

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL Annual Report 2016-2017

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REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF IQAC 2016-17

The college was granted autonomy in May 2016, after the Expert visit on the 25 and 26 of November 2015. Academic autonomy conferred to the College was implemented as per the guidelines given by the UGC and the State Government. Governing Council, Academic Council and Board of Studies were constituted strictly adhering to the norms (12th Plan Guidelines for Autonomous Colleges, UGC). The IQAC spearheaded the constitution of all the statutory bodies.

To achieve transparency and professionalism in administration ERP was implemented for the conduct of admissions, fee remittance, attendance, conduct of examinations etc. Library, feedback mechanism and other administrative functions are also technology enabled. The next step was to start the revision of the syllabi for all core courses. Syllabi of all the academic programmes were revised during the academic year and it the restructured syllabi was implemented from the academic year 2017-18. CCTV enabled classrooms were set up Most of the courses have been restructured to make it more locally relevant. Teaching hours and credit are in line with the Mahatma Gandhi University norms. Besides, the College has included a compulsory social service component AESOP, Assumption Extension and Social Outreach Programme of 18 hours 0 credit to inculcate social commitment in students, which was the brainchild of IQAC.

The IQAC co-ordinated the process of a collaboration with Sophiya University Japan under the aegis if the archdiocese of Changanacherry and a MoU was signed with Sophiya University on 2nd May 2016.

The teachers were motivated through a spiritual orientation to meet the students to analyse the difficulties faced by students and to provide emotional and psychological support by gaining their trust and confidence. Students who need special help were to be guided to the counsellor.

A state level intercollegiate faculty orientation titled "Young Educators' Vision," was organized under the banner of Xavier Board of Higher Education in India (Kerala South Region), on 25 th January 2016 in collaboration with our College to cater the demands of the dynamic educational scenario, particularly for the young faculty.

A- view wassuccessfully implemented and a month long compulsory e learning sessions provided through virtual classes during the month of September. To equip the students withskill, competency and a drive to excel in competitive exams a Civil Service Coaching Institute was started in 2016.

IQAC organized a Workshop for faculty members on 'The Role of ICT in Enhancing the Quality of Teaching and Learning on 27 October, 2016. Around 66 members of Faculty participated in the Workshop. The resource persons were Dr.Manoj from ICT Academy Kerala and Dr.Kalpana Kannan, IIT Mumbai

Various steps were taken to make a plastic free green campus under the different departments. The green initiatives include department wise. Eco projects, Paper recycling and Assumption branded green products (Paper and cloth bags) and greening the campus was intiated.

Core Group of Advanced Learners were selected to cater to the qualitative measures to be implemented for improvement. A Seminar on Cyber Security in collaboration with Bodhini, Cochin for the students on January 2017.

ED Club of Assumption College and the IQAC jointly organized two days Entrepreneurship Awarness Camp in collaboration with KITCO and given certificates of EDII, Ahmedabad.

The IQAC organized a session to train the faculty members on the efficient conduct of AESOP and to finalise the modus operandi of the Programme. Two teachers from each department attended the orientation programme. Dr Rani Maria Thomas and Sr Shalini were the resource persons. It was organized on October 31st 2016.

A awareness programme on Demonetisation by Prof Jayathi Ghosh, Faculty of Economics JNU was organised by IQAC for the entire staff and students in the afternoon on December 18, 2016. The speaker helped to comprehend and evaluate the positive and negative impacts of the decision made by the central government to demonetise the 500 amd 1000 rupee banknotes of the Mahatma Gandhi Series, in order to curb black money. A majority of the staff and students participated in the session which took place in the Indoor Court.

Academic Audit for the year 2016-18 was conducted in 25th May 2017. The expert committee consisted of Prof. Stephen Mathews, Former Principal, S B College, Changanacherry (Chairman)

Prof P C Aniyankunju, Former Principal, St. Aloysius College, Edathua (Member)

Prof. Philip M P, Head, Department of Economics, S B College, Changanacherry (Member) and the suggestions and recommendations received in July 2017 was conveyed to the faculty in Staff General Body Meeting.

Taking into consideration the importance of Mentoring in the overall development of students, an orientation session was organized by the IQAC to the Mentors on 29th April, 2017. Dr Sr Amala, Principal of the College was the key speaker. Faculty members, who are the mentors, shared their concerns and experiences.