th August 2025 served as a platform for faculty members to engage in academic dialogue and institutional reflection. Discussions focused on teaching-learning practices, assessment strategies, research initiatives, and quality enhancement measures. The forum strengthened collaboration among faculty members and reinforced collective responsibility toward sustaining academic excellence and continuous improvement.



Staff Forum (Administrative Staff)

IQAC organized the Staff Forum for administrative staff on 1st September 2025 to promote dialogue on institutional practices and support services. Staff members shared operational experiences and suggestions to improve workflow efficiency and service delivery. The programme enhanced coordination and accountability, emphasizing the crucial role of administrative staff in achieving institutional quality goals.



Webinar on Marine Ecosystems, Bioresources and Environmental Crisis

IQAC conducted an online webinar on 29th September 2025 to create awareness about marine ecosystems and environmental challenges. The session was delivered by Dr. A. P. Lipton, Former Principal Scientist and Head, CMFRI, Cochin, who explained the ecological and economic importance of marine resources and the threats posed by climate change and pollution. Faculty members and students actively participated, gaining insights into sustainable practices and environmental conservation.

Faculty Development Programme on MOOC Design

IQAC in collaboration with CCFD organized an online Faculty Development Programme from 21st to 29th October 2025 on “Design and Development of MOOCs in Four Quadrant Approach.” The programme, led by Dr. A. Vimal Jerald, Assistant Professor, St. Joseph’s College, Tiruchirappalli, trained faculty members in digital content creation, video lecture production, assessment design, and LMS deployment aligned with SWAYAM–NPTEL standards. The FDP enhanced faculty competency in online pedagogy and strengthened the institution’s capacity for technology-enabled education.



Clubs & Committees Activities

Spiritual & Value-Based Activities

Campus Animation Team - CAT



- **Inaugural Prayer Service (June 16, 2025):** The academic year commenced with a solemn prayer service at the college campus for 1,200 beneficiaries. The event focused on invoking divine blessings for success and fostering spiritual unity and motivation among students and staff.



- **Holy Spirit Mass (July 1, 2025):** This Mass sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the new academic session. It emphasized values of wisdom, clarity, and compassion for over 1,200 attendees.

- **Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass (August 2, 2025):** A milestone celebration presided over by Rev. Fr. Soosai Antony to honor 60 years of institutional excellence. The service united 1,200 participants in gratitude for the college's legacy and mission.



- **Orientation on Integrity and Honesty (August 4, 2025):** An ethical awareness session for 600 I UG and I PG students. Resource persons emphasized accountability and transparency in academic life, concluding with a formal integrity pledge.
- **Mother Foundress Day (August 11, 2025):** A commemorative event dedicated to the vision of the Mother Foundress. 1,200 beneficiaries participated in reflections on service and dedication to uphold the institution's founding values.

Social Awareness & Student Welfare



SC-ST Cell & AICUF



- **SC-ST Business Meeting & Elections (July 9, 2025):** Organized to familiarize students with formal meeting procedures and successfully facilitate the election of student representatives, thereby fostering leadership skills and democratic participation.

- **Orientation on Government Schemes (July 16, 2025):** The SC-ST Cell conducted a drive for 64 beneficiaries regarding available scholarships and government welfare schemes, ensuring students can access financial support for higher education.



- **AICUF Orientation & Social Realities Discussion (July 11 & 21, 2025):** New members were introduced to AICUF's mission of social justice. Subsequent discussions focused on "Social Realities of Today," encouraging students to critically analyze issues like gender inequality and the dowry system.

- **AICUF Leadership & Anti-Ragging Initiatives (September 2 & 11 2025):** Activities included a "Six Thinking Hats" leadership workshop and a solo song competition dedicated to anti-ragging awareness, promoting a safe and inclusive campus environment.



Community Outreach & Rural Development (UBA & RUN)



- **Independence Day Extension Activities (August 15, 2025):** Under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, multiple departments engaged in Grama Sabha meetings, health awareness drives (mosquito-borne diseases), and child labor awareness plays across adopted villages including Pallam, Parakkai, and Manakudi.



