

ANNUAL REPORT 2020 - 2021



INTRODUCTION

Education is the basis for the development of human beings and the nation. In the present digital era where technology rules the world, it is essential to make education life oriented and not just knowledge oriented and to develop in students a sense of moral responsibility and accountability to society, for the privilege and rights they enjoy through the benefits of higher education. They must realize that they have a responsibility to give back to society part of the benefits of the fruits of knowledge/learning, skills and job opportunities they have received.

Especially this year the Pandemic Corona / Covid 19 has devastated the world countries and human life economically, socially, intellectually and physically and has rendered people both educated and manual labourers, helpless, hopeless and even homeless sans food, shelter and salary to provide for their families. It is this corona crisis that has turned the world topsy turvy with rigid lockdowns for long periods of time, that crippled the human work force and created in the minds of people fear and panic beyond acceptance or hope with uncertainty, anxiety and insecurity combined with the stress of isolation / loneliness.

However despite the negative impact caused by the dark cloud of virus infection and death with no concrete means to stop it, there is visible the silver lining of the humane side of noble souls / hearts that share in the social responsibilities of caring for the helpless human beings and animals. The courage shown by educated persons who can step down from their academic positions, to take up any menial job for sustenance is remarkable and reminds us that he who cares dares and wins.

The need based change is that everything has resumed through online mode including the domain of education. The educational scenario has undergone a paradigm shift from personalized teaching / learning to teaching, learning and testing that are done online / virtually through Google meet platform, Video Conferencing, etc. The traditional class room teaching methodologies have been shelved out of sheer necessity to maintain social distancing and have given place to computer teaching and mobile app learning methodologies. As the pandemic resets major working trends, work from home culture was also initiated through online classes.

This challenging change has enabled students and parents become techno savvy. This change and technological progress and process was mandatory to equip the younger generation with skills for employability.

Amidst this state of despair and uncertainty, the college re-opened on 3rd August 2020 for senior students and on 19th August 2020 for I UGs and for I PGs on 26th August 2020 and classes were conducted through virtual mode. Through the learner centric focus and digital platforms for teaching, learning and testing, students develop skills to face problems and develop problem solving skills through critical thinking and by acquiring application based knowledge.

The traditional mode of listen learn and reproduce from memory has been replaced by the online / virtual mode do and learn and be creative.

MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Mass of the Holy Spirit was held on 27th August 2020. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Paul Pragash S J. The theme for the mass was 'In You oh Lord I have Refuge'. Father in his sermon, spoke about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and explained the importance and benefits of those gifts. The Principal, Secretary, sisters, teaching and non-teaching staff and SCMs participated in the mass. At the end of the mass, the Principal, Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget surrendered the institution into the hands of God, seeking his blessings and protection, through the consecration of the institution to the sacred heart of Jesus.

WELCOME FOR I UG STUDENTS

Education is the bridge between the present situation and the future prospects. Because of the present Pandemic situation, our college remained closed until further information. Education has the potential not only to enlighten people but it is also a source of connectivity towards the process of productivity that helps us stay in connection even during this unpredictable situation. In the current digital world, our college has adapted the changes and Online Teaching and Learning is made readily available with the help of Technology that has been advanced more rapidly than any other innovation in our history.

The college commenced with an inauguration programme for I UG students on 19th August 2020 and for I PG students on 26th August 2020 for the academic year 2020 – 2021 in Google Meet Online Platform. The students attended the programme with great hope and waited for the innovative learning experience.

The inaugural ceremony began by praising the Lord Almighty with the prayer service by the newly elected Student Council Members. A visual video tour of Holy Cross College campus was presented to the students for they are confined at home due to pandemic. The theme for the year 2020-2021 "Digital Transformation and Environmental Sustainability" was announced by Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, the Principal, proceeded by that, the Principal gave a grandeur virtual welcome to the students by introducing the History of the College and by highlighting a thoughtful life lesson.

The Academic structure of the College was explained by the Dean of Arts, Dr. L. Jenithra, Asso. Prof. of Commerce. The etiquette and the general rules to be followed by the students were explained by the Dean of Students Affairs Dr. Pauline Edwidge Mary, Asst. Prof. of Physics. The details about various extension activities were explained by the Dean of Extension activities, Dr. Sujatha Ilangovan, Assistant Professor Department of Zoology. The program came to an end with the proposal of vote of thanks by the Vice Principals Dr. Mary Jayanthi and Dr. Mary Mejrullo Merlin, addressing I UG and I PG students respectively, followed by the College Anthem.

STAFF ORIENTATION

The FDP for this academic year 2020 – 2021 was organised by IQAC as a series of Webinars. The first one was held on 29th May 2020 on the topic "Andragogy of Online Teaching". The Session began with a prayer song. Dr. A. Turin Martina, the IQAC Coordinator delivered the Welcome Address. Our Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget rendered her felicitation message. The Resource Person was Dr. V. Evelyn Brindha, Professor, Karunya University and 218 Teaching Faculty of our College participated. The objectives were to transform online learning through easy technological solutions, support teachers in their shift to teach online and build digital teaching capacity of the teachers. The Resource person dealt with four areas namely identifying a suitable LMS Platform, choosing an appropriate online delivery system of Teaching, selecting E-content hosting and sharing mode and exploring and developing best online assessment techniques. The session was an interactive online meet from 10.30 am. to 1.00 pm. Staff posted their queries in the chat box and the Resource Person clarified all the doubts with demonstrations and applications. Dr. P. Revathi, the Teacher Member of IQAC Core Committee proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The second FDP Webinar was organised by IQAC for the Teaching Staff on 30th May 2020, from 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. on the topic “Remote Classrooms – Digital Technology in Teaching Learning”. The session began with a Prayer Song,

Dr. A. Turin Martina, the IQAC Coordinator delivered the Welcome address. The Resource Person was Dr. K.S. Jeen Marseline, Professor & Head, Department of Information Technology & Cognitive Systems, Sri Krishna Arts and Science College, Coimbatore. The objectives of the session were applications of Google Meet, Google Classrooms & Zoom App and the Pros and Cons of Remote Teaching. The Two online Applications Google Meet and Zoom were elaborated in detail as to the Invitation process of starting, recording and scheduling a meeting. The benefits and add-on features of both the apps & their applications in online Teaching & Testing were also demonstrated. 216 Staff participated actively and various queries raised were also clarified by the Resource Person. Dr. P. Revathi, the IQAC Teacher Member proposed the Vote of Thanks. The Faculty had a fruitful Learning experience through these webinars.

HCCARES WEBINAR SERIES

The HCCares Webinar Series was initiated and chaired by the Principal, Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, during the crucial times of COVID – 19 pandemic to provide a supportive atmosphere to be built at several HCC homes. The Webinar was exclusively organized for the HCC Teaching Faculty. The series included 3 exclusive webinars that focused on the well – being for the staff as a family during lockdown and it was the first of its kind from Educational Institution in the district. The series began with Optimising Family during Lockdown conducted on 19th May 2020, Tuesday, from 4pm – 5pm and around 175 staff attended it. The invited speaker for the session was Rev. Fr. Dr., Lawrence Soosai Nathan, Head, Department of Psychology, Anugraha College, Dindigul, a profound and resourceful teacher and trainer who is an expert in Family enrichment programmes.

The next Webinar Series was on Healthy Parenting Styles conducted on 27th May 2020, Wednesday, from 11 am – 12 noon. The invited speaker for the session was Ms. D. Leema Peter, Psychologist and Counsellor, K. Ramakrishnan College of Engineering, Tiruchirappalli, who spoke effectively on different parenting styles.

Seed and Weed – Nurturing Relationships was the next webinar subsequently conducted on 2nd June 2020, Tuesday, from 3pm – 4pm. The invited speaker for the session was Ms. Aarti C Rajaratnam, a leading Psychologist and Author who spoke on Toxicity in relationships and setting boundaries to grow healthy relationships especially during the lockdown and further in everyday life. This resourceful series was organized by Dr. M. Mary Jayanthi and Dr. M. Mary Mejrullo Merlin the Vice-Principals of Holy Cross College Trichy.

A faculty orientation webinar was organised by IQAC for the Teaching Staff on 12th June 2020 between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. on the topic, “Risk Management in Times of Crisis”. The Platform for the Webinar was Google Meet. The session began with a prayer by Dr. A. Turin Martina, the IQAC coordinator invoking God’s blessings. The welcome address was delivered by Ms. Mary Suthanthira Malar, Assistant Professor of Commerce, Holy Cross College. 206 Faculty of Holy Cross College participated.

The Resource Person of the session was Mr. Glenn Roger Carr, Founder & Director, Finmark, Leaders in Financial Market Education. The primary focus of the webinar was to develop a common understanding of Risk in terms of handling personal finances. The speaker provided very useful information and awareness on Financial Management at the time of this Covid Recession. The Session centred on several saving strategies and schemes and highlighted the need for being prepared for the forthcoming months with an Emergency Fund, Investments to be done with caution and the Thumb Rule for Investment was also elaborated. The Webinar was of great use to the Teaching Staff as it ensured practical applications in terms of Financial Management. Several resources and modalities were shared by the Resource Person for reliable investment and realistic returns. The Session came to an end with the Vote of thanks proposed by Dr. A. Turin Martina, IQAC Coordinator.

Three days Digital Teaching Techniques Faculty Training workshop was conducted for the staff from 22nd to 24th July 2020, by Dr. Evelyn Brinda from Karunya University.

On 10th July the PG & Research Department of Computer Science organized a webinar series on ICT Tools for the 21st Century Teacher. It was a faculty orientation webinar exclusively for HCC teaching faculty.

Holy Cross College seeks to build and upgrade faculty skills periodically to **move to the new normal**. The Principal initiated the online certificate training on Innovative Teaching and Skills for Online Classrooms. The inauguration of the course, conducted by Learning Matters in partnership with Tamil Nadu Open University was held on 10th March 2021 at 3 p.m. on Google Meet platform. 60 Holy Cross College Faculty were selected to attend the training. The welcome note and the introduction about the course was given by Ms. Sriranjini Vadiraj. A detailed session about the course and its benefits were explained by Ms. Lopamudra Dewan to the participants. Innovative Teaching and Skills for Online Classrooms as said is a short term course where Teachers can enhance the teaching skills and practise innovative ideas for the online classroom. As it was discussed the contact classes for the course were held online on 12th, 20th, 26th March & 2nd April 2021.

Each class was for 90 minutes as instructed. Based on the introductory note, a Question and Answer session was conducted where Teachers clarified their doubts with the resource person. The session ended at 3:40 p.m. with a note of gratitude by Ms. Sriranjini Vadiraj.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Transformative changes

The call for change as a catalyst that stimulates transformation was carried out even during the pandemic lock down.

The following staff assumed office as Deans,

- ✓ Dr. Jenitra. L, Asso. Prof. of Commerce, Dean of Arts
- ✓ Dr. Catherin. L, Asst. Prof. of Chemistry, Dean of Science
- ✓ Dr. Swarnakumari, Asso. Prof. of Rehabilitation Science, Dean of Research
- ✓ Dr. Horne Averal Iona was appointed as IQAC Co-ordinator and Director of CICRSD
- ✓ Dr. Leema Rose took charge as HoD of Chemistry

New Programme

This year B.Voc. in Software Development was started.

Infrastructure

The Pandemic Covid 19 crisis helped create a virtual platform and the required infrastructure facilities were added. The College office was given a facelift and was refurbished to provide a conducive ambience for more effective functioning. BSNL lease line was increased from 140 to 200 mbps. For the library, 20 steel racks were purchased for stacking old books and archives. The new Cabin for the librarian was set up.

Major Equipments Purchased

The following equipments were purchased during the academic year 2020 - 2021

- ✓ New UPS and Batteries
- ✓ New Generator (1)
- ✓ New Server (1)
- ✓ New (Toshiba) Xerox machine
- ✓ GPS Kit with SIM and Battery
- ✓ HCC ERP Software Renewal

- ✓ Book Tags Sensor
- ✓ New UPS (1 No)
- ✓ New HP Laser Printers (3 Nos)
- ✓ New Zepronics Monitor (12 Nos)
- ✓ New LED Wall
- ✓ New Computers (100) Nos
- ✓ New Computers with V cloud point server
- ✓ Laptop (10 Nos)
- ✓ Desk Top (2 Nos)
- ✓ Apple Home Pad (1 No)
- ✓ O'LED TV (1No)
- ✓ Alexa Echo Speaker System (1No)
- ✓ Pro Tools for Audio recording

COLLABORATIVE ENTERPRISE

Holy Cross College provides the right ambience for teaching and learning whether it is through the traditional class room mode or the virtual mode created and used during the pandemic Covid 19 lock down this year. There was a healthy rapport between staff and students during this crisis, with staff concern and care not only for students academic progress but also for their emotional balance and guidance to practise the right values for life. There are more than 6150 UG, PG, M.Phil. & Ph.D. scholars pursuing higher education in this campus. The college has a motivated and dedicated band of 295 teaching staff and 129 administrative staff.

RESEARCH

Ph.D. awarded

Congratulations to 18 staff and 16 research scholars who were awarded Ph.D.

- ✓ **Dr. G. Sasikala, Asst. Prof. of Rehabilitation Science guided by Dr.P.Swarnakumari Asso. Prof. of Rehabilitation Science**
Title of the Thesis: Impact of Inclusive Education on Children With Mild Intellectual Disability in promoting Social Skills and Positive Peer Attitudes in Trichy District
- ✓ **Dr. Sr. M.K. Lissy, Asst. Prof. of Economics**
Title of the Thesis: Correlates of Academic Performance of Secondary Level Student Teachers
- ✓ **Dr. A. Fouzia Kousar, Asst. Prof. of Economics**
Title of the Thesis: A Study on Livelihood Pattern of Diversified Non-Literate Marginalized Women in Tiruchirappalli Town
- ✓ **Dr. F. Merlin Kokila, Asst. Prof. of Economics**
Title of the Thesis: Economic Study of Women Workers in Unorganised Sector in Tiruchirappalli
- ✓ **Dr. S. Anulakshmi, Asst. Prof. of Tamil guided by Dr.Sr.Jeusin Francis Asso. Prof. of Tamil**
Title of the Thesis: Sanga Ilakkiyathil Nagarangal

- ✓ **Dr. Mary Suthanthira Malar, Asst. Prof. of Commerce**
Title of the Thesis: Consumer Awareness and Satisfaction of Fast Moving Consumer Goods in Tiruchirappalli District - A Study
- ✓ **Dr.A.Theresal Jeyaseeli, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics guided by Dr.W.Ritha, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics**
Title of the Thesis: Analytical Study On Inventory Models Under Uncertain Environment
- ✓ **Dr.J.Beny, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics**
Title of the Thesis: Fixed Point Theorems, Best Proximity Point Theorems In Metric Spaces And Generalized Metric Spaces
- ✓ **Dr. P. Arokkia Saibe, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics**
Title of the Thesis: A Study on Time To Recruitment In A Single Grade Manpower System With Two Types Of Attrition Generated By Exits And Breaks
- ✓ **Dr .A. Jennie Sebasty Pritha, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics, guided by Dr.W.Ritha, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics**
Title of the Thesis: A Study on Fixed Point and Best Proximity Point For Generalized JSC-Proximal Contractions On Complete Metric Spaces
- ✓ **Dr. Josephine Vinnarari, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics guided by Dr.W.Ritha, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics**
Title of the Thesis: A study on Queues under Uncertain Environment
- ✓ **Dr. S. Nancy, Asst. Prof. of Tamil**
Title of the Thesis: Tamil Agarathigalil Porul Pulapaatu Nerigal
- ✓ **Dr. A. Juliat Josephine, Asst. Prof. of Physics**
Title of the Thesis: Facile Synthesis and Property Alterations of BiVO₄ Nanoparticles as an Efficient Visible – Light – Active Photocatalyst
- ✓ **Dr. R. Kavitha, Asst. Prof. of Botany**
Title of the Thesis: Studies on the Mosses of Pachamalai Hills in the Eastern Ghats of Tamil Nadu, India
- ✓ **Dr. R. Jennifer Flora Garett, Asst. Prof. of English**
Title of the Thesis : From Victimisation to Rebirth in the select novels of Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
- ✓ **Dr. S. Joanna, Asst. Prof. of English**
Title of the Thesis : Conflicts of Women Immigrants in the select writings of Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni and Meena Alexander
- ✓ **Dr. S. Cheryl Antonette Dumenil, Asst. Prof. of English**
Title of the Thesis : An Ecocritical Study of the Angst of the Northe easterners in Select Works of Mamang Dai and Tenisula Ao
- ✓ **Dr. R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre**
Title of the Thesis : A study on Maternal Health Conditions of Women among Slum Dwellers in Tiruchirappalli Municipal Corporation

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RESEARCH SCHOLARS

- ✓ **Dr. R. Auxilia Christy, Research Scholar guided by Dr. Noreen Antony, Retd. Asso. Prof. of Chemistry**
Title of the Thesis: Organic Compounds as Corrosion Inhibitors for Carbon Steel in Acid Media
- ✓ **Dr. K. Sahira Banu, Research Scholar guided by Dr. L. Cathrine, Asst. Prof. of Chemistry**
Title of the Thesis: Phytochemical Studies and Biological activities on different Cultivars of Carica Papaya leaf extract used in Indian Systems of Medicine
- ✓ **Dr. G. Dayana Jeyaleela, Research Scholar guided by Dr. J. Rosaline Vimala, Asst. Prof. of Chemistry**
Title of the Thesis: Isolation and Characterization of Bioactive Principles from Meliadenia and Combretum Ovalifolium and their Applications in Pharmacology
- ✓ **Dr. Amala Viviani Rajan, Research Scholar guided by Dr. Sr. Maria Kamalam, Former Head, and Retd. Asso. Prof. of Rehabilitation Science,**
Title of the Thesis: Reading skills in children with ADHD
- ✓ **Dr. A. Bhuvaneshwari, Research Scholar guided by Dr. P. Swarnakumari, Asso. Prof. of Rehabilitation Science**
Title of the Thesis: Access And Equity In Higher Education For The Differently Abled
- ✓ **Dr. Anna Vinu Varghese, Research Scholar guided by Dr. A. Turin Martina, Asso. Prof. of Rehabilitation Science**
Title of the Thesis: Quality of life in children with cochlear implants
- ✓ **Dr. L. Djody Bascarne, Research Scholar guided by Dr. P. Swarnakumari, Asso. Prof. of Rehabilitation Science**
Title of the Thesis: Intervention Services for Children with Special Needs through Non Formal Approaches
- ✓ **Dr. A. Ludas, Research Scholar guided by Dr. M. Rajalakshmi, Asst. Prof. of Zoology**
Title of the Thesis: Impact of Polysaccharide isolated from methanol extract of Tinosporacordifolia stem on breast cancer- in-vitro, in-vivo, in-silico approaches
- ✓ **Dr. M. Maria Jessica, Research Scholar guided by Dr. S. Vasanthi, Asso. Prof. of Commerce**
Title of the Thesis: Impact of Zonal Training Programme of Employees on their HRD and Safety in Southern Zonal Railway Training Institute, Tiruchirappalli division
- ✓ **Dr. Legy C Joseph, Research Scholar guided by Dr. S. Vasanthi, Asso. Prof. of Commerce**
Title of the Thesis: Services Marketing of House Boats to the tourists in Alappuzha District - (An Empirical study)
- ✓ **Dr. J. Aarthi, Research Scholar guided by Dr. S. Vasanthi, Asso. Prof. of Commerce**
Title of the Thesis: Impact of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) Training Programme in Tiruchirappalli District.
- ✓ **Dr. Ruby Anancia, Research Scholar guided by Dr. Meena Jayakumari Retd. Asso. Prof. of Tamil**
Title of the Thesis: S. Innasiyin Thiruthondar Kappiyathil Uvamai Pathivugal

- ✓ **Dr. S. Kanagaraj, Research Scholar guided by Dr. Jasintha Rani Asso. Prof. of Tamil**
Title of the Thesis: Sanga Ilakkiyathil Porulathaara Sinthanaigal
- ✓ **Dr. Annie Karunya Bagyam, Research Scholar guided by Dr. Catherin Edward, Asso. Prof. of English**
Title of the Thesis: Space-Time Disjunctions in Select Canadian Diaspora Fiction of M.G.Vassanji and Neil Bissoondath
- ✓ **J.C. Eveline, Research Scholar guided by Dr. W. Ritha, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics**
Title of the Thesis: A Study on Impact of Environment Issues of Inventory Models
- ✓ **Dr. Dennis Edward Fernando, Research Scholar guided by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal and HoD of Commerce**
Title of the Thesis: Impact of Change Management Strategies on Employee Morale Industrial Organization of Tiruchirappalli District.

PH.D. THESIS SUBMITTED AND SYNOPSIS PRESENTED

- ✓ 3 staff submitted their Ph.D. theses
- ✓ 7 staff and 3 Research Scholars have presented their Ph.D. synopsis
- ✓ 8 staff are doing Ph.D.

BOOKS PUBLISHED

The second edition of the Text Books prescribed for I UG Catechism, Bible Studies and Ethics were published by the Department of Value Education in March 2021, with inclusion of one unit in Catechism and Ethics. For Bible Studies, the text book for I & II UG are interchanged.

Dr. Ruby Merlin, Asst. Prof. of English, published a book titled 'Oliyilla Vali' (Poetry Collection) in June 2020. She also published a short story named 'Sitharagal' in the book, 'Meendatal' in May 2020.

Dr. P. Anitha, Asst. Prof. of Social Work, Holy Cross College was awarded appreciation for her hard work and dedicated efforts in writing the book chapter titled "Education System" in the record event (Maximum authors Contributing for a Book on Covid 10 and its impact held in January, 2021 at Chennai, India Organised by ESN Publications. This event was in the Indian Book of Records as "Thickest Book in the World".

Dr. B. Sathyabama, Assistant Professor of Social Work, published a book with the title, "Parenting and Mental Health- Perspectives of Rural Adolescent Girls" in 2020.

PROJECTS

Holy Cross Community Radio

Holy Cross Community Radio 90.4 MHz was selected as a partner CR station to implement the national project titled "Covid-19 Specific and sensitive Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) through Community Radio Stations (CRS) during Covid19 Outbreak" sponsored by UNICEF. The project featured a 25-minute weekly programme in Tamil for a period of 5 months from 16th June 2020 focusing on issues related to the usage of masks, home quarantine, physical distancing, and elderly care. The financial assistance received was Rs. 50, 000/-

It was selected as a partner CR station for a 30 day campaign to develop and broadcast radio programme on poll check by Google News Initiative and Data Leads, New Delhi. The project features two fresh and 2 repeat episodes on photo and video verification and Digital safety and security. The financial assistance received was Rs. 14,000/-.

Holy Cross Community Radio 90.4 MHz was also selected by the Election Commission of India for creating awareness among voters through radio programmes in the upcoming assembly elections in Trichy. The financial assistance received was Rs. 30,000.

The Ministry of Ayush, Govt of India has initiated a Project for 'International Yoga Day 2021' under Information, Education and Communication campaign (IEC) to popularize the yoga practices among local communities at large through Common Yoga Protocol and has engaged Holy Cross CR to broadcast 10 minutes of Audio Programme, twice in a day from April 1 to June 21, 2021. The financial assistance received was Rs. 62,000.

DST FIST - Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli is recommended in level 0 category by the DST for the five year duration. The fund allocated is Rs. 58 lakhs.

ACHIEVEMENTS / AWARDS / VENTURES

College Special Achievements

In ARIIA (Atal Ranking for Institutions on Innovation Achievements) by MHRD for the year 2020, Holy Cross College, Trichy was ranked between 6th – 25th Rank in the category of Institutes and Colleges (Government and Government Aided).

Our Institution was placed in significant positions in Outlook- I Care Ranking 2020 (The Best Professional Colleges) in various professional streams as: Science - 23, B.C.A. - 23, BBA. - 28, Commerce - 56.

The Institution's Innovation Council of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli has been awarded Five Stars by Ministry of Education for undertaking various activities prescribed by MoE's Innovation Cell, Govt. of India to promote Innovation and Startup in Campus during the academic year 2019-2020.

The Rotaract Club of our college won the following awards in appreciation of the activities carried out for the academic year 2019-2020

- ✓ Award for Best installation.
- ✓ Award for DRR Citation.
- ✓ Award for Best supporting club.
- ✓ Special Award for Best women empowerment project.
- ✓ Special award for organising district event regional forum Garjana.
- ✓ Special award for official visit Recognition.
- ✓ Award for Best President
- ✓ Award for Outstanding Chairman

Our College EXNORA bagged several awards for outstanding performance from the parent club.

“Youth ExNoRa 25th Year Special Award’ 2021 Gem of Students ‘ExNoRa Institution for Long time Service’(for 22 years) the most prestigious award was won by our College.

The College also received ‘Youth Exnora Overall Excellence Rolling Shield as Outstanding Social Responsibility Institution 2020’ for over all best performance of students Exnora, for the year 2020-21 among 70 member schools and colleges at the function held on 26th February 2021.

STAFF AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS

First Annual Women Achiever awards celebrating the exceptional performance of Women in their respective field was organized by RED LABS, Trichy on 7th March 2021 in Trichy. Women of Wonder: WOW Award – Innovative Practice for Academic Excellence was awarded to Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal.

Rev. Sr. Dr. Niranjana Anthonisamy, Head, department of Social Work, Holy Cross College, received ‘Best Social Worker Award’ for the year 2021, in recognition of her ardent Professional Social Work endeavours as ‘a Practitioner’. The award was presented in the ‘World Social Work Day Celebration 2021’ organized by Manamakil Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Research Foundation, Villupuram in collaboration with PG & Research Department of Social Work, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli on 16th March 2021.

Dr. G. Elizabeth Rani Asst. Professor of Tamil received the following awards

- ✓ Aasiriyar Sirpi Award from TamilNadu Teachers Association (TNTA), Perambur, Chennai, on 20th September 2020,
- ✓ Arivuchudar Gandhi Award from Thai Ullam Arakattalai, Reach Mediaa, JCI Hosur Sipcot, on 27th September 2020,
- ✓ Kalam Arivu Maamani Award from Kalam UV Foundation, Reach Mediaa, JCI Hosur Sipcot, on 15th October 2020,
- ✓ Best Teachers Award - 2020 from Thai Ullam Book of World Achievers, on 3rd November 2020.

Ms. D. Anitha Mary, Asst. Prof. of Tamil, received Kalam Agni Award on 18th October 2020 from Reach Mediaa, JCL, Hosur Sipcot.

Dr. D. Neela Devi Asst. Professor of Tamil received the Kavignar Award- 2020 from Muthamizh Charal Muganool Kulumam, Krishnagiri, on 9th November 2020 and also the Kavi Vithagar Award -2020 from Muthamizh Charal Muganool Kulumam, Krishnagiri, on 12th December 2020.

8 staff members, Dr. A. Jasintha Rani, Dr. M. Prema, Ms. Arul Sagaya Anitta, Dr. M. Arumbu, Ms. D. Anitha Mary, Dr. A. Anu Dayana, Dr. B. Imaculate, Dr. D. Neela Devi Asst. Professors of Tamil received the Aasan Valluvan Award - 2021 from Nirai Kol Tamil Peravai, Salem. Thai Book World Achievers, OSUR Reach Mediaa Osur, on 16th January 2021.

Dr. G. Elizabeth Rani and Dr. M. Arumbu, Asst. Professors of Tamil received the Kodikatha Kumaran Award - 2021 from Pasuntendral Arakkattalai Osur & Thai Ullam Arakkattalai, Osur, on 26th January 2021.

11 Assistant Professors of Tamil: Dr. A. Jasintha Rani, Dr. M. Prema, Dr. K. Sujatha, Dr. A. Sharmi, Dr. G. Elizabeth Rani, Ms. A. Arul Sagaya Anitta, Dr. M. Arumbu, Ms. D. Anitha Mary Dr. A. Anu Dayana, Dr. B. Imaculate, Dr. D. Neela Devi received the Veeramangai Velunatchiyar Award - 2021 from Thai Ullam Book World Achievers, OSUR Reach Media Osur , on 25th February 2021.

Dr. B. Yasodha Jagadeswari, Asst. Prof. of Economics received 4 awards in December 2020:

1. International Education Award for contribution to Student Development in IEA Conference 2020 (on 19.12.2020)
2. Best Faculty Award from Indian Academic Researchers Association, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu (on 27.12.2020)
3. Young Achiever Award 2020 (on 27.12.2020)
4. Research Excellence Award 2020 (on 27.12.2020)

“Youth ExNoRa 25th Year Special Award’ 2021 Gem of Students ‘ExNoRa Staff Advisor (for Long time Service)” was given to the following staff members, as staff advisors of Students’ Exnora of Holy Cross College,

1. Dr. Cecily Rose Mary Latha R, HoD & Asst. Prof. of Zoology(duration of 5 years)
2. Dr. Lilly Rosary, Asso. Prof. of Commerce (duration of 10 years)
3. Dr. L. Janova Mary, Asst. Prof. of Commerce (duration of 17 years).

Two of our faculty members, Dr. L. Crescent Shakila Motha, Asst. Prof. of Rehabilitation Science & Dr. K. Juliet Catherine Angel, Asst. Prof. of Computer Science are Certified Chief Innovation Officers on qualifying the CCIO Examination conducted by Rocheston LLC, New York on 25th October 2020.

Filing of Provisional Specification:

A Provisional Specification has been filed for An Apparatus for Pedestrian Safety on First February 2021. The Apparatus would provide solution for all the Persons With Visual Impairment (PWVI), Persons With Hearing Impairment(PWHI), Persons With Locomotor Disability(PWLD), elderly persons, school children and public during crossing the roads. The inventors of the innovative project are the following staff,

1. Dr. P. Nagalakshmi, Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Science
2. Dr. K. Juliet Catherine Angel, Assistant Professor of Computer Science
3. Ms. S. Rosy Lydia, Assistant Professor of English

First Annual Women Achiever awards celebrating the exceptional performance of Women in their respective field in Trichy was organized by RED LABS on 7th March 2021 in Trichy. Women of Wonder: WOW Award – Creative Excellence in Event planning was awarded to Ms. Shirley Deepak, Media Relations Officer, Holy Cross College, Trichy.

Dr. R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, was selected for the 'Best Social Worker Award' for the year 2021, in recognition of her ardent Professional Social Work endeavours as 'a Practitioner'. The award was presented in the 'World Social Work Day Celebration 2021' organized by Manamakil Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Research Foundation, Villupuram in collaboration with PG & Research Department of Social Work, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli on 16th March 2021.

Dr. P. Anitha, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Holy Cross College was awarded in grateful appreciation of her hard work and dedicated efforts in writing the book chapter entitled "Education System" in the record event (Maximum authors Contributing for a Book on COVID 10 and its impact held in January, 2021 at Chennai, India Organised by ESN Publications. This event was in the Indian Book of Records as "Thickest Book in the World". She was honoured with a medal and certificate of enrolling her name as Author in the chapter and received the same from the Founder and Chairman J. Banuchandar, ESN Publicitaion, India at the event held in Chennai on 30th January 2021.

Dr. (Sr). Dona Award for best researcher 2020 – 2021 was awarded to the following staff of Arts and Science

1. Dr. Mary Jayanthi, Vice Principal and Asst. Prof. of English
2. Dr. Merlin Kokila, Asst. Prof. of Economics – Special Recognition
3. Dr. W. Ritha, HoD and Asst. Prof. of Mathematics
4. Dr. Catharin Sara, Asst. Prof. of Botany – Special Recognition

Dr. (Sr). Dona Award for best researcher 2020 – 2021 was awarded to the following research scholars of Arts and Science

1. Ms. Shaira Bi, Department of Commerce
2. Ms. Rosy Lidia, Department of English – Special Recognition
3. Ms. S. Sujatha, Department of Botany

SET / NET passed

Congratulations to the following staff who cleared NET

1. Ms. Gladina Diravia, Physical Directress

Congratulations to 40 staff of various departments and 5 Research Scholars of Mathematics Department who passed Set Examination.

Department of Commerce:

1. Dr. M. Mahalakshmi

Department of Economics:

2. Ms. Renuga Devi

Department of English:

1. Ms. Punitha, J
2. Dr. Cheryl AntonetteDumenil
3. Ms. Merlin DepsyNithya, N
4. Ms. JayapriyaDurga, M.R
5. Ms. Nobel Esther, V
6. Ms. Bincy Dona Mary, M
7. Ms. Edith Catherine, V

Department of Business Administration:

1. Dr. Rexline, E
2. Dr. Sashikala, S
3. Dr. S. Sandhya

Department of Fashion and Costume Designing

1. Ms. Manochithra
2. Ms. Priya
3. Ms. Sasikala

Department of Tamil

1. Dr. D. Latha
2. Dr. Neela Devi, D

Department of Mathematics:

1. Dr. Mary PriyaDharsini A
2. Dr. Beny, J
3. Dr. Selvarani, p
4. Dr. Jennie SebastyPritha, A
5. Ms. Saranya, A

Research Scholars:

1. Ms. Rajeswari
2. Ms. Vincy
3. Ms. Mystica
4. Ms. Angeline
5. Ms. Selvi

6. Dr. TheresalJeyaseeli, A
7. Ms. Josephine Vinnarasi, S
8. Dr. FrancinaNishandhi, I
9. Ms. Alphonse Anitha, A
10. Sr. M. Fabiana Jacintha Mary
11. Ms. Leeli

Department of Physics:

1. Ms. Sivaranjani,S
2. Ms. ArockiaDiana,G
3. Ms. Arockia Mary, I
4. Ms. Jayalakshmi,N

Department of Chemistry

- 1.Dr. AmalaInfant Joice,J
- 2.Ms. Jayarani,V

Department of Botany

1. Dr. A. Freeda Rose

Department of Zoology

1. DrPandilakshmi
2. Ms. Cybil Ignatius

Department of Computer Science:

1. Ms. P. Xavier Jeba
2. Ms. K. Chithra

DMLT

1. Ms. Soundarya, N

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms. Kevinaa Ashwini of II B.A. English secured silver medal with performance of 1.63 metres in high jump in the 18th National Federation Cup Juniors (U20) Athletic Championship 2020 – 2021 held at Bhopal from 25th – 27th January 2021. She also secured gold medal in High Jump South Zone Athletics National Championship held at Kozhikodu, Kerala from 26th to 28th February 2021.

