

## HOLY CROSS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

### PG & RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

#### Association Activities- Aristotle club (2023-2024)

- The activities of the ARISTOTLE CLUB commenced with the inaugural meet on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Rev. Fr.A. Arockia Doss delivered a talk on Three C's of healthy relationship.
- A career orientation session was held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 and 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 on the topic "Preservation of Zoological specimens by C.Sivakumar, Curator, Government Museum, Tiruchirappalli and Dr.Kannan Govindaraj, Marie -Curie Fellow, Brigham Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, USA, respectively.
- Big Butterfly month Celebration was conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. Mr. M. Rajesh was the resource person.
- FESTOTLE' 23, an intercollegiate competition was held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- Drawing competition for school children and Intradepartmental paper presentation competition for Undergraduate students was held in September 2023.
- Hands on training programme was organized for Non teaching staff of Zoology Department by Aristotle Club of PG and Research Department of Zoology on the topic "Preparation of Chemicals" on 12.12.2023 at 2:00pm in PG laboratory of Zoology Department. The training programme was organized to improve the knowledge of laboratory staff in work ethics, preparation of chemicals and handling of hazardous chemicals. Dr. A. J. Bhorgin Lourdu Mary, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Zoology, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli and Dr.S.Elavarasi, Assistant Professor of Zoology, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli were the resource persons.
- Motivational session was held for students on the topic Empowering Women-know your rights by Ms. P.Renganayaki on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- In association with HCIICT "Entrepreneurship in Sericulture and Entrepreneurship in Aquaculture" sessions were conducted in August 2023. Mr.G.Saravanakumar, Silk worm breeder, Department of Sericulture, Manachanallur and Mr.G.Ananthanarayanan, Aquaculturist, Sree Vinayaka Aquarium, Teppakulam, Tiruchirappalli were the resource persons respectively.
- The National Conference on **Eco Harmony 2024 Exploring the Web of Life in Zoology** organized by the PG & Research Department of Zoology, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 at Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli.
  - a. **Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail**, Teacher, Soil Biologist & Ecologist, Chennai, gave the Inaugural address highlighting the importance of ecoharmony and the path-breaking new ventures in the field of web of life in zoology at the global.
  - b. **Dr. A Manimekalan**, Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore spoke on the topic "Biodiversity Conservation Importance Why?".
  - c. **Prof E Kunthikrishnan**, Former Head and Associate Professor, the Department of Zoology, University College, Thiruvananthapuram, ignited the research thirst in the field of butterflies through his valuable talk on "Butterflies-Issues and Challenges in Conservation".

- d. **Dr. R. Brawin Kumar**, Principal Investigator, Hedgehog Conservation Project, Hedgehog Conservation Alliance Kanyakumari, elaborated on the topic “Conservation of Lesser Known Madras Hedgehog through Multiple Scientific Methods”.
  - e. 12 competitive posters were presented by the students in and around Trichy and also from Holy Cross College
- Valediction was held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Mr.N.Selvam, gave a talk on Insects as regulators of Life on earth.