- **Environmental & Clean Energy Drives (August–October 2025):** RUN (Reaching the Unreached Neighbourhood) initiatives included a "Clean & Green Drive" at Kanyakumari Eco-Park and a "Clean Energy" awareness program reaching 188 students to promote sustainable lifestyle practices.

- **Digital Literacy & Cybersecurity (October 25, 2025):** Collaborative sessions between RUN and KSS provided rural communities in Pallam with essential skills in "Digital Shielding" focusing on safe online communication and preventing financial fraud.



- **Nutri-Garden Initiatives (October 11, 2025):** UBA volunteers distributed organic seeds and provided training for home vegetable cultivation in Manakudi to enhance rural nutritional security.



Youth Red Cross (YRC)

- The Youth Red Cross (YRC) organized a series of humanitarian initiatives during the period July to September 2025 to promote social responsibility and voluntary service among students. The activities included an orientation programme on Red Cross principles, a drug awareness debate, and a Blood Donation Camp conducted in collaboration with the Government Hospital, Thuckalay. These programmes aimed at sensitizing students to community health needs and encouraging active participation in humanitarian service, thereby instilling compassion, discipline, and a spirit of social commitment among volunteers.



- On July 28, 2025, the Youth Red Cross (YRC) organized a debate competition titled "Drug Abuse – Who Is Responsible?" . The programme created awareness among 38 students about the causes and prevention of drug addiction, emphasizing the importance of mental health support and a drug-free campus environment.

- The YRC, in collaboration with Jayaraj Annapackiam College for Women, conducted a webinar on "Peace – A Universal Human Right" on September 17, 2025. Delivered by Dr. S. Sidney Shirley of Scott Christian College, the session benefited 35 participants by highlighting the importance of peace, social harmony, and conflict resolution in society.



- On September 26, 2025, the YRC organized a Blood Donation Camp in association with Padmanabhapuram Government Headquarters Hospital. A total of 60 students voluntarily donated blood, demonstrating humanitarian values and social responsibility toward saving lives.

YUVA Tourism Club

- On July 29, 2025, the YUVA Tourism Club organized a “My City, My Pride” photo contest where students showcased the historical, cultural, and environmental beauty of Nagercoil through photography, promoting local tourism awareness and creative expression.



- On August 25, 2025, the club conducted an “Anti-Drug Awareness Drawing Competition”, engaging students in creating artistic messages against substance abuse and encouraging awareness on the importance of a healthy, drug-free society.



- The YUVA Tourism Club organized a “Virtual Heritage Tour” on September 11, 2025, benefiting students through a digital exploration of important heritage sites, thereby creating awareness about the preservation of historical monuments and the use of technology in education.



- In collaboration with the District Tourism Department of Kanyakumari, the club conducted a special talk on “Tamil Nadu Tourism Policy and Emerging Trends” on September 25, 2025. The session benefited participants by providing insights into eco-tourism, medical tourism, heritage tourism, and the importance of sustainable tourism development in Tamil Nadu.



ECO Club

- On July 03, 2025, the Eco Club of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil, organized the “Nature Nurture Drive” within the college campus to promote cleanliness, environmental responsibility, and eco-conscious values among students through active participation in campus cleaning activities.



- A “Demonstration on Vermi Composting” was conducted on July 11, 2025, at the Vermitechnology Unit, providing students with practical knowledge on converting organic waste into nutrient-rich compost and encouraging sustainable waste management practices.



- The Eco Club organized a “Poster Presentation Competition” on July 21, 2025, under the theme “Walk in the Woods, Not in the Trap of Drugs,” creatively combining environmental awareness with anti-drug messages to promote responsible living among students.

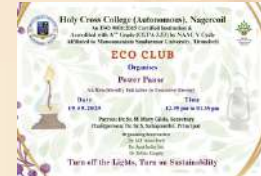


- The “Yellow Bag Pen Mission” was carried out on September 03 and 16, 2025, to encourage recycling and reduce plastic waste through the collection of used pens in designated yellow bags distributed across classrooms.



- An “Orientation on Shuttle Free Day” was conducted on September 11, 2025, to create awareness about eco-friendly transportation methods such as walking, cycling, and electric vehicles for reducing pollution and conserving energy.