Three students Ms. P. Pauline Monisha and Ms. S. Yogalakshmi III BCA 'B' section and Ms. S. Hafila Khairun III B.Sc. Chemistry, Holy Cross College(Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli have been appointed as Executive Directors at Bloom'21 Enlightenments, Salem which offers services for the development of the students, on 19th February 2021.

The team "Smartified Dustbinology" comprising of students from II BCA (2018-2021), Ms. P. Pauline Monisha, Ms. S. Yogalakshmi, Ms. J. Sagaya Mary and Ms. D. Udhayadharshini, bagged the 4th place with a Cash Fellowship Award of Rs. 1 Lakh to convert their Proof of Concept into Prototype in Tamil Nadu Student Innovators 2019 (TNSI 2019) organized by Tamil Nadu Entrepreneurship Development & Innovation Institute TNEDII on 30th May 2020. The idea was one out of 270 submitted ideas from various Colleges in Trichy Zone (Arts & Science and Engg. Colleges). The team underwent 4 levels of Selection process and it is the one and only Arts and Science College in the TNSI Finalist Panel.

On 1st, 2nd & 3rd August 2020, the team "Untouchable Fires" comprising of 6 students from II & III BCA, Miss.S.CarolyneKavya, Miss.B.Bavetra, Miss.A.Farzana Begum, Miss.K. KaviPriya, Miss.R.Ranganayagi, Miss.G.Rubi was selected for the Grand Finale of Smart India Hackathon 2020 (Software Edition). The team was the only Arts & Science College and the only women's College which participated and got selected till the final round and the team was specially appreciated and mentioned as a **team of hard work** by the judges.

Institution's Innovation Council Achievements:

6 Teams have been shortlisted for Tamil Nadu Student Innovators –2020 : Ideation Stage.

Out of 532 registered team ideas from Trichy region, 122 team ideas were selected for Stage II after screening by the Jury. Among the 122 teams, 6 teams from our College have been shortlisted for Stage II : Ideation Stage.

Team 1 :SwatchataSewormtricity

- 1.S.Hafilakhairun III BSc Chemistry
- 2.A.AlphinPunitha III BSc Chemistry
- 3.D.CharithaIshwarya III BSc Chemistry

Team 4 : MATE

- 1.Annal II MRSc
- 2.Rojimol II MRSc
- 3.PaulineMonisha P III BCA

Team 2: Digitra System

- 1.RahanaBanu III BCA B
- 2.Nila G III BCA B
- 3.AnnieCeles I BRSc

Team 5 : Untouchable Fires

- 1.CarolyneKavya III BCA A
- 2.Bavetra III BCA A
- 3.Kavipriya III BCA A
- 4.Farzana III BCA A

Team 3 : Busser

- 1.Yoga P III BCA B
- 2.Pavithra P III BCA B
- 3.Monika P III BCA B

Team 6 : Ample Medicare

- 1.Anjali II BCA A
- 2.Heleena II BCA A
- 3.PaulineMonisha III BCA B

150 ideas were registered, 70 ideas were shortlisted to take part in prelims on 16th November 2020. 12 teams were shortlisted for finals held on 21st November 2020. Out of 12 teams from various districts in Tamil Nadu, Smartified Dustbinology crossed all the 3 levels and bagged the first place with the cash award of

Rs. 25000 in Jumpstart 2020 organized by Native Lead Foundation of Angel Investors and Young Indians Thoothukudi Chapter.

The team Swachata Seworm tricity comprising of students from III B.Sc. Chemistry 'A' participated in the Startup Mania 5.0 organized by Native Lead, Young Indian, Technology Business Incubator at Kongu Engineering College & Confederation of Indian Industry won a cash award of Rs. 10000. Out of the 150 ideas registered, 25 ideas were shortlisted to take part in the prelims and top 10 ideas were shortlisted for the finals held on 19th December 2020.

A Provisional Specification was filed for "A Wearable Device for Personal Safety" on 5th December 2020. The Inventors are Ms. Arokiya Mary and Dr. K. Juliet Catherine Angel, Assistant Professors, Department of Computer Science, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, with the students, Carolyn Kavya S, Farzana Begum A, Bavetra B and Kavi Priya K from III B.C.A.

Patents Filed in Institution's Innovation Council 2020 -2021

Complete Specification Filed - Bio-Degradable and Non-Biodegradable Waste Management and renamed as System and Method for Waste Management on 12th June 2020. The Mentors were Dr. P. Revathi and Dr. K. Juliet Catherine Angel, Assistant Professors, PG Department of Computer Science. Students Innovators were P. Pauline Monisha, S. Yogalakshmi, J. Sagaya Mary, D. Udhayadharshini from III B.C.A.

Provisional Specification was filed for an innovative project named "A Water Recycling and Power Generating Apparatus For Sanitation" on 12th September 2020. The Mentors were Dr. J. Felicita Florence and Dr. J. Amala Infant Joice, Assistant Professors, PG & Research Department of Chemistry. Students Innovators were S. Hafila Khairun, A. Alphin Punitha, D. Charithra Iswarya from III B.Sc. Chemistry.

Ms. N. Monisha Narayani of III BSc Zoology represented Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman and Nicobar Directorate at Republic Day Camp 2020-2021 and attended Pre-Delhi Camp at National level as 'Best Cadet Senior Wing Army', Trichy District.

Ms. Shayreen Sulthana of I B.Sc. Zoology and Ms. A. Maria Devotta of II B.A. English won bronze medals in the state level Junior Fencing Championship (Foil Event) on 4th & 5th March 2021, organized by Kanyakumari District Fencing Association.

Ms. Asmitha from II B.Sc. Visual Communication and Nabinisha from I B.A. English 'A' Section won Gold Medals at the state level Roller Hockey conducted at Vadugarpatti from 3rd to 5th March 2021.

In Commemoration of the 131st Birth Anniversary of poet Bharathidasan, BDU conducted several competitions on 10th March 2021. Hensiba of III B.A. English secured II prize in singing competition and Abirami of I M.A. English won IV prize in Elocution Competition.

Our Students participated in the National level Article writing competition for the college students, conducted by Edu Veda Academy, Ghaziabad on 3rd January 2021. Ms. Akila Sharadha of III B. Com won II Place and Ms. Neela of III B. Sc Computer science won V place. Both of them got an opportunity to do free internship in the same academy.

Ms. Hempooja. K of I – BCA 'A' participated in the events of Women's Day Celebration organized by CARE Business School, Tiruchirappalli on 4th & 5th March 2021. She won the 'Best Leader Award' among 100 students who participated from various Colleges. She was also offered a Gift Voucher of Rs. 1000 in Family Restro Cafe and a Free Entrepreneurship Certificate Program Enrolment worth Rs. 10,000.

Ms. S. Asmitha of II B.Sc. Vis.Com won Silver Medal in Tamil Nadu Roller Championship held at Chennai on 13th March 2021.

Ms. S. Asmitha of II B.Sc. Vis.Com. secured silver medal in 58th National Roller Skating Championships held at Chandigarh from 31st March to 11th April 2021.

Awards received by Alumnae of the Department of English

Ms. U. Kaaviya Brindha, Alumna, Department of English, 2009-2012 (UG), 2013-2015 (PG) batch received Aatral Mangai Virudhu given by Social Protection Organisation for outstanding effort towards Family and Society on 1st May 2020 at Chennai. She also received Best Achiever Award given by Social Protection Organisation, Social Protection International Peace Conference & Social Protection Peace Awards-2020 for World Human Rights Day on 12th December 2020 at Chennai.

Ms. Akilandeshwari. S, Alumna, Department of English PG - 2008-2010 batch received Woman Achiever Award, from the Honourable Lt. Governor, Dr. Thamizhisai Soundararajan, Puducherry, at the celebration of International Women's Day, on 8th March 2021.

Ms. Shanti Chitra, Alumna, Department of English UG - 1997-2000, PG - 2000-2002 batch received Tamil Nadu Women Achievers Award for Literature and Arts

For her novels: The Fractals, Lonely Marriages, Intimate Strangers, at the celebration of International Women's Day, on 8th March 2021.

REFRESHER COURSE

Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, the Principal and HoD of Commerce and Dr. Sr. Judy Gomez, the Vice Principal & HoD of English, attended a refresher course online in December 2020.

Dr. Sr. Lourdu, HoD of Rehabilitation Science attended a UGC refresher course from 28th September to 11th October 2020.

Five staff members Dr. Horne Iona Averal, Dr. Philominal, Dr. Roselin Vimala, Dr. Ruby Merlin and Dr. Amala Infant Joice attended the online National Workshop on NIRF India Rankings 2021 for Higher Educational Institutions – Awareness Programme held on 18th & 19th January 2021.

GOLDEN DELIGHT - 25 YEARS SERVICE COMPLETED

Congratulations to the following Teaching and non-teaching staff for completing 25 years of fruitful service in Holy Cross College, Trichy

TEACHING STAFF

- Ø Dr. Leema Rose A, Associate Professor & HoD of Chemistry
- Ø Dr. Vijayalakshmi G, Assistant Professor of Tamil
- Ø Dr. Inigo Mary Rita A, Assistant Professor & HoD of Physics
- Ø Dr. Pauline Edwidge Mary A.V., Assistant Professor of Physics

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- Ø Mrs. Rosalind Jessintha J, Office Staff

100% ATTENDANCE

Hearty congratulations to the following Non – Teaching staff for 100% attendance,

1. Mrs. Deepa - Library
2. Mrs. Justina - Botany
3. Mrs. Annamary - BBA

Highlights of the year

- Ø To offer counseling, a **Warm Line** was arranged by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal. Many staff volunteered to give counseling to students and people in need during the Covid' 19 lock down period.
- Ø This year most of the departments (excluding M.S.W. & Library Science) have come under the school system. There are 7 schools which were started.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

An MoU was signed on 10th June 2020 between Holy Cross Community Radio, Holy Cross College, Trichy and Community Radio Association CRA, New Delhi for a period of five months from 1st June 2020 to 31st October 2020 to broadcast a radio series on “COVID-19 Specific and sensitive Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) through Community Radio Stations (CRS) during COVID19 Outbreak” sponsored by UNICEF.

On 3rd March 2021, the Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology signed a memorandum of understanding with Tilak Hospital, Trichy, for conducting newborn hearing screening on a weekly basis.

Ø International and National Webinars / Seminars / Workshops / Conferences

21 International Webinars were organized by 10 departments (Social Work, Commerce, Economics, Botany, Biochemistry, Rehab. Science, Library & Information Science, Mathematics, Physics and Zoology)

The Department of Social Work organized an International webinar on Strategies and Citation Visibility in Social Science Research on 26th May 2020.

The PG and Research Department of Commerce conducted an international webinar on How to publish Research papers on 26th June 2020.

In July 2020, the Department of Commerce organized four International Webinars on the topics Dare to Live a Dream Driven Life (1st July), Human Capital Development And Feminine Subjectivity (3rd July) and Using massive Online Open Courses MOOC as a Life long learning tool (14th July) and on Professional Venture Capital – Analysing funding through various valuation methods on 18th July 2020.

The PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science conducted an International Webinar on Choices and Challenges of Persons with Special Needs During Covid 19 – Action and Advocacy on 2nd & 3rd July 2020 and a three days international FDP Webinar on the topic “(Dis) Ability Across Disciplines – Best Practices” from 5th to 7th July 2020.

The Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College organized an international webinar on ‘Effective Teaching Strategies for Young Learners’ on 27th July 2020 from 9.00 a.m to 12.00 noon.

The PG and Research Department of Economics organized an International Webinar on New Normal in Economic Development on 13th July 2020.

The PG and Research Department of Botany organized an International webinar on Phytochemicals as an antibiotic alternate to combat MDR on 16th July 2020.

The PG Department of Biochemistry organized an International Webinar on Biological Synthesis of Nano Particles and their Biochemical Applications in Metabolic Diseases, on 8th August 2020.

The PG and Research Department of Rehabilitation Science organized 2 days International Webinar on Sustainable Development Goals and the Marginalised During The Covid-19 Pandemic: Rehabilitation Measures And Best Practices on 13th & 14th August 2020.

The Department of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University and Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli, India Jointly with Library, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka organized One Week

International Webinar on Knowledge access and sharing: Tools and Technologies for Higher academic Research on the occasion of Teachers Day Celebrations from 5th to 9th September 2020.

The PG and Research Department of Mathematics organized online International Seminar on Present Trends in Application of Mathematics, on 16th & 17th November 2020.

The PG and Research Department of Physics conducted an international webinar on Advanced Functional Materials on 15th February 2021.

The FDP - International Webinar on Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Persons with Disabilities- Vision For The Future was held from 24th - 26th February 2021.

The Department of Biochemistry organized an International Scientist Meet on “Genetics and Health Care” on 10th March 2021 from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. through Google meet platform and Youtube live streaming.

The Department of Social Work organized an International webinar on “The Paradigm Shift of the Social Work Profession” on 15th March 2021.

An International Virtual Conference on ‘Innovations in BioMedical Science Research’ was organized by the PG & Research Department of Zoology on 17th March 2021 through Google meet.

Two day International Conference on the Impact of Covid Pandemic in the Universal Tertiary Sector was held on 16th & 17th March 2021 by the Department of Commerce.

23 National Webinars were conducted, 20 webinars by 12 departments (Visual Communication, Library and Information Science, Physics, Commerce, French, Hindi, Psychology, Economics, Botany, English and History and 2 webinars by Women’s Studies Centre, Gender Champion Club and 1 webinar by Counselling Centre)

The Department of Visual Communication organized a National level webinar on ‘Film Direction- Challenges and Opportunities’ on 6th June 2020 from 11.30am-12.30pm for Faculty, College students and Media professional in YouTube. The resource person was Mr. Vetrimaaran, Film Director, Scriptwriter and Producer.

The Department of Library & Information Science Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, in association with PG Dept. of Lib. & Info. Sci. Holy Cross College & Academic Library Association (TN) Organized One Week National Webinar Lecture series On Knowledge Access and Sharing: Opportunities and Challenges from 8th to 14th June 2020.

The PG and Research Department of Physics organized a National webinar on Tetrahertz Spectroscopy: Forbidden gap transforming into an advanced application on 9th June 2020.

The PG & Research Department of Commerce organized two National webinars on the topics Employability skills in the new scenario on 2nd July and on Career opportunities through Machine learning and Big Data Analytics on 13th July 2020.

The Department of French offered a 5 Day National level online crash course in French – Level 1 from 13th to 17th July 2020 using the Google Meet platform. Rev. Sr. Dr.Christina Bridget, Principal, offered felicitation.

One day National webinar was conducted on 28th July 2020 on Stress Coping Mechanism, by the Department of Psychology. There were 80 participants consisting of students, research scholars and faculty members from various institutions.

A National Webinar Global Scenario of Hindi was conducted on 12th August 2020, by the Department of Hindi. It was also live telecast on the college official YouTube platform ‘HC Flamingo’ and through Google Meet Platform. 721 participants from all over the nation participated in the national webinar.

One day national webinar on Skills for Life: Post Covid 19 Lockdown was conducted on 12th August 2020, by the Department of Psychology. The total number of participants were 61. Students, research scholars & faculty from various institutions had participated in the webinar.

The PG Department of Library and Information Science and Library, HCC, jointly organized a National Webinar on Internet and Web Archives on 17th August 2020.

A two day national webinar on Neurolinguistic Programming was conducted on 26th & 27th August 2020, by the Department of Psychology. Students, research scholars and faculty from various institutions were the participants of the webinar. The total no. of participants were 69.

The PG and Research Department of Economics organized two National webinars on India's Turn Towards Self – Reliance, Opportunity and Challenges on 6th July 2020 and on Glimpses into Life in the 21st Century with Emphasis on Education and Economy on 25th August 2020.

The Department of Botany organized 2 National webinars on Diversity and distribution of Pteridophytes in India on 6th August 2020 and on Marine Bioprospecting on 6th October 2020.

One day national webinar on Sickness Is Emotion Staying in Body was conducted on 7th September 2020 and another national webinar on Mental Health for all -Greater Investment Greater Access was conducted on 10th October 2020 by the Department of Psychology.

The PG and Research Department of English organized a National webinar on Orientation to Literary Theory on 20th October 2020.

The PG and Research Department of History organized a National webinar on Constitution Day on 26th November 2020 and another National Webinar on “Recent Trends in Historical Studies” on 22nd March 2021.

Women's Studies Centre organized 2 national webinars on Gender Equity: Agency and Empowerment and on Role of Education in Women Empowerment in July 2020. Counselling Centre organized a National webinar on Boosting Emotional Stamina in August.

Holy Cross Media House

Holy Cross College established HC Media House on 1st June 2020, exclusively to oversee the media needs of the college with the following objectives:

- Ø To promote an educated civil society, by producing highly engaging media content and services across multiple media platforms.
- Ø To create increased opportunities for collaboration between the Media House and teachers to improve academic progress.
- Ø To support the development and distribution of high-quality, noncommercial content and services catering to the needs and interests of learners, diverse audience and unserved and under-served communities.
- Ø To promote and support collaborations in providing essential and diverse media services.
- Ø To produce contents responding and reflecting the diverse needs of the communities.
- Ø To encourage and provide a platform for the media initiatives and projects of the staff and students.

HC Media House has so far produced 30 original video programmes and has streamed 56 live programmes.

HC Flamingo

As part of the Centre's first initiative, a YouTube channel – HC Flamingo was launched on 1st July 2020 by Rev. Sr. Dr. A. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College to reach out to students, alumnae, and the community 24x7 to bring out their innate talents and act as a convergent platform for students and staff to showcase their creative skills and create their own identity. A congratulatory message from notable personalities from all over India was released as the channel's first video.

One day training programme was organized for the technical team of Holy Cross Media House on 15th June 2020. Mr. Felix Gerald, CEO – Red Pix News Channel, Chennai trained the team in producing and airing

you tube channel. Another training programme was organized on 30th June 2020. Mr. Kabish, News Editor, Red Pix News Channel trained the team in producing and airing you tube channel.

One day workshop on content generation for social media was organized for the technical team of Holy Cross Media House on 24th August 2020. Ms. Manju Parkavi, Assistant Director, Mercury Networks, Chennai spoke on Camera Handling and Interview Techniques for documentary production.

UGC-STRIDE – Component – 1

Empowerment Series – I

On behalf of the UGC-STRIDE – Component – 1 on Capacity Building of Young Talent in Transdisciplinary Research for a Sustainable Development of Society, The Centre for Research and Development, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli hosted the FDP Webinar Series - 1 (Google Meet) exclusively for the Faculty, PhD Scholars and M.Phil Candidates of Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli on 21st May 2020, Thursday from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon IST on the topic “Reimagining research in the era of disruptions and Uncertainties” by Dr. Christopher Abraham, CEO & Head- Dubai Campus and Sr. Vice President (Institutional Development), S.P Jain School of Global Management, Dubai, UAE. This FDP was attended by more than 250 participants.

The key points stressed by the speaker during the session:

1. The Changing Environment of Disruptions & Uncertainties
2. The Changing Face of Research
3. Research Opportunities & Challenges in the Current Era
4. New Approaches in Research
5. Inter disciplinary & Cross Functional Research

FDP Series – II

The II FDP Webinar Series for UGC STRIDE was conducted on 11th June 2020, Thursday from 11.00 a.m to 12.00 noon on the topic “*Stride Tutorial On Transdisciplinary Research” by Dr. S. Kannan, Research Officer, State Project Directorate, Rashtriya Uchachtar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), DOTE Campus, Chennai – 25.

The key points stressed by the speaker during the session:

1. Strive Skills
2. Enhance Fragrance
3. Empower Mastery
4. Develop Passion towards Research

FDP Series – III

Prof. N Rajendran, Vice Chancellor Alagappa University, Karaikudi who is also the UGC is appointed Mentor for the UGC STRIDE Component I for Holy Cross College. This 6 days Faculty Development Program - Webinar Series III from 13th– 18th July 2020 handled by 12 eminent scientists and professors from India, The UK and Singapore enlightened the 1400 and more participants pan India to understand the nuances of Transdisciplinary Research. Dr. Ramganes Professor, Department of Educational Technology, Director- Institute

for Entrepreneurship and Career Development, & Director DDU-KAUSHAL Centre Bharathidasan University chaired the Valediction of the FDP on 18th July and spoke on Paradigm Shifts in Research Trend.

FDP Series – IV

Three days Boot Camp was conducted from 22nd – 24th September 2020. The resource persons were Mr.Santhosh Murugananatham, Co- founder & Managing Director of Kolapasi, Chain of Restaurants, Chennai & Mr.Jesu Raja, Co- Founder Pepperlearn Enlightenment Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Salem.

The key points stressed by Mr.Santhosh Murugananatham during the sessions:

1. Entrepreneurship
2. Social Justice & Inclusive
3. Happiness Index

The key points stressed by Mr.Jesu Raja during the sessions:

1. Design Thinking
2. Consumerrole
3. Value Proposition Canvas
4. Customer Segment
5. Consumer Customization
6. Product Marketing Strategies

Empowerment Series-V

The Empowerment series on “Writing a Research Proposal beyond the conventional way” was organized for the Faculty members and Research Scholars of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli and for the Students of UGC-STRIDE Project on 25th September 2020. Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy, Professor and Head, Department of Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, formerly a member of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, New Delhi was the resource person. Number of Participants: 140

The key points stressed by the speaker during the sessions:

1. ISEA -Involvement, Seriousness, Effort and Attitude
2. ScholarlyWriting -Study, hypothesis and identification of Research gap.
3. Proposal Writing
4. Grant Submission
5. Journal Selection

Empowerment Series VI

Dates: 28th to 30th September 2020

Time: 03:00pm. To 05.00 pm.

Title of the Programme: “Insights on Start-up and Entrepreneurship Development Programme”

Resource Person: Dr. S. Premanand, Model Career Service NSU, Tirupati, National Career Service, Ministry of labour employment, Government of India, Andhra Pradesh.

Day 1: Topic - Start-up, Stand up

Day 2: Topic - Success Stories for Successful Start-up

Day 3: Topic - Creating a Winning Business Plan

The key points stressed by the speaker during the sessions:

1. 5Fs of networking
2. Field of Innovation
3. Entrepreneurship qualities
4. Business model innovation
5. Success Stories for Successful Start-up
6. SWOT ANALYSIS

Empowerment Series VII

Date: 17th October 2020

Time: 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Title of the programme: “Entrepreneurship as a Career Option”

Resource person: Mr.SrinathRavichandran, Co-founder, Agnikul, Chennai.

The key points stressed by the speaker during the sessions:

1. How to become an entrepreneur
2. Team work
3. Basic business
4. Effective Communication

Empowerment Series VIII

Date: 19th & 20th October 2020

Time: 2 p.m to 5pm.

Resource person: Dr.N.Murugan, Professor, Robotics & Automation Engineering, PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore.

Topic - CapacityBuildofYoungTalentinTransdisciplinaryResearchfor a Sustainable Development of society

The key points stressed by the speaker during the sessions:

1. The Art of Writing a Research Paper
2. Qualitiesof agoodresearcher
3. Format of Research Paper
4. How to write abstracts

Empowerment Series-IX

Date : 21st & 22nd October 2020

Time : 2.00 pm- 5.00 pm

Number of Persons attended: 100

Resource Person: Dr. A Yamuna, Senior Associate, K & S Partners, Chennai &

Mr K Muthuselvam Senior Associate, K & S Partners, Chennai

Topic: IPR, Copyright & Patenting organized by Centre for Research and Publications & IIC

The key points stressed by the speaker during the sessions:

1. Intellectual Property Rights- Patents
2. Process of patenting,
3. Technical requirements, formal requirements Indian application timeline and the procedures after the patent grant
4. Importance of prior art search, novelty & originality of the invention, title framing
5. Copyright & Trademark

Empowerment Series X

Date : 23rd October.2020

Resource Person: Dr.M.Balasubramanian, Assistant Professor, PG&Research Department of Statistics, Periyar EVR College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli-23.

Topic: Application of Statistical Tools in Research

The key points stressed by the speaker during the sessions

1. Meaning of research
2. Need for research
3. Prerequisites of research
4. Research Design
5. Application of Tools
6. Usage of statistical tools

Empowerment Series XI

Date: 1st December 2020

Topic: Orientation on IVP - Innovation Voucher Program

Resource Person: Mr.Prem Kumar C.N, Incubation Manager, CIIC , Chennai.

The key points stressed by the speaker during the sessions

1. Innovation Voucher Program.
2. Government EDI website
3. Step by step procedure to apply for IVP for Student's business idea
4. Importance of IVP in developing their products

Empowerment Series XII

Date: 29th December 2020

Time: 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Title of the programme: “BeTWEEN – Our Story”

Resource Persons: Mrs.Madhumitha, Founding Partner of WeBe Design Lab & BeTWEEN, Chennai & Mrs.Padmakshi Srivathsan, Founding Partner of WeBe Design Lab & BeTWEEN, Chennai
Total No. of Beneficiaries: 54.

The key points stressed by the speaker during the sessions

1. Start-up accomplishments.
2. Starting WeBe design lab
3. Business model canvas
4. Business proposition,
5. Customer segments & Channel,
6. Customer relationships
7. Revenue streams, key resources,
8. Key partners, key activities and cost structures.

The first meeting of Institution’s Innovation Council on behalf of Mathematics Department was held on 21st October 2020 for the academic year 2020-2021. Mr. S.Jesuraja, Co-founder and CEO, Pepperlearn Enlightenment Solutions Pvt.Ltd, Salem addressed the gathering on the topic “Influencing Strategies”.

Mr. Vishnuvarthan Balakrishnan, Senior Manager/Agile Coach, Cognizant Technology, North Carolina, USA spoke on the topic “My Story from Zero to Infinity (Endless Possibilities)” on 23rd October 2020.

The Crossian Institute of Collaborative Research on Sustainable Development(CICRSD)

The CICRSD organized the Webinar Series on “Healthy Immunity in Pandemic Situation” for Research Scholars, Post Doctorate Fellows of all disciplines of Holy Cross College on 26th May 2020 through Google Meet by the Director Dr. Horne Iona Averal. Dr. Elizabeth Jayanthi, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Biochemistry from Kuwait University was the host for the session. The meeting started with a prayer and was presided over by our Principal Rev. (Sr.). Dr. Christina Bridget. The session started with an overview of Global pandemic COVID-19. Dr. Elizabeth explained the characteristics of viral infection and basic components and structure. She highlighted the modes of transmission of Corona Virus and also suggested preventions and sage practices. She also guided the participants to build the strong immunity with nutrients and minerals from our immune system. The session enlightened the participants to strength their own immunity. At the end of the session she had given an assignment to the participants to write about “Herd Immunity” and she had made an announcement that the best 3 will be awarded. The participants 1. Ms. Yashodai 2. Pavana Guru 3. Christ Jennifer were the Prize winners. The number of participants was 101.

The CICRSD organized a Webinar Series on “The Future” for Non-Teaching Staff Shift-I & II of Holy Cross College on 27th May 2020 through Google Meet by the Director Dr. Horne Iona Averal. The Host was Dr. Abraham Stanley, Senior Manager – GLP QAU, Syngene International Ltd., Bhocon Park, Bommasandra from Banglore for the session. The meeting started with a prayer and was presided over by our Principal Rev. (Sr.). Dr. Christina Bridget.

The session aimed to respond to the changes after Covid-19. He explained the new normal life after COVID-19 regarding isolation, lockdown, physical and mental health. He had given some measures to build internal

strength in the personal & work life, society, economy and world to resist the change. The entire session was beneficial to the 150 participants..

The CICRSD organized the Webinar Series on “The Serendipity and Modern Medicine” for UG and PG students of Holy Cross College of Shifts I & II on 28th May 2020 through Google Meet by the Director Dr. Horne Iona Averal. The session was hosted by Dr. P. Elangovan, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Consultant and Chairman Ortho Joint Replacement, F.O.R. Ortho and Neuro Hospital from Chennai. The meeting started with prayer and was presided over by our Principal Rev. (Sr.). Dr. Christina Bridget. The main motive of the session was to prepare the students to think out of the box. He instructed the participants to be innovative, hardworking and persistent. The session was a motivation to the participants to change their mind and to prepare for the next fifty years. The total numbers of participants was 150.

The CICRSD organised Webinar Series on “Obesity and its Role in Breast Cancer” for Teaching Staff of Holy Cross College of Shifts I & II on 6th June 2020 by the Director Dr. Horne Iona Averal. The Host Dr. RamaBalaraman, Florida Cancer Affiliates, Medical Oncology, Hematology from USA spoke in the session. The meeting started with a prayer and was presided over by our Principal Rev. (Sr.). Dr. Christina Bridget. The key objective of the session was to clear the risk factors of breast cancer at the world. She has inculcated in the participants the need to find out our own risk factors and overcoming methods. The session was valuable to the participants to change their lifestyle to prevent the risk from breast cancer. The total numbers of participants was 160.

One Week Online International Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Artificial Intelligence and IoT Heuristic Transdisciplinary Perspectives” was held from 4th - 10th July 2020, by Crossian Institute for Collaborative Research on Sustainable Development (CICRSD), Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli.

Ø IQAC

The IQAC organized a Webinar Series-I on “The Implications of the NEP 2020 for Higher Education and the Roles of Teachers” exclusively for the Staff of Shifts I and II of Holy Cross College on 25th August 2020 through Google Meet. There were 2 Resource Persons: 1. Fr. Felix Wilfred Founder-Director of the Asian Centre for Cross-Cultural Studies, Emeritus Professor, University of Madras. 2. Mr. Leo Fernandez, CEO and Co-founder of TalentEase. The event was mainly focussed on informing about the National Education Policy 2020. With the NEP 2020 coming into effect, we are hoping to transform education by putting a significant thrust on learning about how to think critically and solve problems, how to be creative and multidisciplinary, and how to innovate, adapt, and absorb new material in novel and changing fields.

The new curriculum will include basic arts, crafts, humanities, games, sports and fitness, languages, literature, culture, and values, in addition to science and mathematics, to develop all aspects and capabilities of learners, and make education more well-rounded, useful, and fulfilling to the learner. There was an engaging discussion after the talk was delivered. The staff appreciated the features in the policy. The entire session was beneficial to the participants. The total numbers of participants was 220.

The IQAC organized a Webinar Series on “Addressing Challenges in Higher Education Through the OBE MODE” for the Teaching Staff of Shifts I & II of Holy Cross College on 4th January 2021 between 6:00 & 7:00p.m. through Google Meet. The Host was Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil, Professor of Commerce, School of Business Management and Legal Studies, Director, IQAC, University of Kerala, for the session. The meeting started with a prayer .

The session aimed to respond to the OBE mode of Education. He explained that the OBE is a powerful education strategy that should be used as a focus for curriculum planning, as a means of making informed discussions about the approaches to teaching and learning to be adopted and as a basis for the assessment of students/trainees and of the education programme itself.

It is a combination of three types of competence: • practical: knowing how to do things, ability to make decisions • fundamental: understanding what you are doing and why • reflective: learn and adapt through self-

reflection; apply knowledge appropriately and responsibly. Dr. Simon rightly pointed out that the Class size, expectations of learner characteristics and reality, teaching practice and evaluation, and student motivation were the most commonly discussed challenges. Self-reported instructor characteristics and the perceived role of the instructor often contradicted the OBE model of learning. Thus the entire session was beneficial to the participants. The total numbers of participants was 227.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Ø Audiology and Speech Language Pathology

UNLEASH In-house webinar series – I

The Department of Audiology and Speech and Language Pathology, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli proposed to conduct UNLEASH: UNlocking & Levitating the existing concepts & Evoking Advancements in Speech and Hearing webinar series to instil and rejuvenate the knowledge systems of student clinicians and professionals in the field of Speech & Hearing during this pandemic time. The first session of the UNLEASH In-house webinar series-I was organized on the 31st May, 2020 at 2:00 pm on the topic 'Pure tone audiometry' via google meet. The session was planned exclusively for HCC Alumnae, faculty and students. The resource person for the session was an in-house faculty, Mr. Vinayagar.P.T, MSc. Audiology. A total of 100 participants attended the session.

UNLEASH Out- house Webinar series– I

The first session of the UNLEASH out-house webinar series- I was organized on the 6th of June, 2020 at 7:00pm via Webinar Jam Platform on the topic 'An overview on Vestibular Evoked Myogenic Potentials' for undergraduate, postgraduate students and professionals in the field of speech & hearing. The resource person for the session was Mr. Vignesh.S.S, Assistant Professor, Madras Medical College, Chennai. A total of 419 participants attended the session

UNLEASH In-house webinar series - II

The second session of the UNLEASH in-house webinar series - II was organized on the 20th of June, 2020 at 4:00 pm on the topic 'Clinical applications of auditory brainstem response'. The session was planned exclusively for HCC Alumnae, faculty and students. The resource person for the session was an in-house faculty, Mr. Vinayagar.P.T, lecturer cum clinical supervisor in the department of Audiology and Speech and Language Pathology. Google meet platform was used to conduct the webinar. A total of 200 participants attended the session.

UNLEASH In-house webinar series – III

The second session of the UNLEASH in-house webinar series - III was organized on the 21st of June, 2020 at 4:00 pm on the topic 'Clinical applications of EABR'. The session was planned exclusively for HCC Alumnae, faculty and students. The resource person for the session was Ms. Sharmila, a well-established alumna of HCC ASLP department. Google meet platform was used to conduct the webinar. A total of 200 participants attended the session. The session totally fulfilled its purpose of unravelling better clinicians in the participants and was quite a knowledge enriching one as per the feedback obtained from the participants.

UNLEASH Out – house Webinar series - II

The second session of the UNLEASH outhouse webinar series - II was organized on the 30th of June, 2020 at 10:00 am-12:30 pm on the topic 'A case based road map to assessment and management of Dysphagia'. The platform was open for registration for undergraduate, postgraduate students and professionals in the field of speech & hearing. The resource persons for the session were, Dr. Radish Kumar B, Professor and Head, Department of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology (at Mangalore), Manipal College of Health Professions and Rahul Krishnamurthy, Assistant Professor, Department of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology (at

Mangalore), Manipal College of Health Professions. Webinar Jam platform was used to conduct the webinar. A total of 801 participants attended the session.

One day workshop on Speech Sound Disorders

The Department of Audiology and Speech and Language Pathology, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) organized a workshop on the 5th & 6th of November, 2020 at 09:00 am-12:00 pm on the topic “Speech Sound Disorders”. The resource person for the session was, Dr. Amulya P Rao, Research associate, Indian Speech and Hearing Association (ISHA), Mysuru. The session was held through online platform (Google meet.), 25 II B.ASLP students attended the session.

One day Seminar on recent trends in cochlear Implants

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology arranged one day Seminar on “Recent trends in cochlear Implants” on 8th January 2021. Mr. Sai Prakash, Regional Product Manager, (Cochlear India PVT., Limited) was the guest speaker. He gave an elaborate presentation on types of Implants and components and demonstrated the recent signal enhancement features in cochlear implants. The session was held through online platform (Google meet), 25 II B.ASLP students attended the session.

Awareness talk for staff of SOCSEAD and rehabilitated alcoholic clients on Speech, Language and Hearing disorders

The Department organized one day awareness program on Speech, Language and Hearing disorders at SOCSEAD, Tiruchirappalli, on 23rd January 2021. The importance of early identification of various communication disorders which are helpful in society to identify people with communication disorders was discussed by Sr.Vinnarasi and Mr. Kamala Kannan. 30 staff and rehabilitated alcoholic clients participated in the awareness program.

One day Seminar on basics in cochlear Implants

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology arranged one day Seminar on “Basics in cochlear Implants” on 23th January 2021. Mr. Nimesh Devaassia, Clinical Specialist, MED-EL, was the guest speaker. The speaker gave an elaborate presentation on types of Implants, Candidacy and components, and contraindications. . The session was held through online platform (Google meet), 25 II B.ASLP students attended the session.

Webinar on basics of BAHA

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology arranged one day webinar on “Basics of BAHA (Bone Anchored Hearing Aids)” on 1st February 2021.

Mr. Sashti, Clinical Specialist, (Cochlear India PVT., Limited), was the guest speaker. The speaker gave an elaborate presentation on BAHA, Candidacy and components, and contraindications. The session was held through online platform (Google meet). 25 II B.ASLP students attended the session.

One day Seminar on Basics of Speech Coding strategies

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology arranged one day Seminar on “Basics of speech Coding strategies” on 11th February 2021. Mr. Sashti and Mr. Muthu Clinical Specialist, (Cochlear India PVT., Limited), were the guest speakers. The speakers gave an elaborate presentation on Speech coding strategies. The session was held through online platform (Google meet). 25 II B.ASLP students attended the session.

One day seminar on Auditory Verbal Therapy: A systematic learning towards listening

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology arranged one day Seminar on “Auditory Verbal Therapy: A systematic learning toward listening” on 13th February 2021. Ms. VarshaK., Audiologist, Manasa Cochlear Implant and ENT centre was the guest speaker. The speaker gave an elaborate presentation

on Auditory Verbal Therapy, principles, steps activities and listening training. The session was held through online platform (Google meet). 25 II B.ASLP students attended the session.

One day seminar Overview of Hearing Impairment

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology arranged one day Seminar for special educators on “Overview of Hearing Impairment” on 13th February 2021. Ms. P.S Divya, Audiologist and Speech Language Pathologist, MRM Speech Therapy and Audiology clinic, Tiruchirappalli was the guest speaker. The speaker gave an elaborate presentation on hearing impairment, causes, assessment, management and importance of early identification. The session was held through online platform (Google meet). 25 Special B,Ed students attended the session.

Power Trust – Viralimalai Audiological & Speech and Language Screening Camp

The Department of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized a free Audiological & Speech and Language screening camp on 20th February. 2021 at Power Trust, Viralimalai. Students aged from 11 to 13 years were screened. A total of 62 students were benefited from the camp. Counseling was given to all regarding hearing care and importance of speech & language therapy. Further diagnostic evaluation was recommended to those in need.

Webinar on Dysphagia

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology arranged one day Webinar on “Dysphagia” on 21st February 2021. Ms. Pavithra .P, Deglutologist cum Speech Therapist, Kaveri Medical Centre, Tiruchirappalli was the guest speaker. The speaker gave an elaborate presentation on assessment – subjective and instrumental evaluation of dysphagia, management options and various exercises were demonstrated. The session was held through online platform (Google meet), total of 49 students and alumni attended the session.

Inauguration of Students Platform for Advancing Research and Career (SPARC)

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology inaugurated its Students Platform for Advancing Research and Career (SPARC) for the academic year 2020-2021 on 1st March 2021. The former members handed over the responsibilities to the newly elected association members. Ms. Shimola Evageline handed over the responsibilities to the newly elected president, Ms. Jilsha Muhammed Ali. In the absence of the former secretary, Ms. Arathy Devi, Ms. Adlin Rebecca Thomas handed over the responsibility to the newly elected secretary, Ms. B.V. BlesslineNibisha.

The former Treasurer, Ms. Rajalakshmi handed over the responsibilities to the newly elected treasurer, Ms.M.Muzhumathi. The former Joint Secretary Ms.Jeroncia handed over the responsibilities to the newly elected Joint Secretary, Ms.A. Chrislin Sona. Further, the newly elected members took the oath following which the association members gave a work plan for the current academic year. The head of the Department, Mr. R. Sundaresan felicitated the gathering. Sr. Vinnarasi shared her thoughts on the advocacy of our profession and the role of SPARC.

World Hearing Day

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, Holy Cross College celebrated the World Hearing Day on 3rd March 2021 in association with Young Indians Initiative Accessibility. The event was graced by Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget. A, Principal.

An ENT camp was inaugurated by the chief guest, Dr. Gnana Tilakan, ENT surgeon, Tilak Hospital, Trichy and guest of honour, Ms. Kaveri Annamalai, Chair Yi Trichy Chapter & Director, ARAWealth Management Services, as a part of creating awareness on hearing screening. The Chief Guest Dr. Gnana Tilakan addressed the gathering. He emphasized the importance of early identification and intervention of hearing loss. On 3rd March 2021, as a small step towards the accomplishment of early identification and intervention of hearing loss, the department signed a memorandum of understanding with Tilak Hospital, Trichy for conducting newborn

hearing screening on a weekly basis. Further a video to create awareness on hearing loss was released. The inauguration ended with vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Nidhi Lalu Jacob, faculty, Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology.

Non Organizational Government (NGO) - Thokaimalai Audiological & Speech and Language Screening Camp

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized a free Audiological & Speech and Language screening camp on 4th March 2021 at Non Organizational Government (NGO), Thokaimalai. Staff Ms. M. P Oviya and Ms. Regina Mary. C along with 4 students attended the screening camp. People in the age range from 4 to 38 years were screened. A total of 30 people benefited from the camp. Counselling was given to all regarding hearing care and importance of speech & language therapy. Further detailed diagnostic evaluation was recommended to those in need.

The Department of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized a free Audiological & Speech and Language screening camp on 5th March 2021 at Power Trust, Viralmalai and at St. Antony's church, Mambalasalai on 7th March 2021.

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology conducted the parent's teachers meeting for B. ASLP students. Students and parents of I and II B. ASLP through Google meet and III B. ASLP parents offline on 05/03/2020 to discuss about students' progress academic and clinical performance. The parents were intimated about the meeting well in advance through post and online social media (WhatsApp group).

The PTA meeting for B. ASLP I year, semester II started at 9:15 AM, class teacher Ms. Nidhi attended the meeting. Each student was invited with the parent individually through Google meet link shared in the parent's WhatsApp group. The performance of the students in the first internal examination and their involvement in class activities were discussed. The parents and students were informed about the importance of attending webinar, clinical and practical hours and explained about the theory and clinical attendance.

The PTA meeting for B. ASLP II year, semester IV started at 10:00 AM, class teacher Ms. Jothi attended the meeting. Each student was invited with the parent individually through Google meet link shared in the parent's WhatsApp group. The overall academic performance of the students was discussed. The performances of the students in the seminar and assignment presentations were also discussed. Students and parents were elaborated on the importance of presenting research papers in the conference.

The PTA meeting for B. ASLP III year, semester VI commenced at 12:15 PM, class teacher Mr. R.Sundaresan attended the meeting. The parents were given an orientation on the general performance of their ward in class, internship and research activities. The importances of attending conference, webinar presenting research papers were also discussed. Further parents were given time to address their concerns and put forward suggestions if any.

Overall, the parents gave a very good feedback for the program as well as about the participation of faculty staff in all the academic as well as research activities. The parents specially appreciated teacher ward system and the dedication of the teachers to plan intricately for each of the classes being conducted.

Concerns raised:

- Ø Extending library hours
- Ø Extending clinical hours
- Ø To organize more camps
- Ø To get vaccinated for COVID
- Ø Improve toilet facility

VALADI VILLAGE - Audiological & Speech and Language Screening Camp

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized a free Audiological & Speech and Language screening camp on 10th March 2021 at Valadi village. Staff Ms.Pushpa Sarona and Ms. M.P.Oviya along with 5 students attended screening camp. A total of 19 people were benefited from the camp. Counselling was given to all regarding hearing care and importance of speech & language therapy. Further detailed diagnostic evaluation was recommended to those in need.

Webinar on “Awareness talk on Services rendered by Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists”

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology organized one day Webinar on “Awareness talk on Services rendered by Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists” on 10th March 2021. Ms Nidhi Lalu Jacob, Assistant Professor , Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli was the guest speaker. She gave an elaborate presentation on communication disorders, scope of practice and service rendered by Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists. Followed by the presentation there was an informative doubt clarification session.

The session was held through online platform (Google meet), total of 50 participants and sisters of the cross, superiors, heads of institutions, wardens, teaching sisters from different provinces attended the webinar.

Workshop on “Hearing aid fitting and programming”

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology arranged one day workshop on “Hearing aid fitting and programming” on 17th March 2021. Ms. Kirubashini, Audiologist and Speech Language Pathologist, MRM Speech Therapy and Audiology clinic, Tiruchirappalli was the guest speaker. She gave an elaborate presentation on hearing aid types, components, battery size, programming and fitting of hearing aids. Students had hands on session on fitting and programming hearing aids. The session was held through conventional face to face mode. Totally 50 II and III B.ASLP students attended the workshop.

Webinar on “Adult Language Disorders”

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology arranged nine days webinar on “Adult Language Disorders” from 12th to 20th March 2021. Dr Sunil Kumar Ravi, Associate Professor & Principal, Shravana Institute of Speech and Hearing, Bellary, Karnataka was the guest speaker. He gave an elaborate presentation on definition, causes, classification. Characteristics, assessment and management of Primary Progressive Aphasia, Dementia and Traumatic Brain Injury. The session was held through online platform (Google meet). Totally 25 III B.ASLP students attended the webinar.

Webinar on “Masking”

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology arranged seven days webinar on “Masking” from 17th to 23rd March 2021. Mr. Narendra Kumar, Assistant Professor, Sri Ramachandra Medical college, Department of Speech Language Hearing Sciences, Porur, Chennai was the guest speaker. He gave an elaborate presentation on Masking, terminologies, criteria, formula, methods of masking, AC, BC and speech masking. The session was held through online platform (Google meet). Totally 25 I B.ASLP students attended the webinar.

Workshop on “Cochlear implant mapping”

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology arranged one day workshop on “Cochlear implant mapping” on 22nd March 2021. Mr. Sai, Regional product manager, Cochlear India Private Limited was the guest speaker. He gave an elaborate presentation on cochlear implant mapping, Neural Response Telemetry and intra operative measures. The session was held through conventional face to face mode.

Totally 25 II B.ASLP students attended the workshop.

Ø Biochemistry

The Department of Biochemistry organized a Webinar on “Precision Medicine: A New Paradigm” on 17th June 2020 from 4.00 to 6.00 pm through Google Meet platform. The host of the session was Dr. G. Leema, Scientist in the Department of Molecular Genetics in Prof M. Viswanathan Diabetes Research Centre (WHO Research Centre for Research, Training and Education in Diabetes) at Chennai. The speaker discussed the advantages of precision medicine. It is a therapeutic intervention to the individual molecular features of the patient or disease based on phenotypic biomarkers. Omics technique, pharmacogenomics that is effect of a single gene on drug response was also discussed.

Biomarkers are naturally occurring molecule gene and can be used as markers for radiotherapy response in breast cancer was explained in a simple and effective way. 174 participants from other districts, states and countries attended the webinar; there was a question and answer session at the end in which the queries raised by the participants were discussed by the host.

On 26th June 2020 the Department of Biochemistry organized a Webinar on “Nuances of Scientific Methodology” from 4.00 to 6.00 pm through Microsoft Teams platform. This webinar was organized in collaboration with the Wings Academy of Skill Training, Chennai. The host of the session was Dr. Karthik Mohan, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry, E.G.S. Pillay Arts and Science College, Nagapattinam. A total of 100 participants from other districts and states actively attended the webinar.

The resource person discussed various terms like science, project, research, and thesis etc., and in-depth knowledge of identifying the problem to carry out the research was explained in a precise and clear manner. The difference in terminology like discovery, invention and various aspects of Incremental and radical innovation were also explained. One view of Science and Technology and classical phases of scientific methodology were discussed in detail. The session was interesting and informative as the speaker interacted with the delegates during the webinar. There was also a question and answer session at the end, in which the queries raised by the participants were discussed by the host.

The Department of Biochemistry organized an International webinar on “Biological Synthesis of Nano particles and their Biochemical Applications in Metabolic Diseases” on 8th August 2020 from 4.00 to 6.00 pm through Google meet platform. The resource person of the webinar was Dr. Pasupuleti Visweswara Rao, Associate Professor & Research Coordinator, Head, Non-Communicable Diseases Research Department of Biomedical Sciences and Therapeutics, Biochemistry Division, University Malaysia Sabah Kota Kinabalu, Sabah Malaysia. A total of 175 participants from other districts and states actively attended the webinar.

The resource person discussed the basics of nanotechnology and about nanoparticles. He also explained about various applications of nanotechnology like Electronics, Energy, Biomedicine, Environment, Food and Textile.

The Department of Biochemistry organized a workshop on “Molecular modeling and drug designing” on 22nd October 2020 from 2.00 to 3.00 pm through Google meet platform and YouTube live stream of the Department. The resource person of the workshop was Dr. S. Shobana, Associate Professor in the Department of Genetic engineering in SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankullathur, Chennai. A total of 95 participants actively attended the workshop.

The resource person discussed the basics of molecular modeling and drug designing. She also explained bioinformatics, drug discovery process, Insilico approaches for drug designing, recognition of template and sequence alignment, virtual screening techniques, molecular docking, scoring function.

The Department of Biochemistry organized the First Aid Management online workshop that was held on 22nd December 2020. The workshop started with a prayer service. The chief guest Mr. C .Siva Ramalingam, Lecturer and trainer in First Aid St.John’s Ambulance, Trichy was honored by our Head of the department. The chief guest delivered a lecture on “First Aid Management”. He explained the importance of “First Aid” as it is

a lifesaving one. A total of 100 students participated in the workshop including the NME students of various departments. It was an interactive session, students raised questions regarding First Aid and Mr.C.Siva Ramalingam clarified the queries.

The Department of Biochemistry organized a workshop on Entrepreneurship Opportunities In Mushroom Cultivation on 12th January 2021 at 11.00 am. The resource person was Mrs. Mugundapriya Ganapathy, proprietor of Sasaana International Mushroom TRK farm located at Kumbakanom.

The speaker discussed various types of edible mushroom, the five steps involved in mushroom cultivation, preparation of spawn, nutritive value and about casing and after care steps. A total of 126 students participated in the workshop and it was an interesting and interactive session.

The Department of Biochemistry Association organized a guest lecture on “Intellectual Property Rights” on 30th January 2021 by 10 a.m. through google meet platform. The guest speaker for this session was Dr. (Mrs). Judith Justin Professor & Head, Department of Biomedical Instrumentation Engineering, School of Engineering, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore.

The guest speaker discussed the key points like kinds of property, Intellectual property laws of India, Importance of copy right, patent, IPR licensing and Technology transfer, kinds of trademarks and how to guard the trade secrets. Totally 126 students and 8 faculty benefited through this lecture. It was an interesting and interactive session.

The department of Biochemistry organised a workshop on “Grab the success in interview” on 15th February 2021 by 2 pm. The guest speaker for this session was Mr. P. Mohan, state member (HR trainer), Tamil Nadu commission for protection of child rights, Bench of civil court magistrate, Government of Tamil Nadu.

The guest speaker discussed the importance of preparing resumes which is most essential for attending interview. He emphasized that the quality of curriculum vitae will reflect the performance of the employee. Totally 45 final year UG and PG students along with 8 faculty benefited through this workshop.

The Department of Biochemistry organised a workshop on “Strategies for entrepreneurial Development” on 16th February 2021 by 1:30 pm through Microsoft teams platform. The guest speaker for this session was Mrs. Genevia Vincent, Director and CEO of Joe’s enterprise, Tiruchirappalli. The guest speaker discussed various key points like young entrepreneurship and the types of Entrepreneurship.

The Department of Biochemistry organized an International Scientist Meet on “Genetics and Health Care” on 10th March 2021 from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. through Google meet platform and Youtube live streaming.

The speakers of the International scientist meet were Dr. Palsamy Periyasamy, Assistant Professor and Research Scientist, Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience, University of Nebraska Medical Centre, USA. Dr. MuthuKumar Kannan, instructor, Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience, College of Medicine, University of Nebraska, Medical Centre, USA. Dr.Sakthivel Vaiyapuri, Associate Professor in Cardiovascular and Venom Pharmacology, University of Reading, Whiteknights, UK. A total of 190 participants and 8 faculty participated in the International Scientist Meet.

The speaker of the first session was Dr. Muthu Kumar Kannan. He explained about the “Role of Lipids in Mitochondria Biogenesis”.

The speaker of the next session was Dr. Palsamy Periyasamy. The speaker delivered a lecture on “Epigenetic Regulation of HIV-Mediated Neuro inflammation”.

The resource person of the next session, Dr. Sakthivel Vaiyapuri gave the presentation regarding the “Impact of Thromboinflammation in Health and Diseases”. He also explained about the platelet production, platelet activation in blood clotting, thrombus formation that affects haemostasis in mice, activation platelets via FPRs and he also gave the summary of this presentation. The session was interesting and informative as the speakers interacted with the participants. There was also a question and answer session.

The Department of Biochemistry organized an intradepartmental competition “Molfest” on 16th March 2021. III UG and PG students of our department actively participated in all the events. The following events were conducted Rangoli, Dumcharades, Quiz, Mehendi, Group singing, Solo singing, Treasure Hunt, Cooking without fire, Wealth out of waste and Your Dream job. For Rangoli, the theme “College Life” was given to the participants. For Cooking without fire “Flattened Rice was given as base ingredient. Totally 46 students participated and exposed their talents in Molfest.

The Association valediction was organized on 16th March 2021. Dr.R.Gomathi, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry announced the prize winners and Dr S.Josephinol, Head of the Department of Biochemistry distributed the prize to the winners.

Ø Biotechnology & Bioinformatics

The Watson and Crick Club of PG And Research Department of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics, Holy Cross College, Trichy organized a 3 day Online Faculty Development Programme workshop on “Virtual Teaching- A Paradigm Shift Offline To Online Teaching” conducted by Girinath G. Pillai, Research Scientist, Nyro Research India and Mentor to Niti Ayog’s ATL Labs for the Faculty of various departments in Holy Cross College and other Colleges. The workshop was conducted on 15th, 17th and 19th June 2020 from 3.00 PM to 4.30 PM via Voov meeting application and also streamed, live in YouTube and further edited videos of all three sessions were posted in the Channel of Girinath Pillai. Around 125 participants registered for the event and 60 participants have constantly attended the workshop for all three days. The speaker was delighted to deliver his presentation to a wide variety of participants through Holy Cross College online workshop programme conducted by PG and Research Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics.

First day of the workshop focused on tools for online teaching and training: Google forms, mentimeter and Slido. Second day of the workshop concentrated on Google slides and docs, Gnomio, Moodle, Socrative, Kahoot and Slide share. Third day of workshop was based on Google Classroom, webinar streaming, Class Marker, E-Certificate creation and white board. At the end of everyday session the speaker gave assignment to the participants and asked to submit on 21st June 2020.

Participants were allowed to ask questions and clarify their doubts anytime even after completing the session through Whats App group and Slack portal. All the participants willingly submitted their workshop assignments on time. All three sessions were excellent, interactive with all participants and ended with Q & A session. Participants appreciated the speaker for his wonderful presentation and organizers for the excellent arrangement of workshop. On the final day of the workshop the Vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. M. Rajalakshmi, Head, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics.

The Watson and Crick Club of Department of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics, Holy Cross College, Trichy organized a webinar on “Funding Opportunities in Biotechnology” delivered by Dr. Meenakshi Munshi, Adviser/ Scientist G, Head HRD & Societal Program Division, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India for the Faculties, UG, PG, Scholars of various departments in Holy Cross College and other colleges. The webinar was held on 27th June 2020 from 11.30 AM to 12.30 AM via Google meet.

257 participants registered for the event and 127 participants attended the webinar through Google meet. The webinar mainly focused on research proposal implementation, requirements for research proposal, collaborative projects and various funding schemes of DBT for students, researchers, and postdoctoral fellows, early and mid-career investigators. The speaker was delighted to deliver her presentation to a wide variety of participants through Holy Cross College webinar. The session was excellent and interactive with all participants. After the interactive Q & A session, the webinar ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. G. Smilin Bell Aseervatham, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology.

The Watson and Crick Club of the Department of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics, Holy Cross College, Trichy organized three day online student development programme (SDP) on “Digital Technology for Online

Learning” for the students of Biotechnology, Holy Cross College and other colleges. The online SDP was conducted on 17th, 18th and 19th July 2020 from 2.30 PM to 4.00 PM via Zoom and Google meeting application.

First day event started with a prayer service by Mrs. Clara Mary, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics followed by a brief welcome address by Dr. G. Smilin Bell Aseervatham, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics then Dr. L. Gayathri, Assistant Professor from Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, Holy Cross College started her presentation on “Google Applications for Online Learning” and explained about Google Classroom, Google calendar, Google Meet, Jamboard, Google docs, sheet, form and slides.

Second day started with the a prayer service and welcome address by Mrs. Clara Mary followed by the lecture of Dr. G. Smilin Bell Aseervatham, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, Holy Cross College. She delivered an excellent talk on “Classroom to Virtual Learning” where she elaborated the use of Socrative, Canvas, Zoho, Edmodo, Moodle, Flipgrid, Squirgl and Whiteboard.fi.

Final day of the workshop was started with a prayer service by Mrs. Clara Mary, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics followed by a brief welcome address by Dr. G. Smilin Bell Aseervatham, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics then Dr. Sujatha Ilangovan, Dean of Extension, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Holy Cross College delivered an excellent talk on “Interactive Platforms of online Learning”.

She conducted her lecture very interestingly by interacting with our students with interactive platforms such as Kahoot, Mentimeter, Socrative, GimKit, Slido, Slack, LinkedIn and SlideShare. The session was excellent and first of its kind conducted as a webinar for our students to motivate their online learning. At last the webinar ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. M. Rajalakshmi, Head, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, Holy Cross College.

The Watson and Crick Club of the Department of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics, Holy Cross College, Trichy organized a virtual talk on 6th February, 2021 from 10.00 am to 11.00 am for the students of our department in Holy Cross College via Google meeting application.

The guest of honor Dr. Devanesan Arul Ananth, Associate Professor from Department of Biotechnology, Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Deemed to be University, Coimbatore delivered a talk on “Application of Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry in Food and Phytochemistry”. He also encouraged the students to apply for various fellowship schemes and vacancies in the field of phytochemistry in Israel.

The Department of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics, Holy Cross College, Trichy organized a virtual talk on 10th February, 2021 from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm for the students of our department in Holy Cross College via Google meeting application. The guest of honor Dr. Keerthiga Sridhar, Project manager, Shri Life Technology Solutions started her presentation on “Career Guidance for Biotechnologist”. She also encouraged the students to apply for research jobs and entrepreneurship business in the field of biotechnology. The session was interesting and interactive and all the students actively participated. The programme ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Abinaya.

Ø Botany

The PG and Research Department of Botany conducted “Botany E- Quiz” for all the botany students through online mode from 11th to 13th June 2020. The quiz questions were prepared using google forms and certificates were issued to the participants who secured the passing score of 40%. 20 questions from basic traditional botany were asked. Very good response from participants and 297 responses were received on the three days of the quiz. On a single day 100 students can participate. The certificates were issued immediately to the passed candidates through their registered email by certify'em. The participants were from UG, PG and Research Scholars of Botany and UG Zoology students of Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli and other students from various colleges of TamilNadu and other states of India.

Botany Club Inauguration

Botany Club of Holy Cross College, Trichy was inaugurated for the academic year 2020 – 2021 on 16th June 2020 through Google Meet. Dr.N. Komalavalli, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Botany, Alagappa Government Arts College, Karaikudi was the Resource Person. She gave a talk on 'In vitro' Production of Secondary Metabolites'. The Resource person outlined the conventional and non-conventional method of secondary production and clearly explained the various strategies involved for the production of secondary metabolites that includes callus culture, organogenesis, cell suspension culture and hairy root culture. About 100 participants from our College and from various institutions participated in the webinar.

One-day Webinar on "Protecting Research Inventions through Intellectual Property Rights" was organized by the Department of Botany, Holy Cross College, Trichy on 17th June 2020. The overall goal of the webinar is to inculcate and improve the knowledge on IPR among the staff, research scholars and students of Life sciences. Prof. T. Parimelazhagan, Department of Botany, Director, IPR Cell, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, was the Resource Person. He spoke about the different forms of IPR like-patent, copyright, trade mark and explained the various criteria for trademark registration. About 100 participants from our College and from various institutions participated in the webinar.

The PG and Research department of Botany of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized an International Webinar on 'Phytochemicals as an antioxidant alternate to combat MDR' through Google Meet on 16th July 2020. There were 312 participants registered for the International webinar.

The resource person of the day was Dr. Nagaraja Suryadevara, Lecturer, School of Biosciences, Faculty of Medicine, Bioscience and Nursing, MAHSA University, Bandar Saujana Putra, Selangor, Malaysia. He highlighted the nature of Multidrug resistant organisms and their role against several drugs and he elaborated on different types of phytochemicals present in medicinal plants which show antibacterial and antiviral activities. A total of 210 participants have attended the programme. The participants were UG, PG students, Assistant and Associate Professors, Deans, research scholars, public from various regions of Tamil Nadu, other states of India and outside India.

The PG and Research department of Botany of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized a National Webinar on 'Diversity and distribution of Pteridophytes in India' through Google Meet on 6th August 2020. There were 339 participants registered for the National webinar. The resource person of the day was Dr. A. Benniamin, Scientist 'E', Botanical Survey of India, Western Regional Centre, Pune, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. He highlighted the occurrence of Pteridophyte species all over the country. He explained the importance of ferns in ecosystem stability, species richness and their distribution.

The PG and Research Department of Botany of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized a National Webinar on 'Marine Bio-Prospecting' through Google Meet on 6th October 2020. The resource person of the day was Dr. T. Citarasu, Associate Professor, Centre for Marine Science and Technology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Rajakkamangalam, Kanniyakumari. He highlighted how marine ecosystems are improving the quality of human life. A total of 180 participants attended the programme.

Prof. (Miss.) Jeya Marie Memorial Intercollegiate debate was conducted on 30th January 2021 through online platform (Google Meet) from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm by PG & Research department of Botany, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy -2. The topic given was 'Scientific invention is a boon or bane'. The judges for the debate were Dr. S. Sahaya Sathish, Dean, School of Biological Sciences, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Trichy and Dr. V. Anand Gideon, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Botany, Bishop Heber College, Trichy. There were 8 team from various colleges that participated in the debate competition. One from each team spoke for the topic and another spoke against the topic.

Ms. S. Nisha Nandhini, II B.Sc Botany of Bishop Heber College won the 1st prize and the second prize was given to D. Reiya Bosco, II M.Sc. Biotechnology and C. M. Durga, III B.Sc Botany of Seethalakshmi Ramaswamy College, Trichy. The team prize was bagged by Ms. J. Getsial Sabatini Wallace of I M.Sc Botany, Bishop Heber College and Ms. Mercy Margret of III B.Sc Botany, Bishop Heber College.

Dr. R. M. Meenakshi Endowment lecture was conducted for Botany students on 13th March 2021 through Google Meet from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Dr. R. Sathishkumar, Professor and Head, Department of Biotechnology, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore was the resource person. The chief guest gave a special lecture on 'DNA Barcoding for Plant and Herbal Product Authentication'. He highlighted the applications of Bar coding and explained how to authenticate herbal products by DNA barcoding. 100 participants have been benefitted. The chief guest cleared all the queries raised by the participants.

Ø Business Administration

The Department of Business Administration organised a Webinar on the topic, "Digital HRM- HR Robotics" on 25th May 2020. The resource person was Dr. N. Hari Prasad, Editor of Chief, Corresponding first author, Head and Founder of HR Robo. The resource person talked about the importance and etiquette of being a HR. He also discussed the topics of HR intelligence and how digital and technology have influenced the role of HR.

The Department of Business Administration organised a Webinar on the topic, "Entrepreneurial Mindset - Challenges and Opportunities Ahead" on 4th June, 2020. The Resource person was Mr. R. Venkatesh, Assistant Professor & Entrepreneurship Co-Ordinator, Care Business School, Trichy. The Resource person talked about the business opportunities for the budding entrepreneurs and also he motivated us to convert the problem into opportunity. 94 students were benefitted by the session.

The Department of Business Administration organised a Webinar on the topic, "Post Covid 19 – HRM Challenges" on 15th June, 2020. The Resource person of the meeting was Dr. Victor Lazarus, Associate Professor, Department of Management Studies, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli – 17. The Resource person talked about the challenges to the HRM post covid – 19. He enlightened us with the problems faced by the various organisations and how to make use of the current situation to succeed. He also explained about the current situation of the government sectors especially Railway sector. He told us about the various policies and measures taken by these sectors to overcome this pandemic situation. 78 students were benefitted by the session.

The department of Business Administration organised a workshop on the topic of "Barclays Connect with Work" on 8th July 2020. The resource person of the meeting was Ms. Subha.P, Project Coordinator From Global Talent Track Pvt. Ltd. The resource person talked about the 7 habits of highly effective people (be proactive, begin with the end mind, put first things first, think win-win, seek first to understand than to be understood, synergize and sharpen the saw). She explained the 7 habits briefly. She also gave some tips that will make our job awesome with flexibility, communication, accepting feedback and mentors. 56 students were benefitted.

The Department of Business Administration organised a Webinar on the topic, "Privatisation of Indian Industries" on 11th July, 2020. The Resource person was Mr. T.V. Sundaram, Rtd, Deputy General Manager, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Trichy – 14. The Resource person talked about the forms of company and the essential requirements of a company to be registered in companies act. He enlightened them on the methods of privatisation and its various advantages. The number of students benefitted out of the webinar was 70.

The Department of Business Administration organised a webinar on the topic of "Career Opportunities in Stock Market" on 11th July 2020. The Resource person of the meeting was Ms. Nancy, Manager- Business Intelligence & Analytics, Enrich Financial Group. The Resource person talked about the financial markets and their history. She briefed on the topic of spot and derivatives and their differences. The number of participants of the webinar was 70.