- On September 19, 2025, the Eco Club organized “Power Pause” on the college campus to emphasize energy conservation by minimizing electricity usage for a specific duration and promoting responsible resource management.



- “Shuttle Free Day” was observed on September 23, 2025, encouraging the use of bicycles and electric vehicles instead of conventional fuel-based transportation, thereby promoting a cleaner and pollution-free campus environment.

- The Eco Club conducted an “Intracollegiate Competition on Re-Plastic Creation” on September 24, 2025, where students displayed innovative creations made from waste plastic materials, highlighting the importance of recycling and sustainability.



- On September 30, 2025, “Car Pooling Day” was organized to encourage shared transportation among students and staff, helping to reduce carbon emissions, fuel consumption, and traffic congestion while promoting environmental sustainability.

Electoral Literacy Club

- On July 30 and 31, 2025, the Electoral Literacy Club of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil, conducted a Mini Survey on “Why Youth Don’t Vote” to identify the reasons behind low youth participation in elections. The survey highlighted factors such as lack of political awareness, limited interest in voting, absence of voter ID cards, and misconceptions regarding the value of individual votes, while also creating awareness about democratic responsibility and active electoral participation among youth.



- An Anti-Ragging Awareness Programme featuring a Slogan Writing Competition on the theme “Campus of Friendship, Not Fear” was organized on August 26, 2025. The programme encouraged students to promote unity, friendship, and mutual respect.

Consumer Rights Awareness



- The Consumer Club organized Consumer Rights Awareness programmes on 22 August and 11 September 2025 to educate students on responsible consumer practices and legal safeguards. Sessions titled “Safer Choices” and “Buyer Beware” benefited 221 participants by providing awareness on food safety standards, product labeling, consumer rights, and legal redressal mechanisms under the Consumer Protection Act.

HEALTH & HYGIENE

- On June 20, 2025, the Health and Hygiene Committee of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil, organized the Commemoration of International Yoga Day to promote physical and mental well-being through yoga. The programme included expert demonstrations and interactive sessions that encouraged students and staff to adopt yoga as a part of a healthy lifestyle and fostered a culture of wellness on campus.



- A session titled “Mindful Classroom Begins with You” was organized on July 05, 2025, by the Crossian Centre for Faculty Development in collaboration with the Health and Hygiene Committee. The programme focused on mindfulness, emotional well-being, stress management, and creating a positive classroom environment.

Legal Literacy Club

- On July 31, 2025, the Legal Literacy Club of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil, conducted an Online Quiz on “Know Your Rights” through the Wayground platform to create awareness about constitutional and fundamental rights, encouraging students to become responsible and legally informed citizens.



- A Drawing Competition on Anti-Drug Awareness was organized on August 25, 2025, to educate students about the harmful effects of drug abuse. Through creative artwork, participants conveyed strong messages promoting a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

NCC



- On June 10–19, 2025, the 3 (TN) Naval Unit NCC of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil, participated in the Annual Training Camp at Vivekananda College, Agastheeswaram. Cadets underwent training in drill, firing, boat pulling, sports, and cultural activities, securing the 'Best College Award' in Drill and First Prize in Group Dance.



- The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed on June 25, 2025, to create awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of building a drug-free society through responsible citizenship and prevention strategies.

- The NCC Inter-Unit Competition for Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Andaman region was conducted from July 13–22, 2025, at Puducherry, where cadets participated in drill, firing, boat pulling, and service subject competitions, showcasing discipline and teamwork.



- Kargil Vijay Diwas was commemorated on July 21, 2025, to honor the sacrifices of Indian soldiers during the Kargil War and to instill patriotism and national pride among students and cadets.

- The 284th Anniversary of the Colachel Victory Pillar was observed on July 31, 2025, at Colachel to commemorate the historic victory of the Travancore forces and to promote patriotism and historical awareness.



- The Independence Day Celebration and Institutional Training took place on August 15, 2025, where NCC cadets actively participated in the ceremonial parade and march past, reflecting patriotism and discipline.

- The Nausainik Launch Camp was conducted from August 22–31, 2025, at Puducherry, offering training in swimming, boat pulling, parade, and naval activities to improve physical fitness and teamwork.