The webinar was conducted on 13th October 2020 in association with Holy Cross Red cell. The resource person Dr. Uma Ravi Purushothaman, member of Mahathma Gandhi Rural Council, spoke about the Rural Entrepreneurship and Business Plan Development. She spoke about the schemes and subsidies for rural business by our government. 52 students benefitted from the programme.

The Department of Business Administration organised a webinar on the topic of “Trading in Forex Market” on 17th December, 2020. The Resource person, Mr. S. Marish Kumar, Managing Director, ACME Academy, Teppakulam, Trichy, spoke about the Forex Market and the basics of trading. He briefed on the topic of spot and derivatives and their differences. The number of participants of the webinar was 100.

The department of Business Administration conducted a guest lecture on the topic “Career Guidance” on 29th January 2021. The resource person was Dr. J. Michael Sammanasu, Associate Professor Department of Human Resource Management, Joseph Institute of Management (JIM) St. Joseph’s College Tiruchirapalli. He spoke about the various opportunities after UG degree. Also he spoke about career guidance. The session was very interesting and the knowledge shared by him was beneficial for nearly 100 students.

The Department of Business Administration arranged a guest lecture on the topic “Role of an Entrepreneur in the society” on 16th February 2021. The resource person was Ms. Sri Srudhi. She is the budding entrepreneur of the Loma hair care products which has many varieties. She spoke about the various opportunities available for women entrepreneurs in today’s society.

The Department of Business Administration conducted one day workshop on “An Entrepreneurial approach to online share trading” on 5th March 2021.

The resource person of the meeting was Mr Marish Kumar, Managing Director ACME academy, Teppakulam, Trichy. The first session was about the forex market theory, how to open a demo account, the types of share traders, benefits and disadvantages of the forex market was taught by the resource person.

One day seminar on “Ideation, Entrepreneurship and Innovation” was conducted on 18th March 2021. The resource persons were Mr. Mohamed Aashik Rahman, CEO, Engineer and Inventor, Propeller technologies R & D Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. R. Venkatesh, Head of the Department, Entrepreneurship Co-ordinator, Care Business School, Trichy and Ms. M. Chitra, Proprietor, Anegan Paper bag manufacture, Trichy.

Ø Chemistry

The PG and Research Department of Chemistry, Holy Cross College, Trichy, organized a webinar on “A Simple Perspective of Glycosciences” on 30th June 2020 at (11.00 am -12.00 noon) through Google meet Platform. The Resource person was Dr. T. Mohan Das, Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry, Central University of Tamilnadu (CUTN), Thiruvarur. 252 participants registered and 134 participants which included teaching fraternity, UG and PG students and Research Scholars across various states in India actively participated in the webinar. The resource person gave an insight about the general characteristics of sugar molecules, glycoprotein structure, anatomy of covid-19, interaction of glycoproteins of coronavirus with receptor, design, synthesis and mode of action of these sugar based molecules.

The PG and Research Department of Chemistry organized a webinar on the topic “A 21st Century chemist and his unique selling proposition” on 14th July, 2020 from 3pm to 4.30 pm through Google Meet. Dr. Syed Ali Padusha, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Jamal Mohamed College was the Guest Speaker. His insight about career opportunities for chemistry graduates has opened the windows and motivated students to flap their wings and fly high. Nearly 150 students of our Department participated.

The Department of Chemistry, conducted a webinar on the topic “Reprogramming Your mind” on 1st August, 2020 between 4.30-5.30 p.m. The guest speaker Mr. Vimal Thiagarajan, Founder and Director of Be Positive Training Academy, Chennai.

The speaker started his motivational speech by quoting what kind of people are called LURE (People who Learn, Unlearn, Relearn and Experience Learning) followed by revealing the unravelled secrets of life and made us realize the zones which one has to move ie from comfort to confident zone, celebrity worship syndrome to selfworship syndrome, impossible to I am possible which made us understand our roles, skills and how we can

improve our personal attributes which helps one to move towards the road of success. 188 students of III UG and II PG of both Shifts I and II benefitted.

The Department of Chemistry, conducted a webinar on the topic “Role of Chemist in Nuclear Cycle” on 17th October, 2020 between 3.00-4.00 p.m. The event was conducted through Google Meet platform as well as through Youtube created by the Chemistry Department.

The guest speaker was Dr. J. Selvakumar, Scientific Officer, Nuclear Recycle Board(NRB), Assistant Professor, Homi Bhabha National Institute, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India, Kalpakkam, The speaker started his speech on the different funding Agencies available for women to do research and also enlightened the role of chemist in Nuclear Power, the different steps involved in the usage of radioactive elements in power generation and how the waste disposal is carried out.

76 participants attended and 203 participants joined through Youtube. The beneficiaries were III UG of both Shift-I and II , PG students and Research scholars of the Chemistry Department.

The Department of Chemistry, conducted a webinar on the topic “Creating Super Achievers” on 22nd October, 2020 between 3:00-4:00 p.m. The guest speaker was Mr. Vimal Thiagarajan, Founder and Director of Be Positive Training Academy, Chennai. The speaker started his motivational speech by defining what success exactly meant. He stated that success has an inseparable tie to an individual’s everyday decisions, activities, and encounters, despite how big or small he/she is. It is the achievement accomplished after battles and persistence. 89 students participated through Google Meet and 203 participants joined through Youtube. The beneficiaries were I UG and II UG of both Shifts I and II , of Chemistry Department. The event was conducted through Google Meet platform as well as through Youtube created by the Chemistry Department. The speaker answered the questions raised by the attendees.

One day e-lecture workshop on Advances in Chemical Sciences, was conducted in commemoration of the National Chemistry Week by the PG and Research Department of Chemistry, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy in collaboration with the Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI), Trichy- Madurai Local Chapter, on 2nd November, 2020.

This e-lecture workshop took place simultaneously through Google meet platform and also in You tube live streaming. Totally 400 participants including the Staff, Research Scholars, Post Graduate and Undergraduate students of our Department participated. The participants from colleges around Trichy & from other parts of Tamilnadu, Faculties and Research scholars from Andrapradesh, Pondicherry, Kerala and Jammu & Kashmir also participated actively in this e-lecture workshop.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. U.P. SenthilKumar, Senior Vice President, Orchid Pharma Ltd. He spoke on “The Importance of Nature for human era, The need of Science and Technology in the finding of medicines for dreadful diseases such as Ebola, sars and covid. He encouraged the participants to involve in innovative research for the benefit of the society”.

Then Prof. R.MayilMurugan, School of Chemistry, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai and one of the conveners of this event, briefed about the functions and activities of Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI). Prof. M. Palaniandavar, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli and Prof. Sekar, IITM, Chennai offered felicitations on the e-lecture workshop on Advances in Chemical sciences.

In the Technical Session-I, Prof. M. Palaniandavar, Professor of Eminence & INSA senior scientist, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli spoke on the topic, “Metal DNA interaction and its Perspectives”. He gave a detailed account on the importance of DNA in the Human body, various inventions of young scientists on DNA and the applications of DNA such as Transcription and Translation of DNA, Gene Editing Technology, DNA as molecular light switches and so on.

In the second technical Session, Prof. P. Anbarasan, Department of Chemistry, IITM Chennai gave a lecture on the topic “ Electrophilic Arylthiolation of Arenes and Alkenes”. He elaborated on the importance of

Organofluorine compounds, Functionalization of arenes, Synthesis of arylsulfides, Palladium catalysed arylthiolation of Arenes, Chemodivergent functionalization of C-H bonds and Trifluoromethylthiolation of Arenes.

In the technical session –III, Prof. P. Elumalai, Department of Green Energy Technology, Pondicherry University delivered a talk on the topic, “ Batteries, supercapacitors and now Supercapatteries”. He gave an overview about the naturally available abundant sources of renewable energy, Alternative energy sources, Energy features of battery versus supercapacitors and supercapatteries. He also elaborated on the different types of batteries such as Li-ion battery, Sodium-ion battery, rechargeable batteries and also the Applications of Lithium Ion Batteries.

On the whole, this e-lecture workshop on “Advances in Chemical Sciences” enriched the young minds with novel current researches going on around the world as well as inspired them to take up research as their career and make worthy contribution to the society.

The Department of Chemistry, conducted International Scientist Meet on the topic “Computational Chemistry and Biophysical Chemistry” on 21st December, 2020 between 2:00-4:00 p.m. Dr. J. Rosaline Vimala, Assistant Professor of Chemistry welcomed everyone and Dr. A. Leema Rose offered felicitations. The guest speaker Dr. Sri Ranjini Arumugam, Senior Scientist, Leipzig University, Leipzig, Saxon, spoke on the topic “ Nitrogen Vacancy Centre in diamond as a sensor”. Her speech highlighted the different types of sensors, the applications of wearable and implantable technology ’s contribution to the mobile health era, nitrogen vacancy centre in diamond as quantum sensor and its applications.

The second speaker, Prof. Arul Murugan, Senior, Researcher (Forskare), Department of Theoretical Chemistry, Biotechnology and Health ,KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden spoke on the topic “Computational Medicinal Chemistry and a Brief Introduction to Data Driven Approaches”.

He gave an overview on introduction to modelling, computers in drug discovery, scoring functions and data driven approaches. 89 members participated through Google Meet and 203 participants joined through HCC Flamingo.

The Department of Chemistry, conducted a webinar on the topic “Chemistry Graduate-Life Abroad” on 30th January, 2021 between 6:30 p.m-8:00 p.m. The event was conducted through Google Meet platform as well as through Youtube created by the Chemistry Department. The guest speaker gave an insight about opportunities for a chemist in USA, Life Abroad-Culture Shock, qualifications required to teach at Arizona, USA, Role as a chemistry teacher, Curriculum and mode of teaching and other chemistry activities associated during their teaching period. Thus the webinar mainly strives to develop them incredibly well in most of the applied areas of chemistry, how these individuals manage them all in an exceptionally good way. The real purpose of chemistry graduates across the globe in terms of career was also highlighted by the resource person. 354 students benefitted.

The Department of Chemistry along with Institution Innovation Council (IIC), Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy jointly, conducted a webinar on the topic “Funding Opportunities for Emerging Entrepreneurs” on 27th February, 2021 between 10:30 a.m-12:30 noon. The event was conducted through Google Meet platform as well as through Youtube created by the chemistry department. The guest speaker Er. Vinoth Malaikanni, field coordinator, EDII-IEDP, Trichy Hub, University College of Engineering , BIT Campus, Anna University, Trichy, gave a brief introduction about mission of EDII-TN and enlightened the participants by describing start-up capital, required start-up capital, understand the types and sources of start-up capital and made us aware about the various subsidy schemes which will benefit emerging/existing entrepreneurs. 354 students benefitted.

In commemoration of National Science Day, the Department of Chemistry organized one day workshop on “Ideate, Innovate and Inspire” on 13th March 2021. Mr. R. Venkatesh, Entrepreneurship Coordinator, and Mr. Stracey George, skill trainer, from Care Business School, were the resource persons. The students of III UG and II PG attended the workshop.

The resource persons focused on the strong need to provide the younger generation with the skills and knowledge about business ideas, so that they can develop their own ventures, the innovations in chemistry should be converted into marketable products for commercial gain.

The Valediction of Chemistry Association was held on the same day. Ms. A. Nivetha Joint Secretary welcomed the gathering. Ms. B. Punitha, Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. R. Venkatesh, Head of the Department and Entrepreneurship Coordinator, CARE Business School, Trichy was the chief guest of the session. He highlighted the characteristics of a successful entrepreneur. He briefed us about the trends of online trading. The outstanding students for the academic year 2019-2020 were honoured with prizes and certificates by the chief guest.

COMMERCE

The PG and Research Department of Commerce organized a Webinar on 21st May 2020 for I-B.Com BPO and II B.Com BPO on the topic of “Business implications post Covid-19” from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The webinar was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget .A, Principal and Head, Department of Commerce. The Resource Person of the programme was Ms. Gousia, Voice and Accent Trainer, Omega Healthcare Services, Trichy. She stated that the pandemic has taken a toll on everyone’s life and lifestyle. It has created job insecurity and resulted in layoffs. The students were highly benefitted by this webinar during the Covid-19 lockdown.

The PG and Research Department of Commerce organized a Webinar on 23rd May 2020 for I-B.Com BPO and II B.Com BPO on the topic of “Overview of BPO Industry & Its State in Covid19 Situation & How to be Prepared as a Graduate Or Job Seeker” from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. The webinar was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget .A, Principal and Head, Department of Commerce. The Resource Person of the programme was Ms. Kanchanaa, Manager, Global Talent Track Pvt. Ltd., Chennai. The session was very helpful for the students to understand the current situation of BPO industry, as the Resource Person shared the insights in a positive way. She commenced the webinar by explaining the BPO sector, importance of the BPO industry and how the BPO industry is handling the lockdown situation due to COVID-19.

The PG and Research Department of Commerce organised a Webinar on 23rd May, 2020 for II UG and I PG students on the topic “Identification of Research Problem and formulation of Hypothesis” from 11.am. to 12.30pm. The webinar was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget .A, Principal and Head, Department of Commerce. The Resource Person of the programme was Dr. M. Thanikavel, Assistant Professor in Commerce, Government Arts College for Men, Krishnagiri. The session was an eye opener to the students, as the Resource Person shared the insights in a very simple and clear way. Out of 216 registered participants, 146 participants gave a positive feedback using Google forms.

The PG and Research Department of Commerce organised a Webinar on 24th May 2020 for II-B.Com BPO on the topic of “Compliance in Banking & Financial service” from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The resource person was Alice Mary Alexander working as an Assistant Vice President from Banking Domain, Chennai. The session was on Know Your Customer (KYC) which is a key component of Compliance in the Banking Industry. She explained the KYC process in detail and also briefly touched upon AntiMoney Laundering concept (AML).

The PG and Research Department of Commerce organized a Webinar on 3rd June 2020 for I-B.Com BPO and II B.Com BPO on the topic of “CEO of your own dream” from 2:45 pm to 4:30 pm. The webinar was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget. A - Principal and Head of the Department of Commerce. The Resource Person of the program was Ms. Manjiri Gokhale Joshi, Founder & Director of Maya CARE Foundation from London. The session was an eye-opener for the students, as the Resource Person shared the insights out of her personal and professional life experience in a very simple and clear way.

The PG and Research Department of Commerce organized a Webinar on 4th June 2020 for I-B.Com BPO and II-B.Com BPO on the topic “Within Crisis are the seeds of Opportunity” from 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The webinar was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget .A, Principal and Head of the Department of Commerce.

The Resource Person of the program was Ms. ShailjaRawat, Product Manager at ISDC Corp from Dublin - Ireland. She commenced the webinar by explaining about BPO operations and the future of the BPO industry. The session was very interesting and interactive, as the Resource Person shared her work experience in a motivating way and conducted few activities for the students.

The PG and Research Department of Commerce organised a webinar on 25th June, 2020 for II UG students on the topic “What You Need to Know – Safety Net” from 4.00 pm to 5.00 p.m. The webinar was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget .A, Principal and Head, Department of Commerce. The Resource Person of the programme was Dr. Shyamala. K, Head & Assistant Professor in B.Com (CS), Shrimathi Devkunvar Nanalal Bhatt Vaishnav College for Women Chrompet, Chennai. The session was an eye opener to the students, as the Resource Person shared the insights in a very simple and clear way. Out of 86 registered participants, 52 participants gave a positive feedback using Google forms.

The International Webinar on “How to Publish Research Papers?” on 26th June 2020, at 10.00 a.m. through google meet platform was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, HOD & Principal and chaired by Dr. A. Sahayitta, Coordinator, Dept of Commerce. Dr. Baba Gnanakumar, enlightened the students about the significance of publishing research papers by using internet advancements effectively, with originality, quality and need to avoid plagiarism.

He insisted that all research papers should be drafted with creative knowledge, own ideas and opinions from experts. He also highlighted about the “SAGE Path” which is free-of-charge and to trace free Scopus journals which are available in the google platform.

The PG and Research Department of Commerce organised a Webinar on 29th June, 2020 for I & II B.Voc and I B.Com ‘B’ UG students on the topic “Impact of Covid – 19 on Insurance Sector “ from 4.00 pm to 5.00pm. The webinar was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget .A, Principal and Head, Department of Commerce, and Dr. Sahayitta. A, Staff Coordinator of the Commerce Department, chaired the session.

The Resource Person of the programme , Ms. T. Shanmugapriya, Development Officer, Life Insurance Corporation of India, Chennai shared the insights in a very simple and clear way regarding insurance sector. Out of 96 registered participants, 58 participants gave a positive feedback using Google forms.

The International Webinar on “Dare To Live A Dream Driven Life” was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, HOD & Principal on 1st July 2020, at IST 3:00 p.m. through google meet platform.

The Resource Person Dr. Alex Thevaranjan, Associate Professor for Accounting, Whitman School of Management, Syracuse University, New York, USA, highlighted the significance of living a dream driven life. He explained his ideas with power point presentation to pin point the dream driven actions to achieve the dreams so as to identify what to achieve academically while studying in a university and also what the students need to achieve other than in the academic arena.

The National level Webinar on “Employability skills in the new scenario” was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, HOD & Principal on 2nd July 2020, at 10.30. a.m. through google meet platform.

The resource person Dr.Hariom Puniyani, Head and Associate Professor, Hislop College, Nagpur Maharashtra, highlighted the significance of employability skills essential for students to acquire nowadays. He stated that employability skills are developed over a life-time in all aspects of life experience including paid and unpaid employment, self-employment, formal education and community activities.

The National level Webinar on “Human Capital Development and Feminine Subjectivity”was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, HOD & Principal on 3rd July 2020, at IST 12.00 p.m. through google meet platform.

The resource person Mr. Jomon Varghese, Educational Consultant, Register Learning Experienced Social Worker, Safeguarding-Medway Council Sitting bourne, United Kingdom highlighted the significance of human

capital development and feminine subjectivity in the world quoted by Pierre Bourdieu, a famous French Political Philosopher that a capital is an accumulated labour in its materialised form or its incorporated or embodied form.

The state level webinar was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, HOD & Principal on 4th July 2020, at IST 10:30 a.m. through google meet platform. Around 180 students and the staff members of various departments of Holy Cross College actively participated in this webinar. The Resource Person, Mr. MageshSankar, Chairman and Director, Magestic Technology Solutions (P) Ltd. CEO, MTES and Chief Editor, Jupiter Publications Consortium, Chennai, shared his research and publication experiences to the Staff and the students on, “Academic publishing blue prints and meeting publishers expectations”, and insisted that the research scholars and the teachers publish more articles in reputed journals.

The PG and Research Department of Commerce organised a webinar on 11th July, 2020 for I & II B.Voc UG students on the topic “Basics of Mutual Funds” from 3.30 pm to 4.30pm. The webinar was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget.A, Principal and Head, Department of Commerce. The Resource Person of the programme was Mr. J. Vishal Simon, Advisory Board Member, Flewid Capital, Chennai. The Resource Person shared the insights in a very simple and clear way regarding mutual funds. The webinar came to an end with the thank you note by Dr. M. Mahalakshmi, Assistant Professor of the Commerce Department.

The National level webinar on “Career Opportunities Through Machine Learning and Big Data Analytics” was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, HOD & Principal on 13th July 2020, at IST 5:00 pm through google meet platform.

Dr. P. Mary Jeyanthi, Faculty-Business Intelligence & Artificial Intelligence, IMT, Nagpur, Maharashtra, highlighted the significance of Machine Learning and Big Data Analytics through which insights of data can be gained to improve relationship with customers, to increase the sales and to be competitive.

The International Webinar on “Massive Online Open Courses MOOC as a Life Long Learning Tool” was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, HOD & Principal on 14th July 2020, at IST 1:00pm through google meet platform.

The Resource Person, Dr. Osama Al-Mahdi, Assistant Professor, Education Studies/CPD Department, University of Bahrain, Kingdom of Bahrain, shared his experiences to the Staff and the students of the Commerce department about the “Massive Online Open Courses MOOC as a Life Long Learning Tool” and enlightened the students to enrol with the free online course available in most of the International Universities.

The State level Webinar on “Impact on Covid - 2019 on “Mutual Funds and Gold” was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, HOD & Principal on 15th July 2020 at IST 5.00 p.m. through google meet platform. The resource person Dr. K. Prabhakaran, SEBI AND EDI, highlighted the significance of investing in Gold and Mutual funds. He enlightened that investment is a commitment of money that is expected to generate additional money.

The International Webinar on “Professional Venture Capital - Analyzing Funding Through Various Valuation Methods”, was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, HOD & Principal on 18th July 2020 at 6.00 p.m. through google meet platform.

Dr. AlkaMahbuhani (UpasanaSamtani), Lecturer, Western Jamaica Campus, University of West Indies, West Indies commenced the session by highlighting the concept of ‘Entrepreneur’, ‘Entrepreneurship’ and ‘Creativity’ as a process of changing ideas into commercial opportunities and creating value. She enlightened the entrepreneurial traits needed for developing opportunities, gathering resources, managing and building operations.

The PG and Research Department of Commerce arranged a session on “Career Development” on 24th January 2021 from 9:30 - 11:30a.m for III year B.Com students in Mother Regina’s Hall. Dr. T.N. Rajendran from Naga Professional Institution was the Chief Guest of the day. Sir enlightened the students on the significance of Forecasting Higher Studies. It was highly informative. That motivated the students to interact with enthusiasm. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks followed by the College Anthem. 270 students of

B.Com 'A', 'B', 'C and 'D' sections were the beneficiaries of the meeting.

Two day International Conference on the "The impact of Covid Pandemic in the Universal Tertiary Sector was held on 16th & 17th March 2021. Our Principal & Head, Department of Commerce, Dr. (Sr.) Christina Bridget in her Presidential Address flagged off the Conference by articulating how Innovation and Entrepreneurship can be utilized to face the Challenges in the post Covid situation.

In the keynote address, Prof. Dr. Badaruddin Mohamed from the University of Malaysia, highlighted the impact of Covid 19 in the International tourism and the detriments caused in all the ancillary industries. He spoke about the importance of promoting domestic tourism and ways of improving international tourism by following safety measures and creating air bubbles between nations and continents.

The first session was chaired by Dr. Suguna, Principal & Professor, Rishi UBR PG College for Women, Hyderabad, who addressed on the topic the Impact of Covid 19 on E Commerce. She insisted that the area of ECommerce created an unprecedented demand and opportunities for the growth during the pandemic and especially the Indian E commerce market would lead the world by 2034.

She also discussed the significant changes in different sectors like Health care, Media and Entertainment, Logistics & Supply chain and Education with statistical data. In the second session, Dr. Corey Allen Ross, Senior Professor, Kyungsoong University, South Korea addressed the participants on the Future of Commerce under the shadow of Covid 19. He discussed the transformation in Consumer Buying Behaviour and the transition in Marketing from physical to virtual platform by citing examples. He asserted that companies that put E-Commerce at the heart of their business strategies would thrive in the post Covid period. The third session was chaired by Professor Pradipta Banerjee, Dean Faculty Council of Commerce, SidhoKanhoBirsha University, West Bengal. He gave an introspective view on the impact of the pandemic on service sector. He shared a glimpse of the negative effects of the pandemic in sectors like manufacturing, export-import and agricultural sector highlighting the issues of the daily wage labourers in these sectors.

He insisted that ECommerce sector is one of the sectors which has gained positive impact during this pandemic. He also attested that services make up two thirds of total productivity growth in developing nations therefore, it is our prime concern to revive the service sector to resuscitate our economy. A parallel technical session was also steered in which Dr. A. Ravichandran, Associate Professor in Commerce, Satyawati College, University of Delhi was the chair person. He delivered an introductory address highlighting the scenario prevalent in various service sectors in the post pandemic period. He emphasized that Education and Health care sectors have opened up more opportunities for sustenance whereas Tourism and Retail sector have been adversely affected by the pandemic. Following which papers were presented by the participants and the deliberations were conducted.

On the second day of the Conference, session IV was chaired by Professor A. Seetharaman, Dean of Research, S P Jain School of Global Management, Singapore on the topic International Expectations of Research in Social Science. He focused on the nuances of doing research with a strong methodological framework. He emphasized on the significance of initiating research with a strong review of literature to identify the research gap.

He also enlightened the participants about the ADANCO software which can be used by researchers for analysis of data. The session was concluded with a short question and answer session. The V session was on the topic 'Effects of Covid on Health care sector' delivered by Prof Venkatraman, Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi.

He highlighted the current scenario of the health care sector by discussing the impact of the pandemic on the hospital administration, health care staff, patients and pharmaceuticals. He concluded by suggesting measures to counteract the ill effects by adapting ourselves to the new normal by maintaining personal hygiene at home, workplace and all public places. Post lunch the VI session was chaired by Dr. A. Tamilarasu, Assistant Professor in Co- Operatives Accounting Ambo University, Ethiopia, East Africa, who addressed on the topic 'Emerging

trends in IT sector in 21st Century'. He reinstated that Life without technology is paralyzed today and the uniqueness of IT professionals is that they often undergo the process of learning and unlearning. Being an integral part of our life IT has served as a big change agent and proven to be a game changer in resolving economic and social issues. He also discussed the recent trends in Information Technology such as Cloud Computing, Internet of Things, Big Data Analytics intelligent automation through IOT, AI, Analytics, and Robotics.

A parallel technical session was also steered in which Dr. S. Lilly Rosari, Associate Professor of Commerce, Holy Cross College, gave a brief introductory note on the damages caused by Covid-19 pandemic on the economy. Following which papers were presented by the participants and the deliberations were conducted. In the valedictory address Dr. Vinitha Guptan Vice Chancellor, Saito University College, Malaysia, gave an insight on the challenges faced by the educational sector during this Covid -19 pandemic period and various strategies to be adopted to turnout the challenges into opportunities in the education sector.

Ø Computer Science & Comp. Applications

On 9th May 2020, the PG Department of Computer Science, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy with Sr.Principal's initiative organized a Webinar Series on "Unleashing Machine Learning and Cloud Computing". The faculty of Computer Science, Professors and Research Scholars from 7 different states, altogether 250 members registered for the Webinar. 210 attendees from 58 colleges within Tamil Nadu and 20 attendees from 6 other states actively participated in the webinar.

The Webinar Series was chaired by Dr. H. M. Leena, Director of MCA & Head, PG Department of Computer Science. Dr. G. Arockia Sahaya Sheela, Assistant Professor organized the webinar sessions. Dr. D. Roselin Selvarani, Assistant Professor of Computer Science welcomed the live Webinar gathering. Felicitation address was given by Dr. (Sr.) A. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli. She spoke about the Machine Learning in the current scenario and applications of Cloud Computing.

The First session was handled by Dr. Ambika Paranthaman, Expert Data Scientist, IMPACT ANALYTICS, Bangalore, India. She briefly described about Machine Learning and its Use Cases on Industrial IoT (IIoT). She also outlined the challenges of IoT.

The Second session was addressed by Dr. Dolly Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Amity University, Noida, India. She described the concepts of cloud computing and gave a detailed lecture on EC2, S3, VPC and RDS in Amazon Web Services (AWS). Participants interacted with the Resource Persons in both the sessions and got their doubts clarified. The Webinar series ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. G. Arockia Sahaya Sheela, Organizing Secretary.

On 26th June 2020, a webinar on "Life Oriented Webinar" was organized for the Students of B.Sc. and M.Sc. The session was handled by Life House fellowship members. They motivated the students to overcome the fear faced in lockdown.

On 27th June 2020, a webinar on "Quantitative Aptitude for Competitive Exam" was organized for B.Sc. and M.Sc. students. The resource person was Prof. Karuppan Chetty, retired professor from NIT. He explained about the preparation for competitive exams such as CAT, GMAT, GRE etc. He also gave some shortcut methods to solve the problems.

On 27th June 2020, the department organized a webinar on "Cyber Hygiene" for III BCA students of Computer Science. The resource person was Mr. A. Arockia Arulnathan, Senior Automation Developer, K7 Computing Pvt. Ltd. Chennai. He gave awareness to students how to set a tricky password that cannot be hacked and also about cyber attacks.

On 4th July 2020, a webinar on "Information Technology In Health Care" was organized for the students of B.Sc. and M.Sc. The resource person was Mrs. Leena Dhevakumar, Director-Product & Co-founder, GE

Healthcare Ltd, Bangalore. She explained about the Learning Platforms and Health Level 7(HL7), Integrating Healthcare Enterprise(IHE), Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA).

On 10th July 2020, the PG Department of Computer Science, organized a Webinar Series on “ICT Tools for the 21st Century Teacher. “It was a Faculty Orientation Webinar programme exclusively for HCC Teaching Faculty.

On 29th and 30th July 2020, two days webinar was organized on the topic “Mastering to write own program in C++”. The students of II BCA participated in the webinar. The resource person was Mr.S. Peerbasha, Assistant Professor, Department of Information Technology, Jamal Mohamed College, Trichy. He gave live demonstration of C++ Program to Students.

On 14th August 2020, a webinar on “Insights On Real Time IoT Applications” was organized for B.Sc. and M.Sc. students. The resource person was Mr. A.Dalvin Vinoth Kumar, Assistant Professor, Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru.

He explained about IoT, its uses and its application with various sensors and also encouraged the students to work with IoT and to create more innovative projects.

A webinar on “Insights on Big Data Challenges and Opportunities” was organized for the students of B.Sc., M.Sc. and MCA on 4th September 2020. The Session was handled by Dr.V. Jude Nirmal, Assistant Professor, St. Joseph’s College, Tiruchirappalli. He gave an overview about big data with live demonstration.

On 11th September 2020, a webinar series on “Data Science” was organized for faculty of Computer Science and students. The session was handled by Shelton Mahares, B.E, Mtech, MBA Mtech from BITS pilani Manager-Data Analytics Verizon Wireless-US (World’s first laucher of 5G) He briefly described about Data Science and its Use, Cases on Industrial IoT (IIoT). He also outlined the challenges of IoT.

On 6th , 7th and 8th January 2021, three Days Workshop was organized for the PG Students on the topic “Internet of Things”, “Software Project Development”, “Cloud Computing”, Institution’s Innovation Council”, “Big Data”, and “Soft Skills”. The resource persons were Mr. A. Stephen, Research scholar, Department of Computer Science, St. Joseph’s College, Mr. V.A. Jane, Research scholar, Department of Computer Science, St. Joseph’s College, Mr. M. Kamal, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science Applications, Jamal Mohamed College, Mr.Mohammed Ubada, Communication Trainer & Placement Officer, Jamal Mohamed College, Mr.Mohammed Faize Basha, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, Jamal Mohamed College, Trichy, Mr. J. Jerish Obed, Anna university Bit campus ,Trichy, Mr. M. Prasannakumar, Anna university Bit campus ,Trichy. The students of III MCA and II M.SC actively participated in this workshop.

The Meeting on Deep Learning ForIoT Data Analytics was held on 16th February 2021. The meeting started with a prayer followed by the welcome address. The session was handled by Dr. I. Priya Stella Mary MCA., M.Phil., NET, Ph.D., Assistant Professor Department of Data Science, St. Joseph’s College, Trichy. She briefly described about IoT, Deep Learning and Big Data. She also spoke about IoT applications in the current scenario.

One Day Workshop on MySQL Database Connectivity was held on 4th March 2021. The session was handled by M.Kamal M.Sc.,M.Phil.(Ph.D.) Assistant Professor & Head of the Department of Computer Science Jamal Mohamed College, Trichy. He briefly described about MySQL Database Connectivity.

Ø Economics and EDC

Activities of the School of Management Studies

On 1st June, 2020, the School of Management Studies, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized a webinar on “Ways to strengthen the economy and the role of banking in India’s Covid fight”. The

speakers of the webinar were Dr. Balaji Iyer, Managing Director, INFAC Pro Trainers Pvt Limited, Chennai and Mr Girish Iyer, Managing partner, Northern joint Real Estate Solutions LLP, Mumbai. Dr. S Senthamarai, Associate Professor, PG and Research Department of Economics welcomed the gathering followed by felicitation by the Principal Rev Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget.

Dr. Balaji started his speech by discussing the recent trends in the service sector with regard to impact of Covid-19 on the economy. He discussed various industries like agriculture, NBFC, automobiles, consumer goods, IT, insurance etc. He focused special attention on the role of banking sector as it contributes 15% of the GDP. Healthcare industry contributes around 8-9% of GDP. Due to pandemic, all industries except healthcare industries were suffering losses. The worst impact can be seen in the retail sector as there were no sale proceedings due to lockdowns. Mr Girish clearly explained the interdependence of various industries like automobile industry, small industries supplying electronic parts, rubber, iron and steel etc. He explained the Domino effect of the decline of one industry leading to the fall of others.

The School of Management Studies, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized a webinar on “Insights from Behavioural Economics in dealing with Covid-19 Crisis” on 8th June 2020 between 11.00 a.m and 12 noon. Dr. L. Venkatachalam, Professor (RBI Chair), Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai addressed the participants about the ways and means of facing the “New Normal” life and how to live with it. He elaborated on the role of rational decision making in dealing with the existing crisis using a pay-off matrix. He also reiterated that we have to behave in an environmentally friendly way in the Post-Covid-19 era and suggested the practice of environmental-friendly measures like Use of bicycle, Use of solar energy and Afforestation. 130 Participants benefitted from the Webinar.