- The Combined Annual Training Camp cum IUC RDC Camp was organized from September 11–20, 2025, at the Naval Training Academy, Idayapatti, providing advanced training in drill, leadership, and naval discipline.

National Service Scheme (NSS) Units

NSS Units 76 & 77 - NSS Units 239 & 240

- On June 17, 2025, the NSS Units 76 & 77 organized the “My Bharat Registration Programme” to facilitate student registration on the My Bharat portal and promote youth engagement, leadership, and skill development opportunities.



- The International Day of Yoga was observed on June 25, 2025, under the theme “Yoga for One Earth, One Health,” encouraging physical, mental, and emotional well-being through yoga practice.

- A Rally on “International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking” was conducted on June 26, 2025, from Holy Cross College to Anna Stadium, Nagercoil, creating awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and the importance of a drug-free society.



- The “Swachhata Hi Seva – Clean Campus Drive” was organized on July 03, 2025, at the college campus to promote cleanliness, waste segregation, and environmental responsibility among volunteers.

- An Orientation Programme for NSS Volunteers was conducted on July 11, 2025, to familiarize students with the objectives and responsibilities of NSS and encourage active participation in community service.



- On July 12, 2025, NSS volunteers participated in a Disaster Management Training Programme at the Collector Office, Nagercoil, under the “Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme”, gaining knowledge on disaster preparedness and emergency response.

- A “Swachh Bharat Cleanliness Drive and the Ek Paudha Maa Ke Naam Tree Plantation Programme” were organized on July 16, 2025, at Government Primary School, Chettikulam, promoting environmental cleanliness, waste management, and ecological responsibility.



- The “International Youth Day Elocution Competition” on Youth Empowerment and the Clean Campus Green Campus initiative were conducted on August 01, 2025, encouraging leadership, communication skills, and environmental sustainability.

- The Independence Day Celebration was observed on August 15, 2025, with patriotic activities including flag hoisting, cultural programmes, and speeches promoting national pride and civic responsibility.



- “Sadbhavana Diwas” was observed on August 19, 2025, through a pledge programme promoting communal harmony, peace, and national integration.

- An Exhibition on “Nutrition Food and the Viksit Bharat Quiz Registration Drive” were organized on September 11, 2025, creating awareness about healthy eating habits and encouraging participation in national-level knowledge initiatives.



- NSS Day was celebrated on September 24, 2025, emphasizing the NSS motto “Not Me But You” and motivating volunteers towards community service and leadership.

- A “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan – Mega Beach Cleaning Drive” was conducted on September 30, 2025, at Muttom Beach to promote environmental sustainability and awareness about marine pollution.



- The “Special Handloom Expo” held on October 08, 2025, promoted traditional weaving, eco-friendly textiles, and appreciation for indigenous craftsmanship.

- An NSS Programme Officers Meet was organized on October 10, 2025, at M.S. University, Tirunelveli, to strengthen coordination, training, and planning of NSS activities.



- An Orientation Programme on “Anti-Drug Awareness” was conducted on June 25, 2025, to educate students about the harmful effects of substance abuse and the importance of healthy lifestyle choices.

- The “Anti-Drug Pledge Ceremony” was held on June 26, 2025, where students pledged to maintain a drug-free lifestyle and spread awareness within society.



- A Socio-Cultural and Habitat Assessment of Azhigal Village was organized on July 03, 2025, to provide students with experiential learning on rural life, social conditions, and community development.

QUIZ CLUB

- On July 21, 2025, the Quiz Club of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil, organized an “Inter-Departmental Written Quiz” to enhance students’ knowledge of general awareness and current affairs while strengthening their analytical and decision-making skills.



- The Quiz Club organized Crossings-2025, an “Inter-School and Inter-Collegiate Quiz Contest”, on August 14, 2025. The event witnessed active participation from schools and colleges, promoting academic excellence, critical thinking, and healthy competition in the areas of general knowledge and current affairs.



- An Inter-Departmental Quiz on “Trending Cybercrimes and their Prevention to Avoid Cyber Victimization” was conducted on October 13, 2025, to create awareness about cybersecurity and promote safe digital practices among students. The event encouraged students to stay vigilant in the digital world, enhanced their knowledge of cyber safety, and fostered responsible online behaviour.



Rotaract Club

- The Rotaract Club of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil, organized the Installation of Office Bearers on July 11, 2025, marking the formal induction of the newly elected team for the academic year. Mrs. Maria Sylvester, President of the Rotary Club of Nagercoil, addressed the gathering and emphasized the values of leadership, teamwork, and service.



- A Slogan Writing Competition on the theme “Say No to Drugs and Yes to Life” was conducted on August 01, 2025, to create awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and to encourage students to adopt healthy and positive lifestyles through creative expression.

- On August 15, 2025, the Rotaract Club organized a Medical Camp at Government Middle School, Devicode, in association with Lordsons Hospital, Karungal, providing basic health check-ups, awareness on hygiene and nutrition, and preventive healthcare guidance to the community.



- A Peace Rally was organized on September 22, 2025, from the college campus to Kurusady to promote peace, unity, social harmony, and responsible citizenship through public awareness activities and student participation.

Crossian Center for Faculty Development (CCFD) Activities

Orientation Programme – Catalysing Quality and Excellence in Higher Education

The Crossian Centre for Faculty Development organized a two-day Orientation Programme on 9 and 10 June 2025 at St. Joseph's Hall for 142 faculty members to enhance teaching quality, outcome-based planning, and NAAC-aligned documentation practices. Rev. Dr. A. Michael John SJ delivered a session on productive teaching strategies, while Dr. Sr. K. Francy and Dr. X. Venci Candida guided participants on NAAC attributes and outcome assessment. The programme strengthened faculty understanding of quality benchmarks and promoted systematic academic planning.



Session on The Mindful Classroom Begins with You

On 5 July 2025, CCFD in collaboration with the Health and Hygiene Committee organized a faculty development session at the Multipurpose Hall attended by 140 faculty members. The session was handled by Rev. Sr. Rosari Sahaya Rani, Counsellor and Psychotherapist, who introduced mindfulness practices to build emotional balance and create positive classroom environments. The programme helped faculty members manage stress and improve student engagement.

7-Day Online FDP – Inspiring Educators: Enhancing Pedagogy, Research and Institutional Excellence

From 28 July to 4 August 2025, CCFD in collaboration with IQAC conducted a seven-day online FDP benefiting 143 faculty members to strengthen pedagogy, research orientation, and institutional practices. Sessions led by institutional academic leaders focused on innovative teaching methods, research development, technology integration, and curriculum enrichment, enhancing faculty competence and commitment to institutional excellence.



Workshop on Integration of Competitive Exams in Curricula

A workshop was organized on 23 August 2025 at St. Joseph's Hall by CCFD in collaboration with the Office of the Deans of Academic Affairs, benefiting 139 faculty members. The session was led by Dr. Sr. M. Hilaria Soundari, who provided strategies to integrate competitive examination preparation into curricula. Faculty members gained practical insights to align teaching practices with career-oriented learning outcomes.



Session on Workplace Harmony: Creating a Positive and Supportive Environment

On 23 August 2025, CCFD organized a session at the Multipurpose Hall attended by 66 faculty members to promote positive workplace relationships and teamwork. Resource person Sr. Rosari Sahaya Rani conducted interactive activities focusing on communication, empathy, and collaboration, enabling faculty members to build a supportive and harmonious professional environment.



FDP – Design and Development of MOOCs in Four Quadrant Approach

From 21 to 29 October 2025, IQAC and CCFD jointly conducted an online FDP benefiting 66 faculty members to equip them with skills to design SWAYAM–NPTEL compliant MOOCs. Dr. A. Vimal Jerald provided hands-on training in video content creation, e-content development, assessments, and LMS deployment using AI-enabled tools, strengthening faculty expertise in digital pedagogy.



Advanced Workshop on OBE and Academic Benchmarking

On 29 November 2025, CCFD in collaboration with Lincoln University College, Malaysia, organized an advanced workshop at St. Joseph's Hall for 142 faculty members. Prof. Dr. Manual Selvaraj Bexci provided expert insights into Outcome-Based Education implementation and academic benchmarking practices, enhancing faculty understanding of assessment alignment and quality enhancement measures.