The School of Management Studies, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli has organized a webinar on “Impact of Covid-19 on Indian Economy: the way forward” on 10th June 2020 between 10.30 a.m and 11.30 a.m. The speaker of the webinar Dr.K.Jothi Sivagnanam, Professor and Head, Department of Economics, University of Madras, Chennai addressed the participants on the impact of Covid-19 on the various sectors of the Indian Economy and the trade-off between saving the lives and saving the Economy. He elaborated the magnitude of unemployment manifested in different states of our country. 100 Participants attended the Webinar.

The Department of Economics conducted a National level E-Quiz on “Economics and Current Affairs” between 26th May 2020 and 31st May 2020 through Google form. The total number of participants was 610.

On 6th July 2020, the PG and Research Department of Economics, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli organized a National webinar on “India’s Turn towards self reliance, opportunity and challenges”. The resource person was Dr. P.Arunachalam, Professor, Department of Applied Economics, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin, Kerala.

The Chief Guest spoke about different types of economic system functioning in the world such as capitalism, socialism and the mixed economy. He elaborately discussed the economic development by comparing other countries with India.

On 13th July 2020, the PG and Research Department of Economics, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli organized an International webinar on “New Normal in Economic Development”. The resource person was Dr.Doris Padmini Selvaratnam, Associate Professor, and Head of Industry Community Liaison office, Faculty of Economics and Management, National University of Malaysia.

The speaker note included definitions of economic development, COVID-19 and its impact, poverty and New Norms. She explained what is development according to the famous economists like Adam Smith, Karl Marx, M.P. Todaro and United Nations. She also explained the fact that countries which followed equity, sustainability, productivity and employment were highly successful. Nearly 215 participants benefitted.

On 25th August 2020, the PG and Research Department of Economics, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli organized a National webinar on “Glimpses into life in the 21st century with emphasis on education and the

economy”. The resource person was Dr. Mrs. Anne Mary Fernandez ,Former Registrar of University of Madras, Former Vice Chancellor in charge/Registrar/Dean of Karunya University, Coimbatore, Former Head of Department, Department of Economics and Dean of Arts, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. The key objective of this webinar was to revisit economic theory in the light of the new emerging world of the 21st century, to orient students with the challenges of the 21st century and to prepare them to face the same.

Dr. Mrs. Anne Mary Fernandez presented a multi-disciplinary approach to review the political, social, economic and technological development of the 20th century and assessed their impact on the current world situation in the second decade of the 21st century. The webinar was live streamed on the college’s official YouTube channel HC Flamingo. Students and teachers of various colleges actively participated in the webinar. The total number of participants was 125.

On 7th October, 2020, the Department of Economics organized a webinar on “Farm Bills 2020: Rhetoric and Realities”. The resource person for the webinar was Dr. N. Rajasekaran, Principal, Sreevee College of Arts and Science, Dindigul. Dr. Rajasekaran stated the history and evolution of Indian Agriculture along with its characteristics. Topics like food deficit to food surplus, food crops vs commercial crops, mechanization and feminization of agriculture, crop loss, debt spiral and farmer suicide etc. were discussed in detail.

Nearly 115 Students and teachers from various colleges participated in the webinar.

On 21st October, 2020, the Department of Economics organized a webinar on “Glimpses Of Entrepreneurship” between 3.30 p.m and 5 p.m.. The resource person for the webinar was Dr. C. Madhavi, Former Professor and Head of the Department of Management Studies, Director of Distance Education, Annamalai University, Chidambaram. The resource person started her speech by explaining the meaning of the word ‘entrepreneur’ and its usage and implications before and during World War II and its usage in the 21st century.

On 28th November, 2020, the Department of Economics organized a webinar on “how to master the art of entrepreneurship”. The resource person for the webinar was Dr. S. Rajendran who is a successful entrepreneur . Dr. S Rajendran ,the speaker of the day emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship in the current scenario. He differentiated between a regular salaried job and entrepreneurship. He explained the advantages of being an entrepreneur.

On 30th January 2021, the Department of Economics organized a webinar on “Value of Money”. The resource person for the webinar was Dr. K Sivaramakrishnan, Director and CEO, Taoka group of companies, Chennai. He first explained the origin and history of money. He explained the evolution of money from barter system to gold and silver coins to paper money to plastic and digital money.

On 10th February, 2021, the Department of Economics organized a webinar on “From a student to an entrepreneur”. The resource person for the webinar was Mr. Charles P., Director and Founder, Kaarlo Training and HR Solutions Private Limited, Tiruchirappalli. He asked students regarding their plans after graduating from college and how productively they have utilised the lockdown period. He motivated students to follow their goals and to be brave. He also spoke about the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on students and how it helped few of them to come out of their comfort zones.

On 15th February, 2021, the Department of Economics organized a webinar on “BUDGET 2021... Never before? or Elusive”. The resource person for the webinar was Dr. S M Suriya Kumar, faculty of economics, Bharathidasan Institute of Management, Tiruchirappalli. He collected students’ opinion on the recent budget. He stated economist John Maynard Keynes’s quotation “The ideas of economists and political philosophers, both when they are right and when they wrong, are more powerful than is commonly understood. Indeed, the world is ruled by little else.” He explained the supply side and demand side approach to solve problems in the economy.

On 11th March, 2021, the Department of Economics organized a webinar on “HOW CAN YOU WIN”. The speaker for the webinar was Mr Adrian Dominic Periera, Manager, Scientific Publishing Services, Tiruchirappalli. Mr. Adrian Periera asked the students to analyse who they are and discover their true potential.

He said that everyone wants to be successful but what we fail to understand is that success is subjective in nature.

He also described various distractions that limit us from being successful such as addiction to mobile phones and other digital gadgets, complacent attitude, lethargy and lack of ambition.

ENGLISH, LANGUAGE LAB. & COMM. LAB

The activities for this academic year of the P.G. and Research Department of English, Holy Cross College started with a Pep talk on Care and Enhancement of Self during Pandemic on 5th June 2020 in Collaboration with The Fountain, Capuchin Institute of Counselling, Psychotherapy and Research, Krishnagiri. The chief guest was Rev.Fr.Arul Xavier, OFM Cap, from FOUNTAIN, Capuchin Institute of Counselling, Psychotherapy and Research, Krishnagiri. The Pep talk mainly focused on how to take care of oneself and what are all the physical and psychological impacts of lockdown.

The Pep talk was conducted on 5th June 2020 between 11 am to 12 pm in Google Meet Platform and Live streamed in Youtube. The session commenced with a Prayer service and welcome address proposed by Rev.Sr.Dr.Judy Gomez, Vice-Principal and Head of the Department of English, Holy Cross College, Trichy. The Resource person Fr.Arul Xavier addressed on the topic “Care and Enhancement of Self during Pandemic”. He expressed his views with the help of power point presentation which made the participants very active throughout the session. No. of beneficiaries : 345.

A Short Story Writing Contest was conducted on 27th June 2020 titled Family Bonding in Pandemic. All college students of different streams participated in the contest. The Three Best Short Stories were awarded the Certificate of Appreciation and the other participants received a certificate of participation. No. of beneficiaries: 168.

A Webinar on E- tools in English Language Learning was organised on 30th June 2020. The Resource Person was Mr. Sam Surya, Head, Department of English, Don Bosco College, Yelagiri Hills. He pointed out that learning through audio and video materials has become today’s trend and it will enhance and speed up the learning process. He also mentioned various resources that are available online.

A Webinar on Career Guidance was organised on 24th July 2020. The resource person Ms. Yazhini Murugan, an alumna of our College, spoke about the scope for further studies, financial literacy and decision making. Guidance was also given for students in becoming a freelancer in the fields of Human Resource, Marketing. She listed out the scope for further studies - M.B.A., Law, Journalism and Media Studies after they complete their B.A., English. No. of beneficiaries : 151.

A Webinar titled as Cultural Gap In Translation was organised on 8th August 2020. The resource person was Dr. Ramya Sampath, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Foreign Languages, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur, Chennai. It mainly concentrated on Translation studies and its comparison between the different cultural connotations of expressions of a language, cultural background of the language and how the original cultural flavor retain even after the translation.

A Webinar on Critical Reflections of Literature and Culture in Research was organised on 20th August 2020. The resource person was Dr. Shanthi Chitra, an alumna of our College, a Writer, who spoke on understanding culture is the passion of modern man and also a learned human behaviour pattern. She also pointed out that a writer plays a vital role in the way that ideas get interpreted.

A webinar was organised on 29th September 2020 on the topic Fantasy in Children’s Literature. The resource person Ms. Elizabeth Thomas, Associate Professor, Ethiraj College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai, spoke on the development and different aspects of children’s literature. She also spoke about the writers of children’s literature and on the themes, setting and background of Children’s Literature.

A National Webinar was organised on 20th October 2020 on the topic An Orientation to Literary Theory. The Resource person Prof. A. Joseph Dorairaj, Professor of English & Dean, School of English & Foreign Languages, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Deemed to be University; Dindigul, shared his ideas on Classical and Modern Literary Theory. He also insisted on the importance of the five main assumptions of classical theory.

A Webinar on the Dimensions of News Media in the Digital Era was organised on 28th October 2020. Dr. S. Nagarathinam, Professor and Head, Department of Communication, Kamaraj University, Madurai, was the resource person who highlighted the core values framed by the Ethical Journalism and accuracy, independence and impartiality as the most important values to be followed by a journalist. He then spoke about the current trends in Journalism, in particular - online media and micro blogging. 100 participants attended through google meet and 150 joined through You Tube.

A webinar was organised on 13th February 2021 on the topic Post Colonial Studies. The resource person was Dr. R. Qurshid Begam, Assistant Professor, Department of English, St. Joseph's College, Trichy. He explained the change that has happened with the turn of the century from Euro-centric perspective to non – Eurocentric perspective.

A webinar was organised on 27th February 2021 on the topic (Post) Structuralist Approach in English Language Teaching. The resource person was Dr. J. John Sekar, Associate Professor and Head, Department of English, American College, Madurai. He spoke on semantics, syntax, and the components of linguistics. He explained the types of grammar - Phrase Structure Grammar aids in learning sentence structure, Transformational grammar helps in transforming kernel into non- kernel sentences, Generative grammar deals with grammatically accepted sentences.

The activities of the department came to an end with the Valediction held on 13th March 2021 on the topic The Craft of Creative Writing. The resource person was Ms. P.V. Livia, Teach for India Fellow, Teacher Educator, Soft Skill Trainer and content Developer, Pune. She spoke on the various exercises to develop writing skill and how to motivate oneself to write every day.

The III B.A.English and PG students had participated and presented a number of papers in Conferences and Seminars. A total of 44 papers were presented by the UG and PG students and Ms. K. Abinaya of II B. A. English has published an article in Teenager Today Magazine.

LANGUAGE LAB & COMM. LAB

The Language Lab activities for the academic year 2020-2021 commenced under the directorship of Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Trichy.

Need based Programs and Workshops on Campus

The Language Lab of the Department of English, Holy Cross College organized a webinar on Google Classroom – The Know – How on 26th May 2020, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This was an exclusive hands-on webinar workshop for the faculty of Holy Cross College. Ms. N. Merlin Detsy Nithiya was the resource person for the session providing professional and lucid training to around 188 professors from various departments.

Holy Cross College in association with the British Council, India organized a Webinar on the topic 21st Century Skills on 9th July, 2020. Ms. Purbani Das, Academic Manager, Blended Learning, British Council, India was the resource person who spoke on Critical Thinking highlighting Digital Literacy. Around 300 Under Graduate and Post Graduate students participated and benefitted from the webinar.

As a part of the academic need, the team planned and prepared video lessons that focused on improving the LSRW Skills. The videos were made available to the students through an exclusive playlist title Language Lab Learning series through the College's official YouTube channel HC Flamingo. Students accessed the video at their flexible timing for language learning and these self-learning videos enhanced the learning that happened through the online mode.

671 intermediate level students of I years UG attended a mandatory Communication Skills class between 11th and 24th November 2020. Ms. Sherryl Jennifer Charles coordinated the course on Google Meet platform.

321 advanced level students of I year UG attended a mandatory Basics of Research Writing class between 11th and 24th November 2020. Ms. Ann Esther Shiny coordinated the overall session along with Ms. N. Merlin Depsy Nithiya who was the resource person for the Arts batch and Dr. P. Swarna Kumari for the Science batch on Google Meet platform.

A three month training on Basics in Communication for a batch of 6 Novices of the Holy Cross Congregation, Tiruchirappalli and Madurai Province was conducted from 23rd September to 22nd December 2020. Dr. M. Mary Jayanthi Coordinated the entire training along with the Language Lab team. All the 6 Novices were able to present a Bio-Sketch confidentially. They learnt the basic need and uses of the LSRW skills and would be able to happily use them in future.

Two – Week Basic Training on Everyday Communication for the Non-Teaching Staff was conducted from 20th January, 2021 to 5th February, 2021. Everyday Communication skills and their routine in English were taught through a few activities.

A Three - Month training on Basics in Communication for a Novice of the Holy Cross Congregation, Tiruchirappalli Province was conducted from 25th January to 30th April, 2021. Drafting a Bio-Sketch and basic needs and uses of LSRW Skills were taught which were beneficial to the Novice.

A 20 Hours Course on Effective Communication for the Non-Teaching Staff from 1st February, 2021 to 27th February, 2021 was conducted. The staff were taught to communicate in English effectively and made to watch videos online to develop the speaking skills.

A Two- day consultancy for Elementary Training to set-up a Language Lab for Holy Cross College of Education was provided to 4 staff members on 25th January 2021 and 2nd January 2021. By the end of the elementary training, all the 4 staff members had obtained an overall idea of how the Language Lab, is a working module. All the sessions for the academic year 2020 -2021 were coordinated by Dr. M. Mary Jayanthi, Co-ordinator, Language Lab along with the language lab team which included Ms. N. Merlin Depsy Nithiya, Assistant Professor, Teacher Member, Ms. Sherryl Jennifer Charles and Ms. A. Ann Esther Shiny, Language Instructors.

Ø Fashion and Costume Designing

The Department of Fashion and Costume Designing organized a webinar on ‘Shading Techniques’ on 10th March 2021 at 12.30. p.m. The webinar was conducted in Google meet and a separate Google meet link was shared to all the participants. Mrs.S.Uma Maheshwari, Assistant Professor & Head of the Department, College of Science and Humanities, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai was the Resource Person for the Webinar.

Mrs.S.Uma Maheshwari focused on the topic “Shading Techniques”. She gave a broad outline of the terms Shade and its Techniques. She spoke about various methods to be applied in creating a shade. She streamlined some examples of shade from her works.

The objective of the Webinar was to give the basic Knowledge about Shades and to develop Illustration skills. Students were asked to present their feedback at the end of the session. I and II UG students participated.

Ø French

The Department of French offered a 5 Day National level online crash course in French – Level 1 from 13th July 2020 to 17th July 2020 using the Google Meet platform. The online crash course commenced with a short prayer service. Ms. Sarah Ann White, Alumna and President of Student Council warmly welcomed the gathering. Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, blessed the event virtually with her Felicitation note. Ms. Hemalatha, Assistant Professor in French, designed and conducted the course. Basic communication in French was the goal of this crash course.

Participants were encouraged to participate in everyday quizzes and interactions during the course. Assignments were given at the end of every class. Students, Professionals and House wives participated from

Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal. They found that the crash course was interesting and useful. Out of 52 registrations, 33 participants completed the course successfully and were given e-certificates. At the end of the course, Ms. E. Shivaneei, Alumna, proposed the vote of thanks.

The valedictory ceremony of HOLFREST – the French Association was held on 13th March 2021 from 11 AM to 12.30 PM. The programme was conducted virtually through Google Meet platform and live streamed on HC Flamingo YouTube channel. During the occasion of the valediction, HOLFREST celebrated the International Francophonie Day (20th March) on 13th March 2021 which is the first day of the Francophonie week of the year. The meeting commenced with the blessings of the Almighty.

Ms. Hemalatha, Assistant Professor in French, warmly welcomed the virtual gathering and the Chief Guest, Dr. C. Thirumurugan, Associate Professor and Head, Department of French, School of Humanities, Pondicherry University. The resource person spoke on the topic “Francophonie – the French speaking community”. He elaborated about the history of Francophonie and the inclusiveness of the territories and the French language, International Organization of Francophonie and its functions, Importance of the musical language and its scope in the job market.

He highlighted the French words that are used in English. Students were given an online quiz and the prize winners were announced. Around 150 students benefitted out of this short lecture. Ms. R. Amala Monika (II BA English A), Joint Secretary of the Association, proposed the vote of thanks. The curtains were drawn for this academic year’s activities with the college anthem.

Ø Hindi

On 12th August 2020, The Department of Hindi, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized a National Webinar “Hindi ka Vaishvik Paridrishya” (The Global Scenario of Hindi) at 3 PM. The National webinar began with the welcome address by Ms. Maheswary. A, Assistant Professor of Hindi, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli. The keynote address was delivered by the resource person Dr. K. Jayalakshmi, Associate Professor, Department of Languages, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore. She focused on higher education and job opportunities through Hindi language in the global scenario. The Resource Person also spoke about a variety of issues and myths around the Hindi language and she illustrated the importance of the Hindi language to the participants.

The National webinar was conducted through Google meet platform. The webinar was also live telecast on the College official YouTube platform ‘HC Flamingo’ The National webinar was open to all Faculty, Research Scholars and Language Hindi Students. A total of 721 participants from all over the nation participated in the national webinar.

The session ended with an interactive question and answer session between the speaker and the participants.

On 11th January 2021, The Department of Hindi Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized an E-QUIZ on the celebration of “Vishva Hindi Diwas” (World Hindi Day). The Quiz was open to all Faculty, Research Scholars and Language Hindi Students. The E-Certificates were issued to all the 242 participants.

The valedictory function was held on 18th March 2021. Dr.S.Priti Latha, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Hindi, Lady Doak College, Madurai, spoke about “e-tools in Hindi “.

Ø History

The PG & Research Department of History in collaboration with All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) conducted a webinar on Migration and Human rights Dimensions during Covid-19 on 5th June 2020. The resource persons of the Webinar were Mr.Henri Tiphagne, Executive Director, People’s Watch Madurai and Amnesty Award Recipient and Mr.Thirumurugan Gandhi, Coordinator, May 17 Movement. The moderator of the programme was Dr. Bonita Lynette Cooper, Assistant Professor of History.

The focus of the webinar was to look into the impact of Covid-19 on migrants, risks of exploitative human rights situation and the need for Rights based approach to combat all forms of discrimination and human rights abuses coupled with the various ways, approaches to the justice system, seeking of redressal by the National Human Rights Commission and State Human Rights Commission. The webinar started with a prayer followed by felicitations by Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal of our College. A warm welcome was given by Rev. Sr. Dr. Rajakumari.P. Vice Principal & Head of the Department of History and she presented accolades of the resource persons who are great experts in the field of human rights.

Mr. Henri Tiphagne had put forth the plight of the migrants during the pandemic and also narrated the challenges the migrant workers faced with their exodus. He explained the ways and means of handling the crisis by the governmental machinery, the socio economic and livelihood problems and stressed the fact of the paltry sum of money doled out to the masses which was in deficit and only a miniscule of people got some benefits leaving the majority of the population in the doldrums.

The next resource person Mr.Thirumurugan Gandhi said the lockdown has disproportionately hurt marginalized communities due to loss of livelihood and lack of food, shelter, health, and other basic needs. The government has a responsibility to protect the health and well-being of the population, but some of these steps have left tens of thousands of people out-of-work, migrant workers stranded and thousands of homeless people who are in need of protection. 150 participants benefitted from the webinar.

The Department of History organized a webinar on Findings from excavations in Tamilnadu with specific reference to Keeladi on 30th June 2021. The resource person of the Webinar was Professor Sadasivan, Former Head, Department of History, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University.

Rev. Sr. Dr.Christina Bridget, Principal rendered the felicitation. A warm welcome was given by Rev.Sr. Dr. Rajakumari.P. Vice Principal & Head of the Department of History and she presented accolades of the resource person who is an expert in the archaeology whowas instrumental in the excavations of Keeladi which is now drawing a changed course in the history of Indian civilization.

Professor Sadasivan had narrated the prelude to excavations and how it prompted the archaeological department to start excavations in Keeladi.

Professor Sadasivan also said that the findings have also invited comparisons with the Indus Valley Civilisation which points to the similarities in urban planning between the Indus Valley and Keeladi. He quoted Professor Rajans' work where he referred to the cultural gap of 1,000 years between the two places which presents a cultural gap which was generally filled with Iron Age material in south India.

The Department of History conducted a webinar on "Constitution Day Celebration" on 26th November 2020 through Google Meet, presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget. The Resource persons were Dr.Neha Aneja, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Delhi, Dr.T.Asokan, Assistant Professor& Head Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Mr.Kamaraj Kanagavel, Director Kamaraj IAS Academy, Chennai. Rev Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal felicitated. A warm welcome was given by Rev. Sr. Dr. Rajakumari.P., Head of the Department of History and she presented a short exordium with accolades of the resource persons.

Dr.Neha Aneja had given an elaboration on the Legal and historical development of the Indian Constitution. In her rhetoric she stressed on how the Indian Constitution had evolved right from the Regulating Act of 1773 upto the Indian Independence Act of 1947. She stressed that the Constitution of a nation in essence is the adjectival rather than being substantive

Dr.T. Asokan spoke elaborately on the Preamble and called it as the Introduction letter of the Indian Constitution. The preamble was amended by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act in 1976, in which three new words Socialist, Secular, and Integrity were added.

The next resource person was Mr.K.Kamaraj, Director of Kamaraj IAS Academy who spoke on the Salient Features of the Indian Constitution, gave a prelude to the features of the Constitution by saying that the Constitution of India was a very dynamic creation of our lawmakers. Mr. Kamaraj said the Constitution is the lengthiest one that has incorporated various articles by taking inspiration from the various constitutions around the world and the parent document for drafting the Indian Constitution was the Government of India Act 1935.

The Department of History conducted a webinar in Commemoration of Martyrs Day on 29th January 2021 through Google Meet. The Resource person for the day was Dr. K. Venkataramanujam, Assistant Professor & Head Department of History, Madras Christian College, Chennai. The moderator of the programme was Ms.Jenisha Assistant Professor of History. The webinar started with a prayer followed by felicitations by Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal of our College.

Dr.Venkataramanujam had explained through his presentation the importance of Martyrs Day and what it took to become a martyr like Mahatma Gandhi. The Resource person said it was only Mohan Das Karamchand Gandhi who had the honorific name as “Mahatma”. It was Gandhi who had inspired many civil and freedom movements around the world the Pietermaritzburg and the Kathiawad incident had changed his life and out look to the urge to attain freedom.

The Department of History conducted a programme on “Usage of Artificial Intelligence for Communication Skills on 5th February 2021. The Resource Persons for the programme were Mr.Anand Vice President, Business Development and Ms.Megha Sreeram Sales and Development Manager from Learning Matters, who are pioneers in the field of Artificial Intelligence for Communication. Mr Anand and Ms. Megha had explained the importance of how artificial intelligence is the order of the day and the various ways it could be put to use in communication. 75 students of III UG and II PG benefitted.

The Department of History conducted an orientation programme on “Educating and Engaging Women Voters” on 12th February 2021 from 2 pm to 3 pm. The chief Guest of the programme was Mr.Sendhil, Commissioner cum Block Development Officer Thuraiyur Panchayat Union, Trichy District. The Resource person had elaborated on the history of women suffrage and the struggle encountered by women to achieve right to Vote. He said that though equal rights are still a distant dream.

The Department of History conducted an orientation programme on “How to face Competitive exam” on 10th March 2021 from 10am to 12pm. The chief Guest of the programme was Ms.Anitha Sheryl, Proprietor of AITD and Research Scholar in the PG & Research Department of History, Holy Cross College Tiruchirappalli. Ms,Anitha Sheryl spoke on the scope of History in the evolving world. She said that competitive exams require a certain mindset, stamina and understanding first that is an examination quite different from a regular school or college academic test.

A Career Development programme on “The Power Plan for Career Success” was organized by the Department of History on 10th March 2021 from 2pm to 3pm. The Chief Guest of the programme was Dr. N. Prassana, Coordinator Placement & Training Cell Bharathidasan University Tiruchirappalli.. Dr. Prassana categorized in his presentation the two fold career path vis employability and entrepreneurship. He said that the important thing to know about employability is career ownership,continuous life long learning, developing skills ability to obtain and maintain employment. He also narrated about the 12 skills that make one employable.

The Department of History arranged for a historical field visit to Gangaikondacholapuram on 5th February 2021. The following places were visited by the students Gangaikonda Cholapuram, Tranquebar, Nagore Dargah and Velankanni. 15 students and the teacher had started the trip at 5 am. The Art, Architecture & specialty of the temple were explained by our teacher and the history of the temple was explained by the temple priest. Students were allowed to explore and investigate the site in complete freedom and had acquired extensive knowledge.

The Department of History had arranged a field visit to Kodaikannal on 17th February 2021. The students had visited Shenbaganur throwing great light on flora and fauna of Kodaikannal, Shenbaganur museum is very impressive and highly alluring. The museum is situated at 5 km away from Kodai Lake and is also popular as Flora and Fauna Museum, The museum was established in 1895 and was taken care by Sacred Heart College. In the premises of this museum, there is an orchidarium where one can see vast collection of 300 species of native and original orchids. Also, the museum is famous for preserving well the fossils with a huge range of flora and fauna. Kodai Lake, one of the favorite attractions for tourists in Kodaikannal, is an artificial lake made in the shape of a star. It is located in the hub of the city. The name of this fantastic tourist spot in Kodai is terrifying but is very awesome and magnificent which is called Suicide Point, its name was changed to Green Valley View. Silent Valley View is another tourist spot can be witnessed on the way on Berijam Lake road. The natural beauty and panoramic place has a stronghold over its tourists for a long time. The visit was fun filled yet the students were engrossed in learning and exploring the world of unexplored history as well.

The Department of History had conducted a National Webinar on “Recent Trends in Historical Studies” held on 22nd March 2021 through Google Meet(<https://meet.google.com/ziy-raex-vwp>). The resource persons for the National Webinar were Professor Pius Malekandathil, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Dr.Burton Cleetus, Assistant Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The Resource person for the first session of the Webinar Professor Pius Malekandathil had spoken on the topic “New Trends in Maritime History”.

He had thrown open new areas of Maritime research which many historians have been conducting and made the participants think for further study on maritime history in areas to be explored like human activities, ship building, navigation, life of marines, coastal migration, maritime polity, pattern of urbanization and maritime archaeology.

The resource person for the second session of the National Webinar was Dr.Burton Cleetus, Assistant Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Professor Burton spoke on the topic “Cultural revivalism and therapeutic modern medicine in 20th century Travancore” He started his presentation by putting forth the idea as “ If we need to study the recent then we should look into the past” . Professor Burton had said that an individual needs to have critical thinking and this comes from philosophy and thinking rationally.

The Valedictory function was held on 11th March 2021. The programme commenced with prayer. The Chief Guest was Dr.S.Xavier Assistant Professor, PG &Research Department of History, Periyar EVR College, Tiruchirappalli. The Chief Guest explained through his presentation the various sources right from prehistory in relation to Inscriptions, Numismatics and Herostones. He presented the same with evidence via power point.

Ø Library and Information Science

One week National webinar was conducted on “Knowledge Access and Sharing:Opportunities and Challenges” from 8th June 2020 to 14th June 2020 organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University, Trichy and PG Dept. of LIS, Holy Cross College, Trichy jointly organized with ALA, Tamilnadu. 1,120 participants registered for this webinar.

The webinar was conducted on Google Meet; it was also telecast on Live YouTube. Dr.M.Dorairajan, President, ALA delivered Welcome address Prof.P.Manisankar, Vice-Chancellor Bharathidasan University, Trichy delivered the Inaugural address followed by Dr.Sr.Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Trichy has given felicitation. First Technical Session was started on 8th at June 11.30a.m. Dr.B.S.Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC, Bangalore has delivered a talk on the topic on “Technology Enabled Education: Myth or Reality”. Second Technical session started at 12.15p.m.on the same day. Topic on “Open Science and Open Data for Academic and Research Support” was delivered by Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan, Prof & Head, DLIS, Bharathidasan University, Trichy.Fourteen resource persons handled one session each, on different topics on “Knowledge

Access and Sharing: Opportunities and Challenges”. On the final day Prof.G.Gopinath- Registrar, Bharathidasan University, delivered the Valedictory address. Dr.Srinivasaragavan proposed the Vote of thanks.

On the eve of Teachers’ day, One week International webinar was conducted on “Knowledge Access and Sharing: Tools and Technologies for Higher Academic Research “ from 5th to 9th September 2020 organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University, Trichy and PG Dept. of LIS, Holy Cross College, Trichy jointly organized with University of Jaffna, Srilanka. More than 1,400 participants registered for this webinar. The webinar was conducted on Google meet; it was also telecast Live on YouTube. Dr.S.Srinivasaragavan, Librarian & Head, Bharathidasan University delivered Welcome address. Prof.P.Manisankar, Vice-Chancellor Bharathidasan University, Trichy delivered the Inaugural address followed by Vice Chancellor University of Jaffana, Srilanka offered felicitation. Fourteen resource persons handled one session each on different topics.

All the resource persons gave 360 degree coverage on “Knowledge Access and Sharing: Tools and Technologies for Higher Academic Research” On the final day Prof. G.Gopinath, Registrar, BDU delivered the presidential address. Dr.R.Maheswaran Librarian University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka offered felicitation. Senior Prof. M.K.Weerasinghe Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka delivered the Valedictory Address. Dr.A.Senthamilselvi proposed the Vote of thanks. 450 participants attended the webinar.

A workshop was conducted exclusively for the Library science students and Library staff members on 13th October 2020 titled “Workshop on Accessible E-Book Production”. Mr. Mr.G.Kumaresan, Outreach and Training Consultant Book share India and Assistive Technology Trainer, Chennai was the resource person. The workshop was conducted online through zoom platform. He discussed the method of converting the inaccessible e-content or print content into editable e-content using appropriate OCR, specific to languages. A total of 6 students and staff attended.

PG department of Library and Information Science and Central library of Holy Cross College jointly organized National Webinar on Mapping Techniques for Scientometric Studies, on 25th January 2021. Dr.M.Surulinathi, Assistant Professor, DLIS Bharathidasan University was the resource person of the webinar. He discussed the importance of scientometric studies and various software used for mapping techniques for Scientometric Studies. The session was highly interactive. The webinar was conducted online through Google Meet platform. A total of 110 faculty and students across the country attended the webinar.

A Training program was conducted exclusively for the Library science students and Library staff members on 3rd February 2021 titled “Training Program on Accessible E-Book Production”. Mr. Mr.G.Kumaresan, Outreach and Training Consultant Book share India and Assistive Technology Trainer, Chennai was the resource person. The training was conducted online through zoom platform. He discussed the method of converting the inaccessible e-content or print content into editable e-content using appropriate OCR, specific to languages. He clarified the doubts of students and staff members. 6 students and staff attended.

The valediction of CLISA (Crossians Library and Information Science Association) was held on 18th March 2021. A formal prayer was evoked followed by the welcome address. Ms.M.Dhayalinidass the student secretary read out the report. Dr.R.Balasubramani, Associate Professor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli was the Chief Guest. In his address he stressed the importance of Intellectual property Rights. He touched upon the various aspects of Copyrights and Related Rights, their duration, fair use etc. And also he discussed the Importance of Research and Innovation”. 15 Library staff and students attended the Workshop. Mr.M.Mohanakrishnan proposed the vote of thanks.

Ø Mathematics

The inaugural meeting was held on 23rd June 2020 for electing the office bearers of the Mathematics Association for the academic year 2020-2021. A webinar was held on 30th June 2020 through Google Meet and Youtube. Dr. A. Nagoor Gani, Associate Professor, PG & Research Department of Mathematics, Jamal Mohamed

College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli gave a lecture on the topic “Optimization Models Using Fuzzy Numbers”. The lecture primarily focused on Optimization models and it gave a brief idea about fuzzy production quantity models and fuzzy supply chain model. The participants gained knowledge about fuzzy linear system of equation and fuzzy linear programming problem; algorithm for Motzkin Elimination method with the help of numerical illustration. The number of participants was 365.

In order to motivate the participants in the field of research , a state level webinar was organized by the Mathematics Department on 25th July 2020 on the topic “Application of various divisions of Mathematics in Graph Theory”. Dr. Anjaly Kishore, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Vimala College(Autonomous), Trissur, Kerala, was the resource person. The ideas for research especially on application of Topology and Linear algebra in Graph theory were discussed in this webinar. Madam explained about graph embedding in topological spaces along with few restrictions for it; Jordan curve theorem, Jordan Schonflies theorem based on the same. She, then, mentioned about the application of Linear algebra on Graph Theory. No. of beneficiaries 145.

A webinar was conducted on 1st August 2020, on the topic “Designing Finite State Automata” through Google Meet. Dr. T. Rajaretnam, Head and Associate Professor, PG & Research Department of Mathematics, St. Joseph’s College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, was the resource person. He gave detailed explanation on string catenation, transition diagram and regular expressions. He mainly focused on designing finite automata discussing the classification of Automata such as Deterministic Finite State Automation (DFA) and Non-Deterministic Finite State Automation (NFA) with an appropriate illustrations.

The Department of Mathematics organized a webinar on the topic ‘Influencing Strategies’ on 21st October 2020. The Resource Person was Mr. Jesuraja, Co- founder and CEO, Pepperlearn Enlightenment Solution Pvt. Ltd., Salem, Tamilnadu. To inculcate in the students the knowledge on Mathematics applications in current scenario, Two days International seminar was organized on 16th & 17th November 2020 on the topic “Present Trends in Applications of Mathematics” with four Technical Sessions. Dr. A. Tamilselvan, Professor and Head, Chair, School of Mathematical Sciences, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, inaugurated the international seminar through mathematical modeling on 16th November 2020.

The first technical session was commenced by Dr. M.P. Kulandaivel, Professor, Mathematics Section, Department of Information Technology, University of Technology and Applied Sciences - Al Mussanah, Sultanate of Oman. He spoke on the topic “Advances in the applications of differential equations” which kept the audience spell bound. Dr. S. Rajeshwari, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Presidency University, Bangalore, handled the Technical Session II on the topic “Application of Complex Analysis in Science and Engineering”.

In the talk delivered the resource person insisted that complex numbers find greater applications in the complex field of physics, Computer science, Electrical and Mechanical area, thereby motivating the audience to contribute substantially in the above areas by the use of complex functions.

On 17th November 2020, the second day of International seminar, Technical Session III was handled by Dr. Rajendran Swamidurai, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer science, Alabama State University, United States of America, on the topic “Mathematics for big data analysis”. The resource person elucidated the exponential growth of big data and its vast opportunities also emphasized the bright future for the mathematicians in the field of big data analysis. Technical Session IV was handled by Dr. Mary George, Associate Professor and Head (Rtd), Department of Mathematics, Mar Ivanios College, Trivandrum, on the topic “The profound applications of Mathematics: From ‘Counting’ to ‘Covid-19’ and beyond”. This session discussed the applications of mathematics in various fields like satellite navigation, weather prediction, population dynamics, construction, air transportation, traffic optimization, finance and banking, speech recognition, ATM security etc. The lecture mainly focused on applications in medical sciences and the role of the fuzzy Mathematics in detail in the pandemic situation of COVID-19. After the technical sessions, 32 research papers were presented by the participants after scrutinizing the research papers received all over India and the papers were also published in UGC-CARE list journals.

To make the students aware about the job opportunities, a webinar on ‘Career Guidance’ was conducted on 28th January 2021. The Resource person was Mr. Rajendran, Director, ICON’s IAS Academy, Thillai Nagar, Trichy. The lecture detailed about the job opportunities available in Central Government and State Government exclusively for mathematics students and insisted on the importance of communication skills and resume writing to get a good job.

The next meeting was organized by the Mathematics Association on 16th February, 2021 titled “Self Directed Learning”. The resource person was Ms. R. Roseline Mary, Assistant Professor, CHRIST Deemed to be University, Bangalore, Karnataka, India. The guest lecture strongly motivated the students that they are capable of self- directed learning and must try to develop the skill of self-directed learning; also suggested popular online resources for self- directed learning.

Ø Physics

The webinar on “Terahertz Spectroscopy: Forbidden Gap Transforming into Advanced Applications” was on 9th June 2020. Dr. Kamaraju Natarajan, Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Sciences, IISER, Kolkata was the resource person. The speaker started his speech by quoting Einsteins’s words. Then he started talking about the importance of Terahertz in the region of electromagnetic spectrum. He pointed out why one needs such Terahertz spectrum in the application of real world. In the second part of his talk, he discussed the different types of analysis available in the Terahertz spectroscopy. Total number of beneficiaries: 211 [193 Students + 18 Staff].

The Webinar on “Laser and Material Interaction for Engineering And Applications” was organized on 28th July 2020 through Google Meet platform. Rev. Sr. (Dr.). A. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College(Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli presided over the session. The resource person was Lt.Dr. A. Viswanathan, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Anna University-Bit Campus, Tiruchirappalli. Dr. Inigomary Rita. A, Head of the Department of Physics, welcomed the online gathering and introduced the speaker to the participants. The speaker started his talk with the fundamentals of Laser- Material interactions with the interaction of electromagnetic radiation with matter and how this interaction affects the optical properties of the materials. Total number of beneficiaries: 243[225 Students + 18 Staff].

The webinar on “Nanoscience: Present and Future Prospects” was organized on 29th September 2020 through Google Meet platform. Dr. M. Kumaresavan, PI, Nanomaterials Laboratory, Department of Physics, National College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli was the resource person. The resource person initiated the virtual handing over ceremony and wished good luck to the newly elected student association leaders of the academic year 2020 – 2021.

Dr. M. Kumaresavanji started his presentation by exploring the scale of universe that took the participants on a ride down to the smallest thing theorized by various scientists. He discussed the nanoparticles, nanotubes, nanowires based on its dimensions. He spoke about the allotropes of carbon, optical behavior of gold nanoparticles and explained about the preparation of nanotubes by sol-gel method. The overall session focused on the significance of Nanomaterials and applications. Finally he concluded the session on how nanomaterials would take a different dimension in the future which was an eye opener to the participants. Total number of beneficiaries: 237 [225 Students + 12 Staff].

The webinar on “Astronomy: Excitement, Challenges & Opportunities” was organized on 14th October 2020 through Google Meet Platform. The resource person was Dr. C. Stalin, Professor, Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bangalore..

For the first time, the PG and Department of Physics launched its maiden magazine “Magphy 2020” teaser. The innovative idea of Magphy 2020 magazine was introduced to tap the potential of the students in the field of Physics and to provide a platform to exhibit their innovative ideas in the form of articles (e.g.: Essay, Cartooning, Pencil Sketching, Painting, Poem, Puzzles, Riddles, Memes etc.,).

The teaser of Magphy 2020 was released by the Chief Guest, Dr. C. Stalin, Professor, Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bangalore and he appreciated the students' contribution of various forms of articles towards the magazine. The speaker started his speech by giving an introduction on Astronomy, Astrophysics and Astronomers followed by the importance of astronomical research in industries and study of objects in the Universe. He spoke about the various challenges and opportunities available in the field of astronomy and astrophysics. Dr. C. Stalin also encouraged the students to take up research in the field of astrophysics. A total of 237 [225 Students + 12 Staff] participants attended the webinar with great enthusiasm.

The webinar on "Novel Materials and its Applications" was organized on 8th October 2020. The guest speaker of the day was Dr. P.Jaikumar, Assistant Professor, PG & Research Department of Physics, National College (Autonomous), Trichy. He explained about the importance of material science, nanoscience and thin film.

He listed the various applications of crystals, nanomaterials, metals and alloys, superconductors and ceramic materials. He concluded his lecture by talking about the significance of research in the field of material science. About 110 students and 12 staff attended this webinar through Google Meet Platform.

DOC FEST 2020 was organized by Ms. A. Jasmin Banu, Ms. S. Babiyana and Ms. N. Jayalakshmi, Assistant Professors of Physics, PG and Research Department of Physics, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli on 15th October 2020. The DOC FEST 2020, a documentary competition, was conducted in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Dr. A. Inigomary Rita, Head of the Department of Physics and Ms. I. Mary Clementia, Assistant Professor of Physics were the panel of judges for the DOC FEST 2020. A total of 42 participants (21 teams - 9 teams from 'A' section and 12 teams from 'B' section) took part in this competition and screened their documentary video based on the topic "JOURNEY OF THE MISSILE MAN – DR. A.P.J. ABDUL KALAM". DOC FEST 2020 turned out to be an excellent opportunity for the students to exhibit their talents and creativity through Information & Communications Technology (ICT). The judges congratulated all the students for their enthusiastic participation and encouraged them to keep up their spirit.

The webinar on "Menstrual Cycle and Hygiene Management" was organized by PG and Research Department of Physics, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli on 7th December 2020 through Google Meet platform. The resource person was Dr. V. Vijaya, MBBS., DGO.,. The speaker started her presentation by highlighting the different stages involved in a female reproductive life cycle from Puberty to Menopause. She discussed the different phases in a menstrual cycle and also recommended the students to maintain a period diary so that it would be helpful to analyse their regularity of periods. More than 252 students and 18 staff participated with great enthusiasm and interacted with the speaker and clarified their doubts.

The Department of Physics in association with Vigyan Prachar, DST, TNSSTC, AriviyalPalagai, Trichy Astro Club, Physics Departments of Bishop Heber College, Trichy, National College, Trichy, Jamal Mohamed College, Trichy and Nehru Memorial College, Puthanampatty, organized a ZOOM online live programme of Great Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn on 20th December 2020 at 6.30 p.m. More than 252 students and 18 staff attended the programme through ZOOM platform and Youtube.

The webinar on "Emerging Trends in Research" was organized by PG and Research Department of Physics, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli on 27th January 2021 through Google Meet platform. The resource person, Dr. A. Nancy Anna Anasthasiya, Research Associate, IGCAR, Kalpakkam, began her presentation with a brief introduction about research and its importance in education. The speaker emphasized that research is a systematic work to be carried out to increase the stock of knowledge, and only hard work and smart thinking will lead to success in this field. A total of 243 (225 students and 18 staff) participated.

The "International Webinar on Advanced Functional Materials (IWAFM) 2021" was organized on 15th February 2021 through Google Meet Platform. The International Webinar began by invoking the blessings of the Almighty through the prayer service followed by the Presidential Address by Rev. Sr. (Dr.).A. Christina Bridget,

Principal after the Welcome Address by Dr. A. Inigomary Rita, Head of the Department of Physics, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy. The Inaugural address was delivered by Dr.A. Dennyson Savariraj, Research Professor, Sunchon National University, South Korea. He welcomed all the delegates contributing to this International Webinar from different corners of the globe and also briefed about the objectives of the IWAFM 2021 and its vision.

Dr. A. Jenifer Christy, Assistant Professor of Physics introduced the first speaker of the session, Dr.A. Dennyson Savariraj, Research Professor, Sunchon National University, South Korea. Dr.A. Dennyson Savariraj started his presentation on the topic “Advances in Engineering Metal-Organic Frameworks for Energy Storage Applications”. He explained that Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) are a class of crystalline materials with enhanced porosity, low densities and large internal surface areas with structural and functional tunability.

Dr. J. Emima Jeronisa, Assistant Professor of Physics introduced the second speaker, Dr. Vijayshankar Asokan, Researcher, Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden. Dr. Vijayshankar Asokan elaborated on the topic “Electron and Hole Transport Layers in Perovskite Solar Cells (PSC)”. He discussed the generations of solar cells, photovoltaic principle and the basic parameters of a solar cell such as the short circuit current, open circuit voltage, solar cell efficiency, fill factor and power.

The third session of the webinar was chaired by the speaker Dr.G. Kalaiselvan Ganesan, Research Associate, Quantum Matter, Department of Physics, The Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, and Ms. M. D. Mercy Jennifer, Assistant Professor, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy, introduced the speaker to the participants. He began his presentation on the topic “Pressure Effect on High T_C Super Conductors”. He discussed the Meissner effect, BCS theory and then explained about the superconductors, history, classification, various superconductivity elements, other new superconductors and application of superconductors.

-MAGPHY Release and Valedictory Function was organized by the Department of Physics, on 22nd March 2020. The function started with the welcome address by Ms. S. Babiyana, Assistant Professor of Physics. The resource person was Professor M. Senthilvelan, Head of the Department of Nonlinear Dynamics, Bharathidasan University.

He released the MAGPHY magazine and appreciated the students’ overwhelming contribution of articles towards the magazine. He wished Dr.(Mrs).Inigo Mary Rita, Head of the Department, and her staff all success in exploring the new horizons in Teaching-Learning process through this MAGPHY. He congratulated the staff and student association leaders for their hard work and dedication that has resulted in the publication of MAGPHY. Ms. A. Jasmin Banu, Physics Association President and Assistant Professor of Physics, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy, delivered the vote of thanks. Total No. of beneficiaries: 180.

Ø Psychology

One day National webinar on Stress Coping Mechanism was conducted on 28th July 2020. The resource person was Dr. A. Mathalaimuthu, Faculty, Concepts IAS Academy, Chennai. There were 80 participants consisting of students, research scholars and faculty members from various institutions. Introduction to stress and coping mechanism, types of coping strategies, general classification of coping mechanism, Sources of stress, effects of stress and how to manage the stress were discussed. The participants found it very useful to handle the problems faced during the Pandemic Covid-19.

One day national webinar on Skills for Life: Post Covid-19 Lock Down was conducted on 12th August 2020. The resource person was Dr. D.V. Nithyanandhan, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Periyar University, Salem. The total no. of participants was 61. Students, research scholars & faculty from various institutions had participated in the webinar. Introduction to what we know about covid-19, symptoms, preventions, impacts of covid-19, covid-19 stressors and stress symptoms, coping with stress during covid-19, how to practise social

distance were discussed. Tips and skills to cope with quarantine stress and stay safe were given.

A two day national webinar on “Neuro Linguistic Programming” was conducted on 26th & 27th August 2020. The resource person was Mr. Seethalakshmi Sivakumar, Managing Director of Emocare Chennai. Students, research scholars and faculty from various institutions were the participants. The total no. of participants was 69. Introduction to the NLP, the methodology of NLP, NLP communication model, basic principles of NLP, advantages of NLP were discussed. Tips and skills were taught through exercises. Games were conducted for the better understanding of the content and active involvement by the participants.

One day national webinar on “Sickness is Emotion Staying in Body” was conducted on 7th September 2020. The resource person was Dr. Fr. Wilson, Director, Anugraha Institute of Counseling Psychotherapy & research, Dindigul. 129 participants attended including Students, Research Scholars and faculty from various institutions. The mind body relationship, relation of emotion to health, how our emotions affect our health, characteristics of Vaata Dosha, Pitta Dosha, Kaba Dosha were discussed.

One day national webinar on “Mental Health For All -Greater Investment Greater Access” was conducted on 10th October 2020. The resource person was Dr. Suresh Kumar Murugesan, Head, Department of Psychology, The American College, Madurai. The total number of participants was 45. Students, research scholars and faculty from various institutions had participated in the webinar.

Introduction to Gestalt Therapy, the important concepts such as Holism, Field theory, Figure formation process and organismic self-regulation were discussed. The session included games and exercises. The interpersonal and intrapersonal conflict, warring factors and the power of subconscious mind and how the unfulfilled wishes of the infancy creates imbalance in the personality were also dealt with in the webinar.

Halcyon Club Inauguration

Halcyon club was inaugurated on 2nd December 2020. The resource person was Sr. Josephine Dolly Mole, Counsellor of Holy Cross College, Trichy. The importance of the field of Psychology and the role of counsellors in the society were given to the students. The students were encouraged and motivated to work with conviction as counsellors.

Two days guest lecture on Transactional Analysis and Gestalt Therapy was conducted on 26th January and 1st February 2021. The resource person was Sr. Josephine Dolly Mole, student counselor of the Holy Cross College Trichy. The total number of participants was 73. Students from Rehabilitation Science and Psychology department attended this guest lecture. In the first day session, the programme began with the prayer service by the students of Psychology. Then the session was handed over to the chief guest Sr. Josephine. The introduction of the transactional analysis and its types, basics, ego states and its types, transactions and its types, strokes and need for strokes, types of strokes were discussed. In the second day session introduction of gestalt therapy, holism, empty chair technique were discussed. The session concluded with the vote of thanks.

Field Visit to Socsead

The IPG students of the Department of Psychology along with Sr. Bridget Chelladurai visited SOCSEAD. Sr. Bridget Chelladurai gave a session on “Handling Emotions” to the members of the de-addiction program. Various techniques to handle the emotions when discharged from the program such as breathing exercises, meditation, listening to songs, walking and cycling were explained. The inmates found the session very useful. The students observed that the longing for raising hope and getting better in life was deeply imprinted in them to work for their up-liftment.

The students were exposed to the reality how an addiction can ruin one’s life and role of psychologists. They students were immensely pleased by the immediate results among de-addicts hoping for the good long term effects. They comply to implement things they have learned for their career.

Ø Rehabilitation Science

Opportunities don't happen. You create them. The secret of success is to do uncommon things in unusual times. True to these words the department has once again continued with its hat trick record of successfully conducting THREE FDP CRE PROGRAMMES on themes of relevance to the pandemic situation with special focus on empowering and enabling the lives of the differently abled. They include

The PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science organized a two days International FDP webinar titled Choices and Challenges and of Persons with Special needs during COVID 19- Action and Advocacy on 2nd & 3rd July 2020.

The two special invitees Dr Subodh Kumar Member secretary, RCI and Dr.Himangshu Das Director NIEPVD who in their inaugural and key note address respectively acknowledged the commendable initiative of the department also stressed on the need to address the physical emotional and social needs of the differently abled and the selfless role of Rehabilitation professionals in this pandemic crisis.

The inaugural session was followed by the most invigorating and enlightening part of the webinar were in the series of invited lectures were given by our distinct Alumnae from USA, Australia, Dubai, Canada and Cayman Islands. Spanning over 2 days a record of 13 invited lectures, served to be great food for thought, diverse and intense and undoubtedly this international webinar was fortunately blessed to have the best brains among our alumnae as key speakers to share their expertise and skills to reach out to the participants with the rich flow of knowledge.

The hallmark of the international webinar was the short and succinct valedictory address by Dr.Nachiketa, who highlighted the need to create an accessible and affordable environment roping in the effective use of technological innovations which cannot be given a back seat as it is the need of the hour.

The PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science planned and conducted a three days international FDP Webinar on the topic “(Dis) Ability Across Disciplines – Best Practices” from 5th to 7th July 2020 particularly to discuss the various disability paradigms across time, assessing the relative contribution of the socio ecological perspective in guiding to improve the lives of persons with disabilities and to create equal opportunity, economic self-sufficiency, and full participation for persons with disabilities.

Ms. Latha Secretary, Tamil Nadu Textbook & Educational Services Corporation, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai delivered the special address. She acknowledged the commendable initiative of the department and also stressed on the need to address the physical emotional and social needs of the differently abled and the selfless role of Rehabilitation professionals in this pandemic crisis. The inaugural session was followed by a series of resourceful and vibrant lectures by distinct key speakers who addressed the participants with their experiential learning and resourceful field practices on the theme of the webinar.

The FDP CRE - International Webinar on Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Persons with Disabilities- Vision For The Future was held from 24th -26th February 2021 by the PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science.

24th February 2021 marked the inaugural day of the International Webinar wherein there was a conglomeration of around 170 participants comprising of Rehabilitation Professionals, Special Educators, Intervention Therapists, Research Scholars, Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists, Physicians, and Students from various countries and deliberations on “Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Persons with Disabilities – Vision for the Future”. Dr.Himangshu Das, Director, NIEPVD Dehradun, India delivered the Key note address. He addressed the participants on the topic “Cultivating Innovators & Entrepreneurs: Special Reference to PwDs”. He highlighted on how to cultivate innovators/entrepreneurs, capacity building, barriers and way forward.

On 26th February the valedictory address was given by Mr. Dipan Kumar Sahu, Asst. Innovation Director, Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, & AICTE, New Delhi, India who addressed about Entrepreneurship

towards self-reliance. Dr.G.Sasikala& Assistant Professor, PG and Research Department of Rehabilitation Science delivered the note of gratitude to all. The session came to an end with the National Anthem.

The PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College organized three days' webinar series on Actions Speak Louder than Words – Sign Language from 26th May to 28th May 2020 for the students, faculty, special educators and professionals to create an Inclusive Society. Ms. Elizabeth Jemima, Trainer, Youth4Jobs, Holy Cross College, Trichy was the resource person. The main focus of the series was to help the participants to use sign language to enhance their interaction with people with hearing impairment and their family members. It also focused on increasing the skill set of the participants for career development.

The Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College organized an international webinar on 'Effective Teaching Strategies For Young Learners' on 27th July 2020 from 9.00 a.m to 12.00 noon. This webinar was organized exclusively for school teachers and special educators to enrich themselves with the knowledge and skills to educate and empower Young learners. Ms. Leema Antony, Early Childhood Educator, St. Bartholomew's Private Christian School, Poway, California, US was the resource person.

In her talk she highlighted the various teaching methodologies and learning styles of children that are commonly used in different types of schools. She also addressed how to handle diverse learners in the classroom and the qualities a teacher should possess in order to incorporate effective teaching strategies in the classroom.

The Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College and the Department of Women Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli envisioned this collaborative venture as part of its MoU agreement to organize two days UGC sponsored International Webinar on Sustainable Development Goals and the Marginalised During the Covid-19 Pandemic: Rehabilitation Measures and Best Practices on 13th & 14th August 2020.

The two days International webinar began on 13th July with the special invites Dr. Pranam Dhar, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Commerce & Management, West Bengal State University, Barasat and Dr. (Mrs). Lingesiya Kengatharan, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, who were the key speakers.

Dr.N. Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women Studies And Dean, Faculty of Arts, BDU rendered the inaugural address. She acknowledged the commendable initiative of the departments and also stressed on the need to address the 17 sustainable development goals for the marginalized. She stressed on the importance of focussing on the SDGs and also emphasised on the constructive role of the academic fraternity and the Rehabilitation professionals in promoting the goals especially during this pandemic crisis.

The most invigorating part of the webinar was the special address delivered by the special invitee of the day Dr.PranamDhar, in which he highlighted the Schemes and Welfare Measures for persons with disabilities in West Bengal. He made an elaborate outline of the varied schemes and emphasised on the need to make these schemes and welfare measures operational through committed efforts. The closing lecture of the first day was delivered by Dr.(Mrs). LingesiyaKengatharan on the topic Impact of economy during covid-19 on SMEs in Sri Lanka. It was a very resourceful sharing packed with a lot of useful information on the adverse impact of the pandemic crisis in varied sectors of the SMEs and the remedial measures being planned and advocated to promote the quality of life of people in the SMEs.

On the second day of the webinar the first invited talk was by Dr.Dure Najaf, Assistant Professor from Muscat College, Oman . Her lecture on Status of Women Entrepreneurs in Oman was an explicit presentation of the key initiatives facilitated towards the economic upliftment of women, capacity building of their entrepreneurial skills and the varied employment ventures that contributed to their wellbeing through illustrative case studies.

The final lecture of the webinar was the lecture on inclusive education for children with special needs during the covid crisis with special reference to the success stories at kangaroo kids and billabong schools in Mumbai by Ms. SachuRamalingam, Director and Quality Assurance, Kangaroo Kids, Eurokids Group, Mumbai.

Her talk brought to light the challenges in mainstreaming and also the affordable strategies and methods that facilitated the success of including these special kids in the inclusive schools.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Parent Training Program

In tune with the curricular demands the students of II M. Sc. Rehabilitation Science organized a 2 hours' online workshop at Google Meet for "Parents of Children with Special Needs" on 28th October 2020 (2pm – 4pm). Mrs. Sindhu Sundar, Director of Pravag Transitional center, Tiruchirappalli, Director of Krishna's Special School, Bangalore, was the Resource Person for the program. The parents from Dolphin's Special School and Pravag Transitional Center were the beneficiaries.

The Speaker Mrs. Sindhu Sundar the Director of Pravag Transitional Center, Trichy & Krishna's Special School, Bangalore spoke on the topic "Bringing out the talents from the children with special needs". It was an amazing session. Parents came out with questions; she clearly explained their questions and made the parents more involved during the session. The session came to end with the vote of thanks.

Invited Lectures

Invited Lecture on Language and Speech Intervention Strategies for Children with Special Needs

As a part of Hearing Impairment – Multi Disciplinary Aspects practical paper we had 1-hour webinar on Language and Speech Intervention Strategies for Children with Special Needs. Associate Professor from the Department of Rehabilitation Science Mrs. Turin Martina organized an invited lecture on 22nd October 2020. Ms. Vani Mahadevan explained that motor milestone is more important than language milestone.

She also explained the components of language which includes, Semantics, Syntax, Pragmatic, Morphology and Phonology. The structural aspects of language are Semantics – Study of Word meaning. E.g., Using flashcard of rabbit picture with its name. Phonology – Study of Sounds (spoken language). Phonology is a speech correction. Pragmatics – Language Intermittent, it comes under communication (purpose of language). E.g., Turn Taking. Then she moved on to the topic of Speech Articulation – Nasal components are producing sounds well. E. g, Travelers.

Virtual Learning Programmes

The Rehab Wings organized Virtual Awareness Program on Inclusion of People with Disabilities in Vocational Training on 19th January 2021. The session started with a welcome note by Aarthi.P student of III - B.Sc. Ms. Abishega and Ms. Megha, Youth4Jobs, were the Resource Persons. The resource persons spoke on the importance of Vocational Training, enhancement of vocational skill among persons with disability, different types of Vocational Courses that are available for person with special needs, Youth4Jobs, Registration for Employment card, Vocational Training and so on. They also focused on increasing the skills for career opportunity. Participants had raised their doubts like location of Youth4Job and registration of PWDs after the completion of higher studies.

The Rehab Wings organized Virtual Awareness Program CBR Awareness Programme on Challenges of Persons with Special Needs-Covid Crisis on 11th December 2021 from 1:30 - 2:30pm. The main focus of the awareness programme was to acknowledge the challenges of persons with Special Needs during Covid Crisis. The students from first and second UG participated in the online awareness programme. The session started with the prayer service to invoke Gods blessings. Ms. Oviya from III B.RSc. Rehabilitation welcomed the gathering. The resource person Alice Mary Ann D started the presentation with the positive note. She presented her views on the challenges of the special needs during covid 19. Her presentation about challenges of the people with special needs was divided into three different categories namely physical, educational and psychological.

The Rehab Wings organized Virtual Awareness Program CBR Awareness Programme on Disability is an Ability (Education for Differently Abled), on 3rd February 2021 from 11.00 am to 12.p.m. The invited Guest Speaker was Mrs.Praveena Carmel Director, The Dolphin Special School & The Segull Training Centre Trichy&Thanjavur. She spoke about the importance of education for the students with disability, educational scheme provided by the central and state government for the students with special needs and mam also spoke about the important of vocational training and highlighted Vocational Education which helps people in the better performance of their jobs as they acquire a great learning experience.

The Rehab Wings organized Virtual Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programme on preparing adult with intellectual disability for vocational training on 7th March, 2021. The invited Guest Speaker was Ms. Nivethitha, Special Educator and Student Counselor, Chettinad Public School, Karaikudi. She highlighted on Vocational Education which helps disabled person in the better performance of their jobs as they acquire a great learning experience. She also explained basic academics, work place behavior, employability, sex education, self-advocacy, ecological, clinical, multi-sensory approach, availability of employment for individuals with special needs.

The Rehab Wings organized Virtual CBR Awareness Programme on “Skill Development for Adolescent Girls with Disabilities” on 12th March, 2021. The guest speaker Ms. Mariyammal, MRSC, Special Educator Vivekananda Vidyalaya CBSE School. Thirupanthurai. She explained about adolescence and its three psychosocial phases like early adolescence, middle adolescence and late adolescence. In these phases how the skills are developed and how to train adolescent girls with special needs. She also explained about 5 I’s of adolescence that is independence, Identity, Intimacy, Integrity, and Intellect.

The Rehab Wings organized Virtual CBR Awareness Programme on “The Impact of Covid-19 on Persons with Disabilities” on 13th March, 2021. The session was handed over Ms. Anitha Mary A.K. She dealt with pandemic period how online learning has been implemented worldwide. She also told about individual need to foster an inclusive and supportive online educational system.

Workshops Conducted

Associate Professor of PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science Dr. Sheila Christopher organized the workshop on IEP & Lesson Plan. Dr. M. Nageswari, (SEN Co/Special Educator Our Own English High School Dubai-UAE) was the Resource person for the webinar. She spoke on the topic “The Art of Writing IEP & Lesson Plan”.

The Resource person explained 6 Principles for IEPs, in this principle - background of the student, what and how to decide the planning and strategies should follow for the particular targets and skills. Also, she explained the IEP format for each type of school, the setting of varied goals and the role of multidisciplinary team in IEP planning.

The online International workshop was conducted on 24th September 2020 under the guidance of Dr Turin Martina, Associate Professor, Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College Trichy. The workshop was based on the topic “Cochlear Implantation”. The overall experience of attending the workshop was very useful and productive not only from an exam point of view but we also gain extra information about cochlear implants by an expert in the field of cochlear implantation, Dr. Anna Vinu Varghese, Audiologist and Speech Language pathologist, cum teacher Al Rowed International Schools, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Her presentation was simple and understandable. She explained the various types of cochlear implants and how it works and the elements which are present inside the cochlear implant.

On 12th January 2021, III B.R.Sc. Rehabilitation Science attended the webinar on the topic Sensory Integration Therapy. The resource person was Mr. Kalaichandran, Assistant Professor in Occupational therapy, Annamalai University. The webinar focussed on what is sensory integration and its processing disorders and gave an overall input on the various sensory dysfunctions. He also focussed on the activities for various sensory processing disorders and their methods.

On 2nd February 2021, a workshop was conducted through online mode that is through googlemeet, where students of I M.R.Sc and III UG attended the workshop .

The speaker for the day was Dr.Lavanya J. Raj, who is consultant- Rehabilitation and Special Education , Hyderabad. She first gave a brief introduction about what is dyslexia, she also said that dyslexia is known as learning disability but I say it is learning differently and we must also address the same because all have different way to learn things.

A webinar was organized by the Rehab Association under the guidance of the Dr. P. Swarnakumari, Associate Professor, Department of Rehabilitation Science. The students from III UG and I PG participated in the online orientation programme on sensory integration and dysfunction by the eminent resource person Dr.Lavanya J Raj on 8th February 2021.

The presentation highlighted the different types of senses and its overall performance in human body. How it impacts greater difference in the performance of the executive functions of the individual were also presented by her. She presented the sensory processing in three different levels: Hyposensitivity, Hypersensitivity and Sensory Seeking.

A workshop on therapies of counselling was conducted for II B.R.Sc students on 1st March 2021. The Resource Person was Ms. Sulakashana, Psychologist and Special Educator, an illustrious Rehab alumna who elaborated on the need for counselling and the role played by the counsellor to facilitate individuals during their times of challenge and difficulties. The various therapies were Psychoanalytic, Behaviour, Existential, Adlerian, Person Centered, Rational Emotive,Reality, Gestalt Therapy and Transactional Analysis,

A workshop on the Psychological Attributes of Thinking Intelligence And Creativity was organised by Dr.Swarnakumari, Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Science on 3rd March 2021. The resource person for the workshop was S. Sulakashana, Special Educator and psychologist.

The topic of the workshop was psychological attributes of thinking, creativity and intelligence. The resource person was very interactive and she conducted the session with a lot of practical activities and thought provoking questions. The visuals shared were also very interesting and colourful.

A webinar workshop was organized under the guidance of Dr. P. Swarnakumari, Associate Professor, Department of Rehabilitation Science. The students from III UG participated in the online workshop on the topic Sensory Stimulation and Sensory Integration Activities for Children with Special Needs by the eminent resource person Mr. Elanchezhian, Physiotherapist from Malaysia on 6th March 2021. He enlisted the activities for the sensory processing disorder and its dysfunction.

The concepts of sensory therapy and the various home-based activities were really enriching. The videos gave a clear idea on the practical exposure of the sensory activities and the child's responsiveness. The entire session was really helpful and highly interactive.

This session is a need of the hour and all the students got benefited from this webinar and expressed their gratitude to coordinator Dr. P. Swarnakumari, for organising this productive and resourceful workshop .

A workshop on "Specific Learning Disorder- Impairment in Written Expression and Intervention Webinar" was organized by Dr. Turin Martina and Dr.Leema Suganya, Faculty in charge on 9th March 2021.

Ms. Mary Veronica Punitha, Inclusive Educator, KC High International School, Chennai was the resource person, an expert in the field of Learning Disability and in planning intervention programs for children with Learning Disabilities especially for the children who have impairment in written expression. She explained the basic concepts regarding writing skill and elaborated on the brain mechanism involved in writing.

Workshop on "Demystifying Dyscalculia" was conducted on 9th March 2021. Ms. SujathaSriram, Inclusion Advisor cum Master Trainer, Chennai shared her explicit knowledge on Dyscalculia. She started her presentation

by defining what is Learning Disability and how the information is processed by the brain of a Dyscalculic child and she also explained the causes, characteristics and the types of dyscalculia.

Workshop on Dyspraxia was conducted on 12th March 2021. The Resource person was Dr. Nageswari Murugasan, Special Educator, UAE. The resource person, an alumna of the Rehab Department, shared her knowledge and experience on dyspraxia. The presentation dealt with the causative factors, symptoms, diagnosis and assessment provisions available and classroom accommodations and modifications were explained with examples and video illustrations.

Workshop on Intervention Strategies For Children With ADHD was conducted on 19th March 2021. The Resource person was Dr. Nageswari Murugasan, Special Educator, UAE.

The various behaviour problems present along with ADHD were elaborated and management strategies related to educational and behavioural interventions were focused on. Several case studies were discussed which helped in understanding the training methods adopted in the rehabilitation process of children with ADHD.

Ø Social Work

The department of Social work organized a webinar on “Psychological First Aid” reflecting on the pandemic struggle across the globe, on 11th May 2020 with 198 participants from various countries who participated, through Google meet App. Dr. P.Anitha, faculty of social work department of Holy Cross College addressed the participants.