Department Activities

- On July 11, 2025, the PG and Research Department of Economics of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil, organized “World Population Day Competitions” in Rooms 88 and 89 to create awareness about population-related social, economic, and environmental challenges. Competitions including verse writing, essay writing, and drawing encouraged students to express creative and analytical perspectives on sustainable development and responsible citizenship, benefiting 67 participants.



- The Department of English (SF), in collaboration with Cape Comorin Trust, hosted a virtual International Conference on "Changing Landscape of Literature from Ancient to Digital Age" on July 11–12, 2025. Attended by 173 beneficiaries, the event featured keynote sessions by experts from the Philippines, Albania, and Ghana. It provided a global platform to discuss literary evolution and digital practices, with several research papers selected for publication in reputed journals.

- On July 14, 2025, the Department of Mathematics (SF), in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), organized a seminar titled "The Startup Equation: Solving Business Problems with Machine Learning" Featuring Dr. S. Immaculate Shyla as the resource person, the session guided students on bridging the gap between theoretical mathematics and real-world business applications. The seminar aimed to inspire tech-driven entrepreneurship and foster interdisciplinary collaboration by demonstrating how machine learning can solve complex business challenges.



- The Department of Physics organized a Research Colloquium on “Exploring the Innovative Research Problem” on July 17, 2025, at St. Joseph's Hall to provide a platform for scholars and faculty to discuss innovative, interdisciplinary, and socially relevant research ideas. The session guided participants in identifying and refining impactful research problems, fostering a research-oriented mindset among 30 beneficiaries.

- The Department of Tamil organized a prestigious International Seminar on "Classical Tamil in a Multidisciplinary Perspective" on July 18, 2025, in collaboration with the College Teachers' Kumari Tamil Sangam. The seminar featured three academic sessions where researchers presented papers on the global impact of Tamil culture. Attended by 220 beneficiaries, the event successfully sparked new interest in Tamil research and highlighted the unique identity of the language on the world stage.



- On July 21, 2025, the Department of Commerce (SF) conducted an environmental awareness program featuring Elocution and "Wealth from Waste" competitions. The initiative aimed to educate students on sustainable living, recycling, and renewable energy use. By participating in these creative events, 25 beneficiaries improved their presentation skills and were motivated to act as ambassadors for green initiatives within their communities.

- On July 28, 2025, the PG & Research Department of Economics, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council and Centre for Entrepreneur Development, organized a seminar titled "Digital Transformation and Entrepreneurial Opportunities". The session bridged the gap between academic theory and industry practice, fostering networking opportunities and reinforcing the college's commitment to employability, innovation, and the National Skill Qualifications Framework.



- The PG & Research Department of History, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council, organized a hands-on seminar titled "Essential Steps for Growth – Unlock Your Data Skills" on July 29, 2025. The seminar successfully enhanced the participants' digital proficiency and data literacy, providing them with essential tools for academic research and future careers.

- The Mathematics Cultural Club celebrated International Youth Day on August 12, 2025, with a series of vibrant cultural events . The program showcased diverse student talents through performances such as Bharatanatyam, group songs, an expressive mime, and an energetic group dance. To promote intellectual engagement and awareness of the day's significance, an interactive quiz was also conducted, fostering a strong sense of community and collaboration among the 120 beneficiaries.



- On August 12, 2025, the PG and Research Department of English held a Research Colloquium featuring Dr. R. Janatha Kumari as the resource person. The session focused on identifying grant sources and crafting persuasive research proposals for 59 faculty members and researchers. The interactive workshop successfully demystified the funding process and boosted participants' confidence in securing financial support for academic projects.

- On August 13, 2025, the Department of Corporate Secretaryship and the Secretary's Syndicate Club, along with the IIC, hosted a seminar on "Empowering Innovators: The Strategic Role of Academia in Entrepreneurship." Resource person Dr. M. Babima emphasized how higher education institutions act as vital springboards for startups by providing mentorship, resources, and networking opportunities. The session encouraged students to identify real-world problems and explore entrepreneurship as a viable and innovative career path.