The department of Social Work, Holy Cross College, Trichy Organized An International Webinar on “Strategies and Citation Visibility in Social Science Research” on 26th May 2020 , from 10.00a.m to 12.00 noon. The Resource Person for the programme was Prof. Dr. T. Joseph Sahaya Anand, PhD.MIMM,MIPM,Professor, Department of Engineering Materials, Faculty of Manufacturing Engineering, Faculti Kejuruteraan Pembuatan, university Teknikal Malaysia Melaka , Malaysia. He highlighted various citation indices like h – index g – index etc, and how to cite other research articles in our own article and also the strategies of how our articles can be cited by other researchers was clearly explained. In this programme Faculties, Research Scholars, and Students participated. Totally 81 participants got benefited from this programme.

The department of Social Work, Holy Cross College, Trichy conducted a Research Webinar Series –I on “Being a Smart Researcher” on 17th & 18th June 2020 , from 5.00p.m to 6.00p.m.

Prof. Dr T.JosephSahayaAnand, PhD.MIMM, MIPM, Professor, Department of Engineering Materials, Faculty of Manufacturing Engineering, University Teknikal Malaysia Melaka , Malaysia was the resource person. He emphasized key components of research problem formulations, common and important criteria for researchers and what are the Do’s and Don’ts during research process. Further he has given orientation on Report Writing and reduction of plagiarism. Finally, he clarified various doubts raised by the participants on the issues of research. Faculties, Research Scholars, and Students from various streams and regions participated actively. Totally 125 participants benefited out of the programme.

The department of Social Work organized a Research Webinar Series –II on Being a Smart Researcher – “Journal Writing and Publication” on 25th June 2020 , from 4.00p.m to 6.00p.m. The Resource Person for the programme was Prof. Dr T.Joseph Sahaya Anand, PhD. MIMM,MIPM, Professor, Department of Engineering Materials, Faculty of Manufacturing Engineering, Faculti Kejuruteraan Pembuatan, university Teknikal Malaysia Melaka , Malaysia. He emphasized the important role of an impact factor and how to calculate the impact factor for publishing a journal. He also explained about the reasons for major revision or rejection of journal paper and how to prepare the scientific manuscript. He also insisted on paper structure and relative level of writing difficulty. Finally, he clarified various doubts raised by the participants on the issues of research. Faculties, Research Scholars, and Students from various streams and various regions participated actively. Totally 130 participants benefited out of the programme.

The department of Social Work, Holy Cross College, Trichy Organized a Research Webinar Series –III – “Mixed Methodology” on 2nd July 2020 from 4.00p.m to 6.00p.m. The Resource Person for the programme was Mr.Prabhu Ponnusamy, CEO-Chief Executive Officer, Iotalytics Research & Analytics solutions Pvt, Ltd, Delhi. His focus was on explaining the concept of Qualitative and Quantitative research methods. The resource person gave a detailed presentation on mixed methodology. Applications, strengths and weaknesses and different types of mixed methodology were explained. He also explained about the Data collection methods. Finally, he clarified various doubts raised by the participants on the issues of research. Faculties, Research Scholars, and Students from various streams and various regions participated actively. Totally 113 participants benefited from this programme.

The SWAN association organised a programme on the, ”Environmental Consciousness and issues”, which was held on 11th August 2020, The resource person was Mr. K. Ramanadhan, Agri Promotor Neduvasal, Pudukkottai District, Tamil Nadu. He spoke about the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and National Forest Policy, 1988 and National Agroforestry Policy (NAP), 2014.

Finally, the speaker shared the importance of Natural medicine, Pollution and the necessity of air, sunlight, and Soil, Water and Soil affected by Leather Factory wastages was the main concern. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks.

The SWAN association arranged for a skill learning programme on 13th August 2020, titled, “Social Audit and role of social worker in the field”. The programme started with prayer followed by the welcome address. The resource person of this programme was Mr. Thiruppathi Perumal, Abhinugram Society, kolli hills. The resource person spoke about the basic concept of social audit, some examples for conducting social audit in NGO and other than NGO, impact of social audit, community based social development tools and different roles of social workers in the field. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks.

The SWAN association programme organised an input session on “Child Protection, Child Abuse and Social Implications” which was held on 18th August 2020, The programme started with prayer followed by the welcome address. The resource person of this programme was Ms. Shanthi Hopper, Senior Manager, Advocacy and Programmatic Companies, World Vision India, Chennai. The resource person spoke about understanding child protection, risk factors, different types of violence, Child rights in India, legislation for children and POCSO Act. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks.

The SWAN association arranged for a session on the topic, “Application of CSR in social work practice”, that was held on 20th August 2020, and started with a prayer followed by the welcome address. The resource person of this programme was Mr. Santhana Krishna, CSR Coordinator, Dalmia Bharat Cement. The resource person spoke about the concept of Corporate social responsibility, ways to implement the CSR activities through, the field/community and CSR activities conducted by Dalmia Bharat Cement. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks.

The SWAN association of Social Work Department organised a learning session for the students on the topic, “Human Rights and Social Work Implications”, which was held on 25th August 2020. The resource person was Mr. G. Ganesan, Human rights activist, Peoples Watch, Madurai. The resource person talked about the concept, definition of Human Rights, human rights laws and organization around the world, human rights Act and social worker implication. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks.

A SWAN association programme was held on 28th August 2020, titled as, “Role of Medical Social Worker, Special Reference to Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), Pondicherry”. The programme started with prayer followed by welcome address.

The resource person of this programme was Dr. R.Jayalakshmi, Medical Social Worker (MSSW) Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), Pondicherry. The resource person talked about the concept of clinical functioning and the role of medical social worker in clinical setting.

The SWAN association programme was held on 29th August 2020, on the topic, “Practising social work intervention from Indian perspectives with special reference to case work”. The resource person was Dr. V. Sayee Kumar, Consultant, Psychotherapy, Chennai. The resource person talked about the concept of how to practise social work intervention from Indian perspectives. Challenges of social work Profession and social case work practice in India was explained.

The SWAN association programme was held on 1st September 2020, on the topic, “Role of social workers in women development & Report and documentation in social work”. The resource person of this programme was Mr. Chella Durai, MSW, Senior Project Manager, Skill Development and Technology Center, Hand in Hand, India. The resource person talked about the Role of social workers in women development & Report and documentation in social work.

The SWAN association programme was held on 3rd September 2020, on the topic, “Health Research”. The resource person was Mrs. Prabha Shankar, Health Researcher, National Institution of Epidemiology(NIE), Indian council of Medical Research, Chennai. The resource person talked about the National Institute of Epistemology, different types of research areas, different committees of NIE, Role of Social worker and challenges & difficulties faced while doing health research.

The SWAN association arranged for an input session on 8th September 2020, titled, “Practising Psychiatric Social Work in “NIMHANS” (National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences), Bengaluru”. The resource person was Dr. Jayakumar, Associate Professor, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore.

The resource person talked about the focus of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences, Psychiatric social work, Major and minor issues of Mental health, Role of social worker in NIMHANS and Role of social worker in rehabilitation. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks.

The SWAN association programme was held on 10th September 2020, on the topic, “Social work practice in correctional settings”. The resource person was Ms. A. Mercy Pious, Investigator & Advisor JJB Vellore, Coordinator, Covid-19 telecommunication center, Counselor & Soft Skills Trainer, Chennai. The resource person talked about the concept of crime, different types of crime, and uses of different social work methods in correctional settings and types of correctional institutions.

The SWAN association programme was held on 12th September 2020, on the topic Social Work Practice in Schools Setting with Reference in Gulf Countries. The resource person of this programme was Mrs. D. Jessie Christina, Teacher cum Counselor, Educare International, Qatar. The resource person talks about the role of social worker in the school setting and different problems faced by social worker in school settings.

The SWAN association programme was held on 22nd September 2020, on the topic, “Industrial Social Work (Scope and Challenges)”. The resource person of this programme was Mr. Ram Chandar Manivannan, Public Relations Officer (PRO), Amman TRY, Trichy. The resource person talked about the concept of the public relation and role of social worker in the industrial setting.

The SWAN association programme was held on 24th September 2020, on the topic, “Scope of social worker in different settings”. The resource person of this programme was Mrs. R. S. Vimal Priya, Students counsellor and placement coordinator, CSI College of Engineering, Ooty. The resource person talked about the concept of career guidance, scope of social work in various fields.

The SWAN association programme was held on 26th September 2020, on the topic, “Community Development”. The resource person of this programme was Mrs. J. Anussha, Correspondence coordinator, at Community foundation for children and aging (CFCA), International NGO, Trichy. The resource person talked about the concept of CFCA, Role of social worker, areas of social work practice and social worker in NGO settings.

The department of social work arranged observation visits for I MSW. The following agencies from international level, National level, state level and local were visited virtually through their websites by the trainees namely Payir Trust, Gramalaya, Dalmia Bharat Cements, Chellamuthu Trust, CMC Vellore, World Vision International, Carithas International, TATA Motors, Mobility India, Soc Sead. The vision, mission, programmes and activities of the agencies were gone through and reported by the trainees.

The department of social work organised a reality walk in the month of October 2020. Reality walk is a unique programme practised by the department of social work in which the students spend their time with professional social workers. Social work trainees met the chosen Professional Social Workers from various social work settings through google meet online platform. Ms. Divya, Women Welfare Officer, District Social Welfare Office, Kanchipuram, Ms. Babitha MSW, Project Coordinator, Kottayam Social Sevice Society, Kerala., Ms. Saranya, Program Coordinator, Hope Torch, Chennai., Ms. Saraswathy, Social worker UMA Educational & Technical Society, Kakinada., Ms. Mary Stella Priyadharshini MSW, M.Phil, Project Coordinator, Puthuvai Cluny Social Service Trust, Vihaan CSC, Puducherry., Ms. Salomy, Programme coordinator, World Vision India, Pudukottai. The above said professionals were met by the students and got many inputs from them.

The department of social work organised a four days programme from 18th to 21st January 2021, on the topic, “Good Governance. The resource persons of this programme were Mr. Jonathan Ravindran, District Coordinator, and Ms. Miriam, Training Coordinator, from YUVA Active advocacy forum, Chennai. The resource persons talked about the structure of the government, laws for every Indian citizen, Right to information Act 2005 and Environment - create solutions for pollution. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks.

The SWAN association programme was held on 17th February 2021, on the topic, “Intergenerational solidarity for college students. The resource persons were Dr. D. Nirmala, Assistant and Dr. R. Selvamani, Guest Faculty, Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. The resource persons spoke about the concept of elderly people, generation gap, and importance of ageing and the responsibilities of youngsters to offer care and support to the elderly. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks.

The department of Social Work organised an International webinar on “The paradigm Shift of the Social Work Profession” on 15th March 2021 from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm. The programme was presided over by our Principal Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget and felicitated by the Head of the department Dr. Sr. Niranjana Anthonisamy. Two chief resource persons from Canada & United states were selected to be the speakers of the day. Mr. Bavani, Senior Social Worker, Edmonton Mennonite centre for Newcomers, Edmonton, Canada and Dr. Lalitha Natarajan, Clinical therapist, Children Hospital Dallas Texas, United states, respectively. Dr. Anitha delivered the keynote, Dr. Daisy Rani gave the welcome address. Ms. J. Kalpana gave the vote of thanks. Totally 60 participants joined the webinar and made a useful learning.

The SWAN association valedictory was held on 19th March 2021, on the topic “Tobacco De-addiction”. Dr. Rohan, Tobacco Treatment Specialist, Mumbai was the special guest of this valedictory. The resource person spoke about the concept of Tobacco, symptoms of tobacco addiction and treatment of Tobacco addiction. This Session was very interactive and made a useful learning. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks.

Ø Tamil

The Veeramamunivar Tamil Literary Association, Department of Tamil, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), conducted a meeting on the topic “Social Media” on 20th January 2021 Wednesday at 11.00am. The Assistant Professor, Dr. Durai. Manikandan from Bharathidasan University Constituent Arts & Science College Navalurkuttapattu, Tiruchirappalli was the chief guest.

The Guest of honour Dr. Durai Manikandan gave a Speech on “social Media” and explained about the different fields in this area, specially whatsapp, facebook, instagram and twitter and its good and bad. He also gave more information about the media and technology. Miss. S. Rabiyaatul Basiriya gave the vote of thanks and the programme came to an end.

Veeramamunivar Tamil Literary Association Department of Tamil conducted a meeting on the topic “Tamizharum Tholainokkum” on 1st February 2021 Thursday at 2.00pm. Assistant Professor Rev. Fr. Sagaya Raj Vijayan From Loyola College, Chennai was the guest of Honour and graced the occasion. Rev. Fr. Sagaya Raj Vijayan spoke about the Literary Tamil from Sangam Literature to the Present Literature and he explained about the vision of thoughts in a clear way. He also stressed that all those who study the Language of Tamil have more visions of thoughts. Miss. B. Monisha gave the vote of thanks and the meeting came to an end.

The valedictory function of Veeramaamunivar Tamil Association was held on 19th March 2021. The guest of honour was Dr.R.Mouris Joy Asst.Prof. Department of Tamil E.V.R College Trichy, he addressed the students on the topic ‘Sigaram Thodu’.

Ø Value Education

The Department of Value Education, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized a webinar on “Discover your Values: COVID 19” on 10th June 2020 from 4 pm to 5 pm through Google Meet. Dr. Jeyakar Chellaraj, Former Principal, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli was the resource person of the session. Ms. Babiyana, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics led everyone in prayer. Rev. Sr. Dr. A. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli felicitated the participants. Rev. Sr. Bridget Chelladurai, Director, Department of Value Education welcomed the participants and introduced the resource person. The resource person started his address stating that invisible COVID - 19 and invisible thoughts of man are dangerous; he emphasized that wicked thoughts should be replaced by noble thoughts that are values to lead better lives.

The Department of Value Education conducted a Guest Lecture on the topic Social Media Addiction and Abuse on 3rd March 2021. The Resource Person, Dr. Rani Chakkaravarthy, Director / Psychologist Rakshana Child Guidance Centre, Madurai, spoke about the strength of women as a whole and specifically about their physical, emotional, and mental strength. She explained about the physiological effects faced by women while using social media.

The department of Value Education, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized a guest lecture on ‘Woman – Know your Rights’ for all second year undergraduate students of various disciplines on 4th March 2021. The programme began with prayer service at 9.30 am. The resource person of the day was R. Gokila, B.A., LL.B, Director (HR & Legal), MonitPro Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Trichy. She gave a wonderful lecture about women rights. She outlined various women specific legislation acts prevailing in our country to safeguard women and girl children.

The retreat was organized by the department of value education on 6th March 2021 for the third year under graduate catholic students.

First session was the “Worship” oration and counselling by Rev. Sr. Geetha, Teacher, Little Flower Higher Secondary School, Trichy. Sister gave the message about the grace of God, and how to obey the parents and elders. She insisted on the students to lead their life according to the calling of God in their youth.

The next session was the “Healing session”. Most of the students were inspired by this session. The third session was the “Mass” by Rev. Fr. Richards SJ, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, St. Joseph’s College (Autonomous), Trichy. The sermon was about the prodigal son. The hymns were sung by the students of the Department of Physics.

The department of Value Education, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) organized a guest lecture on History of the Church for II Year UG Catechism Students on 10th February, 2021. The event was conducted through Google Meet and live streamed through HC Flamingo – official Youtube channel of Holy Cross College from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM. The resource person of the event was Rev.Fr.J. Jarom Sathyan, Parish Priest, St.Mary’s Church, Trivandrum. The lecture mainly concentrated on the dimensions of Christianity and the doctrines of the church.

The Department of Value Education organized a guest lecture on 4th March 2021 in the College Chapel from 9.30a.m to 10.30 a.m for the III year UG catechism students. The chief guest was Rev. Fr. Michael Joe,

Parish Priest, Our Lady of Fathima Church, Puthur, Trichy. Father spoke on the topic, The Significance of Holy Mass. He stated that Liturgy is the celebration of love and action of Christ. He also insisted on the importance of the Holy Mass and need for participating in the Eucharistic celebration to receive the blessings of God.

A guest lecture for all I UG Catechism students was held on 18th March 2021 from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. The Resource person was Rev. Fr. Anburaj Parish Priest, St. Teresa's Church, Theresalpuram. He shared his expertise on Wisdom Literature. He explained how wise people passed their knowledge on divinity and virtues to the next generation. He mentioned the main ideas from the books of the Bible. He also highlighted the significance of the fear for the Lord, the purpose and benefits of reading wisdom books.

A guest lecture was conducted on 29th March 2021 from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. It was organized for all the I UG Ethics students. The Resource person Dr. H. D. Subashini, Assistant Professor of Botany (Rtd.), Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli-2, delivered a lecture on Personal Ethics-Values of an Individual. She focussed on the core values of ethical life, which are essential for a person to survive happily in society.

Visual Communication

Media Quiz 2020

The department of Visual Communication organised a National level 'MEDIA QUIZ 2020' from 30th May to 1st June 2020. There were 1434 participants from all over India including high school students, professors from various colleges and universities. The Quiz comprised of twenty questions for 100 marks, which was conducted through Google form and certificates were issued to all the participants who scored 60% and above.

Webinar on "Film Direction Challenges & Opportunities"

The department of Visual Communication organized a National level webinar on 'Film Direction- Challenges and Opportunities' on 6th June 2020 from 11.30am-12.30pm for Faculty, College students and Media professionals in YouTube. The resource person was Mr. Vetrimaaran, Film Director, Scriptwriter and Producer. It was an interactive session where the renowned director shared his cinematic experiences as well as answered the questions in Film Direction, Scripting raised by the aspiring film makers.

Webinar on "Career Prospects in Advertising Industry"

The Department of Visual Communication organized a Webinar on Career Prospects in Advertising Industry on 24th June 2020 from 11.00 am – 12.00 pm for the department students using Google meet platform. The resource person was Mr. Immanuel Robinson, Director, Alpha Advertising, Chennai. It was a great eye opener for the students to know about professional advertisement making. He answered the questions regarding television advertisements asked by students. He shared his experience and knowledge to the students. This helped the students to know about the advertising industry.

Webinar on "Nuances in Acting by M.S. Baskar"

The Department of Visual Communication organized a Webinar on Nuances in Acting by Mr. M.S. Baskar, Actor, Dubbing Artist & Theatre artist. He shared his experience and struggles with the students. It was an interactive session where he answered the questions asked by the participants.

850 Students and teachers from various colleges has participated from all over Tamilnadu. It was a virtual meet using online platform Google meet. E-Certificates were provided to all the participants.

Street Photography

The Department of Visual Communication had organized one day session on 31st August 2020 titled 'Street Photography' by Mr. Nicolas Louis the founder of CWC – Chennai weekend Clickers. The session led the students to an amazing experience. He explained and taught about the techniques of Basic photography in an effective way. Students could express and get their doubts cleared on Photography. The session ended with the feedback of the students.

Basic of Photography

The Department of Visual Communication had organized one day workshop on basic of photography on 9th September 2020 by the alumna of our college and the co-founder of blue star photography Mr. Sathish. DSLR workshop was a phenomenal experience, and a major milestone in the growth of every student as creative photographer. It gave them the opportunity to leap forward in their understanding of serious landscape photography by employing its tools and techniques in the field and the digital darkroom. The trainer's careful and patient instruction enabled them to make the most of each opportunity, and the knowledge they gained has impacted all their photographic endeavors. Photography starts as a passion, becomes a hobby and eventually learns and grows along the way. With the booming media industry, it is not the degree but the hours spent behind the camera which make a great photographer.

The department of Visual communication arranged one day webinar on 'Basics of Photography' on 9th October 2020. Mr.Yogeshwaran the Cinematographer of recent Film in Tamil Cinema had given the input session on the differences of Photography and cinematography in cinema. The session helped the students acquire more knowledge about moving picture in cinema. The learners from the department as well as from other departments also had participated.

You and Me in Public Relations

A virtual seminar, You and Me in Public Relations World was conducted on 14th October 2020 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm with Rtn. Jason Presley Raj, a motivator as the resource person. Ms. Subhashri, the President of the Department welcomed the gathering. The session was then handed over to the resource person. The session began with an interaction between the speaker and the audience based on their opinions of Public Relations. He also included a few quick facts about being a Public Relations Officer and also explained their characteristics and responsibilities.

He encouraged us to think creatively and to tackle current issues among the public. He even stressed that in the public relations field, one should be bold and communication skills are very important.

Workshop on the Anatomy of Magazine

The Department of Visual Communication conducted a workshop on the topic of "The Anatomy of Magazine" which was held via Google meet on 16th October 2020. The resource person was Mrs. J. Deepa Janakimrman who is an author, Director and also worked as correspondent in The Sunday Magazine. Mrs. Deepa shared all her experience and knowledge about magazine she created and came across till date and it helped the listeners with wide knowledge. She also explained the process of collecting an article, designing a magazine and every detail to be present in an elaborate way .

Digital Photography

The Department of Visual Communication had arranged 4 days workshop on Digital Photography and internship for the second year UG students from 26th to 29th October 2020. Mr. Aravind Editor and photographer was the tutor who led these 4days in an effective way. He exceptionally planned and organized the sessions. Students expectations were fully met and surpassed. The workshop dealt with composition, rules, patterns, lightings and other techniques of photography.

Webinar on "Media Literacy"

A virtual training seminar hosted by Fact Shala, India Media Literacy Network was conducted on 19th January 2021 at 2pm with Dr. S. Tamilselvi, Factshala trainer as the spokesperson.

The session was based on the misinformation in media and the fake news spread. The session began with the identification of fake news from real news and then progressed about the importance of the source from where the news is collected. She even conducted a small game to identify the missing elements.

World Radio Day- by Nakeeran

On 12th February 2021, the Department of Visual Communication, as a part of the ‘world Radio Day celebration’, organized a seminar with the most famous RJ of All India Radio Mr.Nakeeran who joined us, gave us his knowledge about Radio production techniques such as Pronunciation, Voice Modulation, Opening and Closing Announcements and so on. It was very interesting and informative session which would surely help the students to better their knowledge in Radio production in the future.

Professional Writing Techniques – News paper, Television- by Kaliappan

On 16th February 2021, the department of Visual Communication organized a seminar on ‘Professional Writing Techniques – News paper, Television’.

Mr. Kalippan, Senior designer of ‘Hindu Tamil’ joined us and gave a brief knowledge about designing an article by using adobe Indesign software. He shared his knowledge about writing techniques for newspaper and television which enhanced their writing skills.

Industrial Visit to Ooty, Conoor

As a part of curriculum activity, the department of Visual communication organized a three days industrial visit to Ooty and Conoor from 2nd to 5th March 2021. Students from UG and PG joined the visit and gained knowledge in Natural Landscape and Wildlife Photography. The techniques to achieve a fast shutter speed, freeze the subject’s motion, and blur the backgrounds were learnt by the students.

Ø Zoology

The PG & Research Department of Zoology, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli conducted a National Webinar on “Healthy Microbiome Thwarts Contagion” on 30th May 2020. Prof. Joseph Selvin, FNAAS, Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, Pondicherry University, Pudhucherry was the resource person for the webinar. Felicitation address was given by the Principal, Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget.

Prof. Joseph Selvin delivered a highly informative lecture on various spheres of interest such as metagenomics, hologenome, microbiome and its influence on brain, inflammatory diseases, obesity and infectious diseases related to gut microbiomes. Faculty members, students and research scholars of Life Science Departments from 62 different Colleges, 12 Universities and 7 Research Institutes took part and got benefited through this elucidative National Webinar.

On 29th July 2020, Dr. T. Preethi Pushkarni, Medical Officer, KAPV Govt. Medical College Hospital, Naturopathy & Yoga Consultant, Tiruchirappalli delivered an interactive lecture on “Natural Immune System Boosters and Modulators”, enlightened the students on the natural food sources available to strengthen our immunity to prevent the pandemic diseases and also clarified the queries on Covid -19.

On 12th September 2021, Rev. Fr. Newton, Director, Minor Seminary of the Capuchins, Vallam presided over the Inaugural function of Aristotle Club and delivered a lecture on “Living out a life in full - Psycho-Spiritual, Socio-ecological Vocational Model”. Father enlightened our students by his motivational spiritual messages to lead a rich fulfilling life through psycho-spiritual integration. 210 students of the Department of Zoology were benefitted.

On 28th October 2020, a webinar on the topic “Roadmap for Patent Creation” was conducted at 3.30 p.m. through Google Meet platform. The resource person, Mr. N. Subramanian, in-house IP trainer cum analyst, intellectual property rights cell, Bharathidasan University, Trichy enlightened the students on IPR and patenting. Participants gained knowledge on the products to be patented, methods of patenting and career prospects in patenting. It was an explicit presentation which enriched the students’ interest in innovation. About 80 students and faculty of the Department of Zoology benefitted.

In Collaboration with Makeintern & Kshitiz, IIT, Kharagpur, a workshop cum internship program on 'Forensic Science' was organized for the post graduate students from 24th January to 10th February 2021. Dr. Priyanka Malhotra of IIT, Kharagpur was the resource person.

An International Virtual Conference on 'Innovations in BioMedical Science Research' was organized by the PG & Research Department of Zoology on 17th March 2021 through Google meet. Dr. Antony V Samrot, Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences, MAHSA University, Malaysia gave the inaugural address and delivered an illuminating lecture on 'Biopolymer based Nanocarriers for Drug delivery'. Ms. Deepa Surendar, Senior Scientist, Bayer Healthcare, Berkeley, California, USA delivered an enlightening lecture on the topic 'Recovery and Process Development for purification of therapeutic monoclonal Antibodies'.

Highly informative talk pertaining to current scenario on "Cancer and Covid-19: Is Immunology a key?" was given by Dr. Karthikeyan Subbarayan, Research Scientist, Medical Faculty, Institute of Medical Immunology, Martin-Luther-University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany. Dr. Saravanan Rengaraj, Research Officer, School of Natural Sciences, Bangor University, United Kingdom delivered an informative talk on 'Innovative diagnostic technologies in Human Health' and the Conference concluded with technical session V, in which Dr. Prasanthi Namburi, Department of Ophthalmology, Hadassah Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel enlightened the participants on 'Identification of Genes associated with Ocular disease'. About 350 students from many colleges benefitted.

Ø DMLT

The Inauguration of "Paramedical Technologist Association (PTA)" was held on 16th September 2020 in the Department of MLT .

The second association meeting was held in the Sophy's hall on 12th March 2021. Dr. P.Suganthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Jamal Mohamed College (autonomous), Trichy addressed the gathering on the topic "Role of Women in India" and distributed the prizes for the association members of the academic year 2019-2020.

The third association meeting was held on 13th March 2021 through online. Dr. N.Jayapriya, Assistant professor in Education, Sri Venkateswara College of Education, Banswada, Telangana imparted her knowledge and valuable insights to the students on the topic "Contagious disease- Tuberculosis" and interacted with the students and shared her views.

The valediction of Paramedical Technologist Association was held on 16th March 2021 in the Department of MLT. Mr.Savarimuthu, Principal of Annai Teresa Biomedical and Research Centre, Trichy delivered the valedictory message on "Role of clinical laboratory technician in the pandemic period of COVID 19".

In collaboration with RESCAPES, the department of MLT had conducted "Blood group, BMI and anaemia Screening camp" from 17th to 22nd March 2021 for the People in the RESCAPES adopted villages such as Thaluthalapatty, Thiruvarangapatty, Kuruvampatty, Solanganallur, Chennakarai.

Ø Library

In this academic year 2020-21 the library added 1710 books. The library collection has reached 133528 books at the cost of 735358. The number of CD collection is 3049. The existing subscriptions for the 100 journals and magazines were renewed, at a cost of Rs. 1, 39,331.

The Library has renewed the Online journals such as N-list, and DELNET at the cost of Rs.19,470/- The Plagiarism Checking software Urkund was purchased for a cost of 1,61,600. All dissertations submitted by PG student, M.Phil., Ph.D. scholars and journal articles by students and staff are subjected to plagiarism checking using the software Urkund. A total of 800 documents were checked. The total number of transactions, during

the academic year were 3256 and the number of visitors to the library was 1345.

Internship training was provided to 10 PG students.

Central library of Holy Cross College and PG department of Library and Information Science jointly organized along with National Digital Library of India a Webinar on “NDLI” on 22nd May 2020. Dr.A.Senthamilselvi Librarian and Head, DLIS welcomed the gathering. The Principal Dr. Sr.Christina Bridget felicitated the program. Dr.Vignesh Sornamohan, Chief Strategic and Outreach officer, National Digital Library of India IIT Kharagpur, West Bengal was the Resource person for the programme.

In his address he explained the importance of NDLI, its Access Methods, difference between NDLI and Google, NDLI Club and its operations and role of Librarians in NDLI Club activities. 250 faculty from across the country attended the webinar.

Holy Cross College Central Library and PG Department of Library and Information Science jointly celebrated “National Librarian’s Day” on 12th August 2020. On the occasion of Librarian’s day, various competitions were conducted online as it happened during the pandemic. The following events were conducted Essay Writing, Book Review and Drawing competition. The top 3 winners from each competition were identified and awarded book prizes.

Central library of Holy Cross College and PG department of Library and Information science jointly organized National Webinar on Internet and Web Archives, on 17th August 2020 on the occasion of Librarian’s Day Celebration Dr.A.Senthamilselvi Librarian and Head, DLIS welcomed the gathering. The Principal Dr.Sr.Christina Bridget felicitated the program. Dr.S.Srinivasaragavan, Librarian and Head, DLIS Bharathidasan University was the resource person of the webinar.

In this session he discussed about internet and web archives. He explained the need of web archives, web archiving tools, implications of web decay, URL link checker and gave examples of different archives. The webinar was conducted online through Google Meet platform. A total of 180 faculty and students from across the country attended the webinar.

Central library of Holy Cross College and PG department of Library and Information Science together celebrated “National library week” from 12th November, 2020. A book exhibition was organized as a part of the celebration. The Principal Dr.Sr.Christina Bridget inaugurated the Book Exhibition and delivered an address regarding the importance of the Reading Habit.

Book suppliers from across the state have exhibited the subject books and other category books. Staff of all the departments visited the exhibition and purchased the books at discounted rate. Books were purchased for the Library.

Ø Exam results

Success is considered sweetest specially when it is achieved amidst the bitter times of pandemic lock down crisis

UG - Shift I – 9 departments secured 100% passes

- Ø The departments of Mathematics, Chemistry, Botany, Biochemistry, Computer Applications, Visual Communication, History, Economics and Audiology & Speech Language Pathology secured 100% passes.
- Ø The department of Business Administration secured 99% passes.
- Ø The department of Physics secured 98% passes and above.
- Ø The department of Zoology secured 98% passes.
- Ø The department of Rehabilitation Science secured 97% passes.
- Ø The departments English and Commerce secured 96% passes and above.

UG - Shift II

- Ø The departments of Physics, Computer Science and English secured 100% passes.
- Ø The department of Chemistry secured 97% passes.
- Ø The department of Mathematics secured 96% passes.

PG

- Ø 16 departments in shift I and Computer Science (shift II) secured 100% passes.
(Physics, chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Rehabilitation Science, Social Work, Media and Communication, History, Economics, English, Commerce, Tamil, Psychology and Library and Information Science)
- Ø The departments of Mathematics and Computer Applications secured 98% passes and 85% passes respectively.

M.Phil.

- Ø Seven departments offering M.Phil. secured 100% passes.
(Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, English, Economics, Media & Communication, Zoology).

Ø University Ranks**UNDER GRADUATES**

This year our students secured 15 university ranks at the UG level in the rank exam conducted in March 2021, with One 1st rank, one 2nd rank, two 3rd ranks, two 4th ranks, two 5th ranks, three 7th ranks, one 8th rank and one 12th rank, 13th rank & 15th rank.

NAME	MAJOR	UNIV. RANK
Navashree N	Biochemistry	3
Priyadharshini C	Botany	5
Deepika A	Busi. Admn 'B'	5
Srimathi S	Chemistry 'B'	1
Shivaneei E	Commerce 'B'	4
Rajakumari A	Commerce with Comp. App.	2
Srivasuki S	ComputerAppn. 'B'	12
Mridula M	Computer Science	7
JebaHebciba J	Economics	4
Kalyani N	English Lit. 'A'	13
Sowmiya V	History	7
Nandhini R	Mathematics 'B'	8
Jegatheeshwari K	Physics 'A'	15
NandhiniAbirami V	Vis. Com.	3
Nivetha M	Zoology	7

POST GRADUATES

Our students secured 14 university ranks at the PG level in the rank exam conducted in March 2021, with one 1st rank, two 2nd ranks, one 3rd rank, three 5th ranks, one 6th rank, two 7th ranks, one 9th rank, one 12th rank, one 21st rank and one 24th rank.