- The Research Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council, organized a hands-on workshop titled "Crafting Opportunities: Entrepreneurial Training in Sea Shell Products" on August 14, 2025. The program aimed to foster creativity and sustainable entrepreneurship by training students in the design, production, and marketing of sea shell-based crafts. The workshop empowered students to transform natural resources into potential business ventures.

- The Commerce Club organized a session on “From Passion to Profit: Strategies for Women to Launch and Grow Successful Ventures” on August 18, 2025. Alumna entrepreneur Ms. R. Renisha shared her personal journey, discussing financial hurdles and practical strategies for business growth. The event provided 164 students with a clear roadmap for transforming their skills into profitable ventures while overcoming the unique challenges faced by women entrepreneurs.



- The Department of Botany participated in a mutual Faculty Exchange Programme with St. Mary's College on August 19, 2025. Six faculty members from Holy Cross College engaged in teaching and student interactions at St. Mary's, while their faculty visited in return. This collaboration exposed students to diverse teaching styles and innovative approaches, strengthening the partnership between the two institutions.

- On August 21, 2025, the English Club hosted an Inter-school "Spell Bee" competition to enhance the linguistic skills and public speaking confidence of 90 young learners. Students from local schools competed through preliminary and final rounds for a cash prize of ₹1000. The event fostered a love for language learning and strengthened the academic bond between the college and the surrounding school community.



- The Department of Zoology, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council, hosted the "INNOBIO 2025" International Conference on August 21–22, 2025. Experts from India, Saudi Arabia, and Ghana shared insights on genomics, biotechnology, and sustainable farming with 197 participants. The event showcased student innovation through research presentations and prototype displays, aligning with UN Sustainable Development Goal 9.

- On August 22, 2025, the Department of Commerce (SF) held a student-led seminar titled “Women Entrepreneurs as a Tool for Women Empowerment”. Student resource persons Ms. K. Shanha and Ms. Enola Sharviya E presented well-researched insights on how entrepreneurship fosters financial independence and self-reliance. Attended by 150 beneficiaries, the seminar reinforced the idea of leadership through innovation and motivated young women to pursue entrepreneurial roles.



- On August 25, 2025, the Research Department of Commerce hosted an insightful seminar on "Value-Based Education" featuring Dr. J. Elizabeth Selvakumari as the resource person. The session emphasized that core values like integrity, discipline, and compassion are the bedrock of a successful career and meaningful life. Through interactive discussions and real-life examples, the seminar encouraged 386 student beneficiaries to reflect on their personal belief systems and the importance of ethical behavior in both college and future workplaces.

- The Department of Costume Design and Fashion organized an International Webinar on “The Rise of Digital Style and Sustainability” on September 15, 2025. The webinar, led by Mr. Aravin Prince from VTT Technical Research Center, Helsinki, Finland, focused on digital fashion tools, sustainable textile practices, biomaterials, and circular fashion models, providing students with international exposure and insights into eco-conscious innovations in the fashion industry. The programme benefited 62 participants.



- The Department of Costume Design and Fashion organized the "FRENCY FASHION FIESTA 25" on September 17, 2025. Featuring categories like "Fabric Fantasy" and "Threaded Tales," the competition emphasized sustainable fashion and heritage-inspired designs for 103 participants. The event bridged classroom learning with industry practices, empowering students to showcase their creativity and technical skills in garment construction.

- On September 25, 2025, the Department of Corporate Secretaryship and the Secretary's Syndicate Club of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil, hosted a seminar titled "Smart Stats: SPSS Tools for Undergraduates". Resource person Dr. S. Julian Daniel, Assistant Professor from St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, provided 48 beneficiaries with an in-depth introduction to the SPSS software interface and its essential role in academic data analysis. The seminar successfully fostered a research-oriented mindset and equipped students with the technical competence necessary for their future academic and professional pursuits.



- The Department of English (SF), in collaboration with Nirmala College for Women, organized two Faculty Exchange Programmes on September 29 and 30, 2025. The sessions on "The Romantics" and "Marxist Theories" were handled by Ms. Swasthica A and Ms. Divya S respectively. Around 40 students participated and gained knowledge on Romantic literature, nature, imagination, class struggle, and ideology in literary studies. The interactive virtual sessions enhanced students' literary understanding and promoted academic collaboration between the two institutions.

- The Department of Tamil (SF), in association with the Andaman Tamil Association, organized a prestigious one-day International Seminar on "Literature and Culture" on September 30, 2025. The event featured the release of a research compendium by Dr. R. Uma Bharathi, a descendant of poet Bharathiyar. Attended by 384 beneficiaries, the seminar explored diverse topics, including the food habits of the Tamil diaspora, providing students with global insights into the intersection of identity and heritage.



- On September 30, 2025, the Physics Club of the PG and Research Department of Physics organized an "Intra-Departmental Quiz" to stimulate scientific curiosity. Moderated by M.Sc. Physics students, the quiz included rounds on general physics, current scientific developments, and numerical problems. The highly interactive session fostered teamwork and academic excellence among 115 student beneficiaries, providing a platform for them to demonstrate their understanding of core scientific concepts.

- On October 09, 2025, the Department of Physics, through the Einstein Echoes Students' Club in collaboration with IREL (India) Limited, organized an Interschool Physics Fest on "Geoscience Genius: Rare Earths of India". Various competitions including essay writing, poster making, quiz, and crossword puzzles were conducted to promote scientific curiosity, awareness about rare earth elements, and interest in geoscience among school students. The event witnessed the participation of 216 students from 16 schools.



- The Department of Zoology organized the "Healthy Plates" exhibition on October 10, 2025, to commemorate World Egg Day and promote SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being). Students presented 12 stalls featuring nutritious egg dishes, millets, and fresh fruits for 114 beneficiaries. The event successfully raised awareness about balanced nutrition and the medicinal value of various foods through creative interactive displays.

- The Department of Chemistry, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council, hosted a seminar on "IPR in Academia" on October 15, 2025, the session educated students on patents, copyrights, and trademarks to protect research and innovation. The seminar fostered a culture of academic integrity and encouraged students to safeguard their creative findings.



- On October 16, 2025, the Department of French organized an Inter-School French Competition as part of its experiential learning initiatives to foster linguistic and creative talents among local students. Participants from C.S.I. Matriculation School, Belfield Matriculation School, and Ponjesly Matriculation School engaged in various creative categories, including Painting, Collage Making, and Clay Modelling. These artistic events encouraged students to express their imagination while deepening their understanding of French culture. To celebrate their achievements, winners were honored with cash prizes.

- On October 22, 2025, the PG and Research Department of Chemistry held an intradepartmental model-making competition on "Crystal Structures". Students created innovative models of various crystal systems to enhance their understanding of solid-state chemistry. The event promoted teamwork and application-based learning, helping 17 beneficiaries visualize complex chemical concepts beyond textbooks.



- The PG and Research Department of Botany, in collaboration with Planet Pact Global, hosted an international conference on "Synergy of Nature and Society in Building a Resilient Planet" on November 26, 2025. Experts from New Zealand and India discussed critical topics such as water sustainability, AI and GIS in ecology, and biodiversity conservation. A major highlight of the event was the official release of the department newsletter, "BLOSSOM 2025," reinforcing the institution's commitment to ecological stewardship and global scientific collaboration.

- The Department of Botany hosted "Botanica Fest" on November 28, 2025, to promote environmental awareness among 60 school students. Competitions such as model making, essay writing, and "art from waste" encouraged scientific thinking and a love for plant science. Bishop Remigius School won the overall championship, and the event strengthened the collaboration between the college and local schools.





- Hands-on Python / SPSS Tools Training
- Faculty Exchange Programme (MoU Activity)
- International Collaboration Seminar
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- Hands-on Training on "Banking Operations"
- Research Colloquium: "Publish with Purpose"
- Zero Shadow Day
- Biomimicry: Learning from Nature for Innovative Solutions
- Universal Values: "The Honesty Shop Day"
- MATH FEST for "School Students"
- Training on "Interview Skills"
- French in Action: A Meet-and-Greet with Native Speakers
- Fashion Festina Club: Session on "Sustainable Fashion"
- Business Plan Pitching Competition
- Green Initiative: Exhibition on Eco-Friendly Products
- Planet in Focus: Media Film Screening & Review Writing Workshop
- Peace Walk on "World Peace Day"
- Model Making Competition on "Chemical Models"

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