NAME	MAJOR	UNIV. RANK
Sri Priya S	Biotechnology	5
Shyamala Devi K	Botany	2
Michael Yogitha J	Chemistry	7
Dharani L	Commerce	6
FiroseBanu S	Computer Appn.	1
Yogalakshmi R	Computer Science	21
Anisha P	Economics	2
ThasneemNihar A	English	5
Priyadharshini V	Lib. & Info. Science	3
Rabi Gayathiri G	Mathematics 'B'	9
KavithaJaisy A	Physics	12
AlwinSkaria Philip	Social Work	7
Suganthi C	Tamil	24
Nithya M	Zoology	5

EXTRA CURRICULAR**Ø Physical Education**

The Department of Physical Education organized online quiz on SPORTS NUTRITION from 1st to 3rd July 2020. The quiz consisted of 20 question each carrying 5 marks total 100 marks. 413 participants attended the online quiz and all of them got e certificates.

The Department of physical education organized webinar “Easy Fitness at Home” Join & Boost Your Vigour on 4th July 2020 at 4pm through google meet as well as YouTube live. The resource person of the webinar was Dr. George Abraham, Principal, YMCA College of Physical Education, Chennai. He spoke about types of fitness, exercise with and without equipment, how to improve immunity and how to stay fit at home. 600 members participated and all of them got e-certificates.

97th Annual Sports Day was not conducted due to Covid 19, Pandemic Lockdown.

National Level

Ms. A. Kevina Ashwine II B.A. English secured Gold medal in high jump South zone Athletics National Championship, at Kozhikode, Kerala from 26th to 28th February 2021.

State Level

Ms.C.Varsha of III B.Com and Ms. R.Reena of I B.Voc. participated in the state level CM Trophy Basketball Tournament held at Chennai from 18th to 20th February 2021.

Ms.V.Soundarya of II B.A.Economics , Ms.S.Lavanya of I B.A Economics, Ms.S.Jaya Pratha and Ms. S.Santhana Mary of I B.A History and Ms.S.Shanmuga Priya of I B.Com CA participated in 7a side Hockey Tournament held at Chennai from 18th to 21st February 2021. Ms.R.Padmasri and Ms.S.Varshiniya of III BCA, Ms. A.Daniel Ajitha of III B.A History and Ms.S.Shalini of III B.A English were selected to participate in CM trophy Volleyball tournament held at Chennai from 22nd to 24th February 2021.

10 players, Ms. S. Priyadarshini, Ms.Sineka of III B.A.History, Ms.R.Ramya, Ms.R.Aruna, Ms.R.Abinaya of II B.A.History, Ms.M.Kaleeswari and Ms.K.Vidhya of III B.A.Tamil, Ms.R.Banupriya, Ms.R.Suguna and Ms.P.Sneha of I B.A.History represented the junior state level Kabaddi Tournament held at Chennai from 23rd to 25th February 2021.

Ms.V.Soundarya of II B.A.Economics, Ms.Bondada Latha of I B.A.Economics,Ms.S.Kamali and Ms.S.Shanmuga Priya of I B.Com(CA), Ms.D.Sharmila of II BCA, Ms.S.Mathavi of I BBA, Ms.S.Padma Tamil of II B.A.History and Ms.S.Santhana Mary of I B.A.History were selected to participate in junior 11th Hockey India National from 3rd to 12th April 2021 at Jharkhand (8 players).

Ø NCC

On 20th July 2020, a webinar was conducted for the NCC cadets and students of Holy Cross College, Trichy. 85 students registered for the webinar and 60 students actively participated. In the session, the resource person explained the values, problems, challenges of our routine life, and also explained the way of thinking the practical solutions and the professional way of skills for our life. Cadets enjoyed the session and raised many practical problems to the resource person, which were explained clearly.

State Level Quiz Competition was arranged for the NCC cadets and Students of various colleges by National Cadet Corps of Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli, on the topic “Social efforts in a pandemic crisis”. Primary focus of conducting this e-quiz was to create awareness on the efforts taken by the public and various authorized organizations in the young minds of our country during the pandemic crisis.

Totally 151 students registered for the state level quiz competition and 330 students participated and the e-certificates were sent to the students who scored more than 50% of the marks. On 21st July 2020 a webinar was conducted for the NCC cadets and students of Holy Cross College, Trichy. 65 students registered for the webinar and 55 students actively participated. In the session, the resource person explained the complete details about the SSB interview. She also explained the training procedures and the selection process during the SSB Interview. She explained the various types of rounds that are conducted in the selection process. Cadets raised many questions to the resource person which was explained clearly at the end of the session.

The Nominal Enrollment of the NCC first year cadets was through virtual mode. They were instructed by their seniors and were instructed about their roles and responsibilities. Two of our cadets worked with Local Police officers as a part of social service in spreading awareness of COVID 19. World Environment Day was celebrated on 5th June. 20 of our NCC Cadets planted trees as a part of celebrating Environment day. 21st June is celebrated as World Yoga Day.

This year’s theme was Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family. NCC cadets as a part of the celebration practised yoga at home with their families. N. Monisha Narayani and S. Gracy Margaret were selected for Chennai Marina RDC.Cadet Narmada of Physics was selected at state level shooting competition. Both Army and Airwing cadets together totally 41 cadets attended B and C certificate exams.

Ø Fine Arts

The Fine Arts Club of Holy Cross College (Autonomous) organised Scintilla’ 20 – Fresher’s Day for all I UG students on 29th August 2020 via online. The theme of Scintilla’ 20 was Digital Transformation and Sustainability. In view of the prevalent conditions and to continue with the mission of imbibing confidence in the new joinees’, it was decided to conduct the events online with a total of 10 individual events with 518 registered

participants from 17 departments that submitted a video recording of their individual performances through the online portal. The instructions were given prior and the events were recorded and submitted to the fine arts committee on 27th August 2020. Online assessment was done on 28th August and the best performances were selected by the judges who themselves were illustrious performers.

On 29th August 2020 at 4.00 p.m. Scintilla' 20 was hosted through Google Meet and live streamed through HC Flamingo – official Youtube channel of Holy Cross College. The chief guest of the event was Mr. M. S Bhaskar, Film Actor, Theatre Artist and Dubbing Artist. The event was presided over by Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College and coordinated by Dr. Felicita Florence, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and the Fine Arts Coordinator along with her team.

The virtual handing over ceremony took place in which the former office bearers of the fine arts club handed over their responsibilities to the newly elected members. The event included the prize distribution for the best performances. The Department of Commerce was crowned as the overall winners of Scintilla' 20. The second place was shared by the departments of English and Chemistry and the department of Zoology secured the third place. The best performers also showcased their talents through the virtual platform. The chief guest appreciated the performers. The event concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by the student president of the Fine arts club - Ms I Shalini. The you tube live streaming was attended by more than 650 students.

Our Students participated in the National level Article writing competition for College students, conducted by Edu Veda Academy, Ghaziabad on 3rd January 2021 Ms. Akila Sharadha of III B. Com won II Place and Ms. Neela of III B. Sc Computer Science won V place. Both of them got an opportunity to do free internship in the same academy.

In commemoration of the birth anniversary of Poet Bharathidasan, Bharathidasan university, Tiruchirappalli conducted competitions such as Singing, Essay writing, Poetry writing and speech, on 10th March 2021. It was open to all Arts and Science Department Students. Nearly 50 students from various departments of our college participated.

In this university level competition, Ms.C. Hencibaof III BA English won II Prize in Singing and Ms. Abirami of I MA English won 4th Prize in elocution.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Ø RESCAPES

Tree Saplings Distribution

On 17th July 2020 a mixture of 987 Eco sustainable saplings and Economic development saplings were given to Thaluthalapaaty panchayat and a mixture of 850 Eco sustainable saplings and Economic development saplings were given to Valaiyur panchayat. On 18th July 2020 a mixture of 1050 Economic development saplings and Fruit Yielding saplings were given to the adopted village people of Azhagiyamanavalam panchayat. On 21st July 2020 a mixture of (1,846) 596 Economic development saplings and Fruit Yielding saplings were given to the village people of S.Ayyampalayam and 640 Eco sustainable saplings were given to Ayikudi panchayat and 610 Eco Sustainable saplings were given to Palaiyur panchayat.

Webinar

On 20th July 2020, a webinar on Aadi Paittamum, VittoThoittamum was conducted by the Extension Program, RESCAPES for the benefit of College Students, Staff and Public. The resource person was Mr.JEGAN, Founder of ULAVAN TRUST, MeelaValadi village, Lalgudi Taluk, Tiruchrappalli District. 185 persons participated through YouTube & HC FLAMINGO and Google Meet. Mr. Jegan explained to the students, staff and public about the importance and benefits of Aadipaittam cultivation and uses of VeetuThottam (Garden at Home or Kitchen Garden) he explained the importance of organic manure, traditional cultivation and health benefits of traditional

paddy. He shared the reason behind health secret of our ancestors, and explained the responsibility each citizen in protecting nature and the importance of each and every one in practising organic agriculture.

Program on Freedom and Health was conducted on 15th August 2020 at No-94 Kariyamanikam. "Freedom and Health" Drawing and Speech competition was conducted. 10 children participated. Mr.P.Karthik Coordinator of RESCAPES explained to the children, how the covid -19 virus spreads and how it affects the health of the people, and what are the safety measures to be followed, and then Mr. S. Kathiravan, Asst. Coordinator of RESCAPES gave pamphlets to the children.

Program on IMMUNIZATION AND HEALTH was conducted on 18th August 2020 at Thaluthalapatty Mr.P.Sivakumar, District Coordinator was the resource person. He explained to the village people about the importance of health and the need for immunization to protect oneself from the present Covid -19;36 village people participated in the program. After the session the coordinators distributed KabasuraKudineerChooranam to 120 village people.

Program on kabasura kudineer chooranam was conducted on 19th August 2020 at Kanniyakudi Village, No.94 Kariyamanikam Panchayat. To bring knowledge among the rural people about their health and immunization importance, our college in collaboration with No.94 Kariyamanikam Panchayat, distributed KabasuraKudineerChooranam to 90 village people.

Program on KABASURA KUDINEER CHOORANAM AND ITS BENEFITS, was conducted on 20th August 2020 at Thaluthalapatty Panchayat and distributed KabasuraKudineerChooranam to 124 village people of Thaluthalapatty Village, on 21th August 2020 at Valaiyur Panchayat, and explained the benefits of the KabasuraKudinner and the importance of wearing mask and personal hygiene to the village people and distributed Kabasura Kudineer Chooranam to 80 village people of Valaiyur Village, on 25th August 2020 at Azhagiyamanavalam, explained the benefits of the Kabasura Kudinner and the importance of wearing mask and personal hygiene to the village people and distributed Kabasura Kudineer Chooranam to 124 village, on 29th August 2020 at Palaiyur, Azhagiyamanavalam Panchayat, and explained the benefits of the KabasuraKudinner and the importance of wearing mask and personal hygiene to the village people and distributed KabasuraKudineerChooranam to 120 people of Palaiyur village.

Program on SEEDS FOR KITCHEN GARDENING was conducted on 26th August 2020 at Gopurapatty, Azhagiyamanavalam Panchayat. Seeds such as pudalai, pikan, avarai, suraikai and parankikai, keerai seeds were provided to 25 village people of Gopurapatty.

PROGRAM ON IMPORTANCE OF BODY MASS INDEX (BMI) COLLABORATION WITH AROKIYA CENTRE, MANACHANALLUR

Program on IMMUNIZATION AND HEALTH (KABASURA KUDINEER CHOORANAM) was Conducted on 1st September 2020 at Gopurapatty, Azhagiyamanavalam Panchayat by which 80 village people benefited, we distributed the KabasuraKudinner to the village people and explained to them about the need and importance of wearing mask.

Program on KITCHEN GARDENING DEMONSTRATION AND SEEDS SOWING was held on 3rd & 4th September 2020 at Gopurapatty, Azhagiyamanavalam Panchayat. Mr.Mahamuni, Coordinator, Ekam Foundation and Mr. Sivakumar, District Coordinator, Ekam Foundation, explained to the village people about the importance of Kitchen Gardening. Seeds such as avarai, pudalai, peekan, and pavaikai were provided to 25 villagers.

Program on HOW TO PROTECT OURSELF was held on 7th September 2020 at Thirupanjalee in collaboration with Chat Organization, in which 140 village people participated and we distributed kabasurakudineer to the village people, and Mr. Francis provided masks to the people.

Program on SELF-PROTECTION AND HOME-MADE MEDICINE was conducted on 8th September 2020 at Valmanapalayam-Theirkiyur. CHAT Organization distributed Masks, Kabasurakudineer to the village people of Valmanapalayam-Theirkiyur. Mr. Francis from CHAT organization explained to the village people

about the importance of kabasurakudineer and the need for wearing mask. Mr. Jayachandran, Coordinator, SHEPHERD, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli explained to the village people about the home made medicines and the health benefits of herbs available in the rural area. Kabasurakudineer and masks were distributed to 80 village people.

Program on HOW TO PROTECT OURSELF THROUGH TRADITIONAL METHOD was conducted in collaboration with Chat Organization on 9th September 2020 at Kuruvampatty and we explained the uses of herbs available in the farm at the village and how it improves the immunization of the individual and also explained the importance of wearing Mask. 141 village people participated in the program and kabasurakudineer was given to 141 people and masks were given to 100 village people.

Program on HANDLING THE PANDEMIC SITUATION AND HERBS IN THE VILLAGE AND ITS USES was conducted on 10th September 2020 in collaboration with Chat Organization at Kuruvampatty and we distributed mask and kabasurasuranamkudineer, 140 village people participated and benefited.

Program on SUICIDAL PREVENTION COUNSELLING (World Suicidal Prevention Day) was held on 10th September 2020, at Senugudi, Azhagiyanavalam Panchayat. Mr. Monaj, Psychiatric Counsellor from ARAM Hospital, explained why people are forced to commit suicide and how to overcome that. And also explained the helpline for suicidal prevention to the village people. To create knowledge about Covid-19 immunization measures, KabasuraKudineer and masks were distributed to 80 people.

Program on PREVENTION OF COVID-19 SELF-PROTECTION AND HOME-MADE MEDICINE was conducted on 22nd September 2020 at Nadukottam, Ayyampalayam. Explained the benefits of the Kabasura Kudineer to the village people. KabasuraKudineerChooranam was distributed to 120 village people.

Extension Department (RESCAPES) of Holy Cross College (Autonomous) in association with Arockiya Centre, Mannachanallur organized a programme on the importance of BMI to the village people. From Arockiya Centre Mr. Arun, Mr. Swaminathan and Mrs. Sasikala participated and spoke about the importance of Body Mass maintenance. This programme gave knowledge to the rural people about their health concern.

On 15-9-2020 this program was conducted at Thaluthalapatty village by which 65 village people participated and benefited. On 16-9-2020 this program was conducted at No.94 Kariyamanikam by which 80 people participated and benefited. On 17-9-2020 this program was conducted at Nadarpallam-C-Ayyampalayam by which 94 village people participated and benefited. On 18-9-2020 this program was conducted at Azhagiyanavalam by which 45 village people participated and benefited. On 23.09.2020 this program was conducted at Rasampalayam (C.Ayyampalayampanchyat) by which 80 people participated and benefited. On 24.09.2020 this program was conducted at C.Ayyampalayam (South) by which 120 people participated and benefited.

On 25.09.2020 this program was conducted at Kanniyakudi village by which 70 people participated and benefited. On 17-11-2020 this program was conducted at PERAKAMBI village by which 110 people participated and benefited. On 30-11-2020 this program was conducted at Ayikudi, by which 62 people participated and benefited. This program was conducted on 09-02-2021 at Paachur by which 62 people participated in this programme and benefited. This Program was conducted on 10-2-2021 at Palaiyur by which 86 people participated and benefited. Covid-19 awareness program was conducted in our adopted village and explained about the causes and preventive measures and we distributed KabasuraSuranam kudineer to the village people.

Program on WORLD ELDERS DAY CELEBRATION was conducted on 1st October 2020 at Kanniyakudi, No.94 Kariyamanikam Panchayat. Elderly people are the resource for the present generation. But at present in many houses elderly people were neglected by their own family members. Our college through the extension department RESCAPES celebrated the WORLD ELDERS DAY at Kanniyakudi village. Cake was cut by the village elderly people. Mr. Swamynathan, Panchayat President gave cake to the elderly people of the village. Cake and chocolates were given to the rest of the people. Two Elupai saplings were planted near the pond by the elderly people.

Program on SAFETY FIRST SERVICE EXTENDED TO OTHER VILLAGE ON NEED BASIS was conducted on 9th October 2020 at S.Pudur village and we gave masks and kabasurakudineer to the village children and the elderly people. Masks and KabasuraKudineer were provided to 65 people at that village.

Program on PANCHAKAVIYA DEMONSTRATION was conducted on 10th October 2020 at Thaluthalapatty. Mostly people both rural and urban based agriculture farmers are often using chemical fertilizers and pesticides for agriculture purpose. To make the village people be aware of organic manure and organic pesticides our college extension department in collaboration with Yulavan Trust conducted a program on Panchakaviya preparation demonstrated to the village people of Thaluthalapatty. Mr.Jagan explained to the village people about the uses, benefits and ecofriendly aspects of Panchakaviya and demonstrated the preparation method of panchakaviya to the village people of Thaluthalapatty village. People also asked their doubts regarding organic manure and pesticides. Mr.Jagan clarified all the doubts of the village people.

Program on SELF EMPLOYMENT TRAINING. SERVICE EXTENDED TO OTHER VILLAGE ON NEED BASIS, was conducted on 11th October 2020 at Peragambi, Ms.S.Jayalakshmi, alumna was the trainer. Training on Candle Making, Computer Sambrani Making, Bathing Soap Making, Phenyl Making was given to the villagers of Peragambi. The main aim of this program was to make the village women economically independent and empower them to prepare basic home needed things by themselves for home use.

Program on DEMONSTRATION OF MULIGAI POOCHUVIRITI was conducted on 17th October 2020 at Peragambi. Chemical pesticides were very harmful for both human beings and environment. So our college extension department RESCAPES joined hands with Ulavan Trust and Peragambi panchayat and organized a demonstration on organic pesticide preparation. Mr.Jegan from Ulavan Trust explained to the village farmers what are the hazards of chemical pesticide and the benefits of organic pesticide. Village farmers also participated in the preparation of MuligaiPoochuvirati.

Program on DEMONSTRATION OF ORGANIC MANURE AND ORGANIC PESTICIDE (GANAGEEVAMITHAM AND MEENAMILAM) was conducted on 24-10-2020 at Peragambi. Utilizing of Chemical manure and chemical pesticide increased throughout the world. And people's health becoming worse and land yielding capacity becoming less. So our college extension department joined hands with Yulavan Trust and Pergagambi panchayat organized a demonstration program on how to prepare organic manure and organic pesticide. Ganageevamitham and meenamilam preparation method was demonstrated to the village farmers and also he explained the importance of its uses to the people.

Program on CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION was held on 14-11-2020 at No.94 Kariyamanikam in Collaboration with YOUNG INDIANS, Trichy Chapter, Dr. ARUN KUMAR from YOUNG INDIANS, Trichy Chapter was the chief guest and he spoke about the leaders and the future of INDIA is in the hands of the children. And then prizes were given to the village children. Prizes were sponsored by YOUNG INDIANS, Trichy Chapter.

DESILTING PONDS IN LAKE AT THALUTHALAPATTY

On 14th November 2020, through Rural Economy development & Health Enhancement Groove through Uprooting of Julifera & Desilting of Ponds was done in 23 Acres of Lake at Thaluthalapatty Panchayat in collaboration with HOLY CROSS COLLEGE (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli (RESCAPES) and YOUNG INDIANS Trichy Chapter

Phase-1 Uprooting of Julifera (23 acres)

Phase-2 Desilting of Ponds in the Lake (5 Ponds- Pond -1 (60 & 89 feet breadth, 84- & 96.8- feet length & 6 feet depth), Pond-2 (28.5 feet breadth, 50.7 feet length and 6 feet depth), Pond- 3 (29 feet breadth, 57 feet length and 6 feet depth), Pond- 4 & 5 (25 feet breadth, 50 feet length and 6 feet depth)

Phase-3 Tree Plantation (1000 saplings such as Neem, Pungai, Naval, Elupai, Poovarasu and Tamarind & 1000 Palm Seeds)

The Project was carried out successfully at Thaluthalapatty village, Mr.Ketan Vero, Chairperson, Young Indians, Trichy Chapter, Mr.K.Gopinath, Chairperson, Climate Change, Young Indians, Trichy Chapter, and Mr.Pradeep, Indians, Trichy Chapter, met the Panchayat Head Mr.V.Satto and the village people and thanked them for the timely support throughout the project. The Panchayat Head thanked the Young Indians, Trichy Chapter and Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli, Dr Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal for the valuable support and for selecting the Thaluthalapatty village for desilting and tree plantation, Dr.Sujatha Illangovan, Dean of Extension, thanked the Young Indians, Trichy Chapter for the contribution towards the project and then thanked the Thaluthalapatty village Head and village people for their presence and valuable support throughout the whole project. The village youth members and other village people thanked the YI and HCC for making the village sustainable through desilting and tree plantation. The Holy Cross College (Autonomous) extension program coordinators Mr.P.Karthik, Mr.S.Kathiravan and Mr.Vimal thanked the village people and village head for their valuable support for implementing the uprooting of julifera, desilting and tree plantation in Thaluthalapatty village.

Programme on World HIV AIDS Awareness and Exhibition, was conducted on 1-12-2020 at Kanniyakudi, CHAT organization. The resource persons were Mr. Francis coordinator and Mr.Jeyachandran coordinator SHEPHERD St. Joseph's College Trichy. Mr.Francis explained the importance of health and food and nutrition how to be aware of HIV AIDS how to follow safety rules for daily life. Mr. Jeyachandran spoke about herbal medicine advantages and herbal medicine is very important for our country and explained herbal food is important in daily life, distributed face masks to 65 people who participated in this programme.

Program on NATIONAL POLLUTION CONTROL DAY, on 02-12-2020, was held. Our college extension department planted 21 saplings at the banks of the lake at Thaluthalapatty, the village children and MNRGA Workers also supported in planting trees. 21 Flame of the Forest saplings were planted.

Program on WORLD SOIL DAY was conducted on 04-12-2020 at Thaluthalapatty. Our College extension department RESCAPES planted 21 eco sustainable sapling such as pungai, naval, elupai, vathanaramaram at Thaluthalapatty village. The village youth group members also participated in planting the saplings.

Programme on Importance of Health Covid-19 Exhibition was conducted on 4th December 2020 at Thaluthalapatty. Mr. Francis and Mr. Jeyachandran explained the importance of health and food and nutrition for prevention of covid-19 and how to be aware of covid -19, how to be safe and follow rules for day to day life. 120 people participated in this programme, conducted in collaboration with Chat Organization. This programme was also conducted on 9-12-2020 at Thaluthalapatty, by which 80 people participated.

Programme on Financial Literacy and banking counseling was conducted on 14-12-2020 at Ayikudi. 96 people participated in this programme. On 15-12-2020, this program was conducted at C-Ayyampalayam-Nadar Pallam. 120 people participated.

Programme on the importance of Health Maintenance for COVID-19 was conducted on 15-12-2020, at C.Ayyampalayam (Nadarpallam) Mr.Sivakumar, Coordinator, participated and spoke about how to develop immunity system. This programme created knowledge among the rural people about their health and immunization importance, 120 people participated in this programme.

This Programme on importance of Kitchen Garden was held on 14-12-2020 at Ayikudi in association with DREAM Foundation, Thottiyam. In this programme on behalf of DREAM Foundation Mr. Vijay, MSW (Director DREAM Foundation), and Ms.Lalitha, participated and spoke about the importance of Kitchen gardening and organic agriculture. Six types of seeds were given to 96 people.

World Handicapped Day was held on 20-12-2020 at Ayikudi, two entrepreneur training programs were demonstrated for the person's with disability. Entrepreneur training. Program: 1 Candle making, phenol making, soap making, computer sambrani making demonstration was given to the persons with disability. The resource person was Ms.S.Jayalakshmi, Alumna of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli. The people also actively participated in the demonstration. Entrepreneur training. Program: 2 Herbal Medicine Preparation Demonstration. Thirukadoku Suranam, Panchadeepakani Suranam, Thiripala Suranam, Herbal Tea, Minsara Thailam.

Mr. Jayachandran, from SHEPHERD Extension Department, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli-2 and Mr. Francis from CHAT Organization, Tiruchirappalli were the resource persons. They explained the preparation method of the above herbal medicine to the people and also explained the uses.

Program on ROAD SAFETY was conducted on 22.12.2020 at adopted villages Kanniyakudi, Thaluthalapatti, Devimangalam, S.Puthur in Manchanallur block. 100 stickers were pasted on the vehicle headlights of two-wheeler and four wheelers. This program was conducted on 23-12-2020 at Valaiyur Panchayat, 100 stickers were pasted on the vehicle headlights of two-wheeler and four wheelers.

Farmers Day - This program was conducted on 23.12.2020 at Kanniyakudi in collaboration with Ulavan Trust and Dream Foundation. Farmers are the back bone of our nation. So to thank the farmers our college extension department RESCAPES joined hands with Ulavan Trust and Dream Foundation and distributed vegetable seeds to the village people of Kanniyakudi. Mr. Jegan thanked the village people for their hard work in producing and cultivating food grains. Dream Foundation contributed seeds that were distributed to the village women. Vegetables seeds such as radish, ladies finger, drumstick, sword beans, Bottle gourd, Snake Gourd, Ridge gourd and green seeds was given. Seeds were distributed to 28 villagers.

Programme on importance of Health and Breast Cancer Awareness was conducted on 29.12.2020 at AYIKUDI in association with EKAM Foundation, to bring knowledge among the rural people about their health and immunization importance. Mr. Sivakusmar from EKAM Foundation, Trichy, explained about the importance of health and causes of breast cancer and the treatment procedure. 45 people participated in this programme. This program was conducted on 21.01.2021 at Azhinjikai by and 84 people participated in this programme. This program was conducted on 19-02-2021 at Sengudi and 75 people participated.

Pongal Celebration was conducted on 13th January 2021 at No-94 Kariyamanikam, In Collaboration with Dream Foundation. Our adopted village children participated in the PONGAL celebration and were involved in preparing Pongal, decoration. Mr. Jegan, Ulavan Trust was the Chief Guest. He explained to the children why we are celebrating Pongal. A role play on Farmers Situation was enacted by the adopted village children.

Program on HEALTH EDUCATION was conducted in Collaboration with CHAT Organization on 20-1-2021 at Alinjikai, Azhagiyamanavalam Panchayat. Mr. Francis from CHAT Organization explained to the village people what are the health problems faced by the village after the age of 40 and how to identify that, what are its symptoms, how to prevent that, and what are the treatment methods. 110 village people participated in the program.

PROGRAMME ON TRADITIONAL GAMES - The program was conducted on 21-01-2021 at Gopurapatty in collaboration with CHAT Organization Trichy that conducted the traditional games in Gopurapatty village Azhagiyamanavalam Panchayat. The various types of traditional games were conducted Running, Skipping, Water filling for bottle, Musical chairs, the people participated in all games and the best performance winners were selected. Ms. Revathi Pitchai Panchayat President, Mr. Francis coordinator CHAT organization Trichy, distributed the prizes to the winners. Totally 80 members participated in this programme.

NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY - This program was held on 24-01-2021 at Gopurapatty, in collaboration with Dream Foundation. National Girl Child Day was also conducted at Gopurapatty Village Azhagiyamanavalam Panchayat and the importance of self-defense was taught to the village children. Mrs. Uma Rani from Street Fight Academy explained and demonstrated to the village children about the basics of self-defense in Karate and Silambam. Slogan writing Competition was also conducted and prizes were also given to the winners.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION - This program was conducted on 26-01-2021 at No. 94 Kariyamanikam in collaboration with CHAT Organization and Uzhavan Trust Trichy. The various programmes conducted were Essay writing, Drawing, Speech Monoacting and Drama. The students participated in all competitions and the best performing students were selected and given the prizes. The prizes were distributed by Mr. Swaminathan, Panchayat president and Mr. Francis, Chat organization Trichy. Finally sweets were distributed. Totally 40 students and 20 village people participated in this programme.

Program on BANKING COUNSELLING was conducted in collaboration with South Indian Bank, No 94 Kariyamanickam. Mr.Vijayakumar explained the need of maintaining minimum balance and then explained about central government PMAY insurance schemes and pension schemes, fake calls, not to share any details from account number and ATM pin numbers. It was conducted on 27-01-2021 at Alinjikarai.

RELIEF WORK - RESCAPES of our College has served as a bridge connecting two NGO's BHARATHIYA VIDYA BHAVAN and KUDUMBAM. We went together (31-01-2021) to provide relief materials to 40 families at Melachettyseri village, Karuvalankadu Panchayat, Velankanni. Reaching the society by Building Bridges and Networking, was conducted on 31-01-2021 at Melasettiseri, Karuvalankadu, Velankanni, Collaborators: Bharathi Vidhya Bavan, Kudumbam.

TREE PLANTATION (MIYAWAKI FOREST)

SERVICE EXTENDED TO OTHER VILLAGE ON NEED BASIS

This program was conducted on 09-01-2021 at Irungalur in collaboration with Irungalur Panchayat. Irungalur Panchayat organized and started planting 2 lakhs saplings in 26 acres by following Miyawaki forest concept. So our college extension department under the direction of the Principal planned to contribute tree saplings for that tree plantation drive. Our college third year students contributed two saplings each.

A total of 3000 elupai saplings was handed over to Mr.Vincent, Panchayat President of Irangalur. Mr.Ramanathan, from Neduvasal was the resource person and he explained to the college students why tree plantation is needed and important. And then thanked the village people for their tireless effort in the massive tree plantation drive. And then thanked the Panchayat President for encouraging this massive event. Mr.Vincent, Panchayat President of Irangalur, thanked the management, Principal and students for their support towards the benefit of nature.

Program on ROAD SAFETY - This program was conducted on 11-1-2021 at Gopurapatty, Paachur, 100 stickers were pasted on the vehicle headlights. This program was conducted on 12-1-2021 at Thathamangalam, C-Ayyampalayam, 100 stickers were pasted on the vehicle headlights. This program was conducted on 19-1-2021 at Palaiyur, 100 stickers were pasted on the vehicle headlights of two-wheeler and four wheelers. On 09-03-2021 this program was conducted, as Road safety is very important. So, our college conducted two-wheeler and four-wheeler head light sticker campaign at the Veerani and Salapatty (North) village. Stickers were pasted on the head lights of two-wheelers and four wheelers. Stickers pasted in 100 vehicles. in collaboration with Rock Fort Honda, Two-Wheeler Agency, Tiruchirappalli.

ROAD SAFETY AND HEADLIGHT STICKER CAMPAIGN Program was conducted on 11-01-2021 at Anthoniyar Kovil Street in collaboration Rock Fort Honda Tiruchirappalli. We explained to the slum people and drivers about the importance of Road safety, need for following the traffic rules and regulation. And then pasted the sticker in two wheelers and four wheelers. Totally we pasted 50 stickers in the head lights of the vehicles, this program was conducted on 12-01-2021 at Vennis Street and then we pasted the sticker in two wheelers and four wheelers. Totally we pasted 50 stickers in the head light of the vehicles at Vennis Street.

NEED FOR TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURE was conducted on 16-02-2021 at Veerani, Sirupathur Panchayat, in Collaboration with Ulavan Trust at Sirupathur Panchayat. Mr. Jegan interacted with the village men and women and explained the need for traditional agriculture method. 92 people participated.

On 04-02-2021 at Palaiyur 110 people participated, this programme, was conducted on 09-02-2021 at Thiruvasi 40 people participated, on 10th February 2021 at Paachur this program was conducted 35 people participated in the program and this programme was conducted on 11-02-2021 at Thiruvarangapatty 86 people participated in this programme, This program was conducted on 16-02-2021 at Sirugambur, by which 60 participated and benefited This program was conducted on 19-02-2021 at Veerani, Sirupathur Panchayat in Collaboration South Indian Bank and Sirupathur Panchayat, in which 68 people participated.

MENTAL HEALTH program was conducted on 18-02-2021 at Salapatty North-Sirupathur Panchayat, in Collaboration with Aram Hospital and Sirupathur Panchayat. Mr. Manoj, Psychiatric Counsellor, Aram Hospital, explained to the village people about various Psychiatric problems such as Phobia, Mania, Epilepsy, Schizophrenia, depression, brain damage. And also explained the causes, symptoms, treatment for the above disorders. 67 people participated. This program was conducted on 27.01.2021 at Gopurapatty.

NATURE CLUB VISIT

PADDY CULTIVATION TRAINING was conducted on 13-02-2021 at Alampakam village in collaboration with Ulavan Trust. Agriculture is the backbone of all nations and students are the future of every nation. So our college Nature Club arranged a training program on Paddy cultivation Training in collaboration with Ulavan Trust and went to Alampakam village. Mr. Sathiyaraj, practising traditional agriculture for half a decade explained the role of students in agriculture and then Nature Club Volunteers went to the paddy cultivation land, there he explained the traditional paddy varieties such as Mapillai Samba, Pooinggaru, Karupukavuni and Kudavalai and its health benefits to the Nature Club Volunteers and then explained the cultivation techniques of these paddy and then explained the need for water for future to the volunteers. And then Mr. Senthil explained about the need of awareness among farmers in cultivating traditional paddy. And then Mr. Jegan explained the role of women in agriculture.

Programme on Soil Fertility (Demonstration)

This program was conducted on 03.02.2021 at Palaiyur, Mr. Jegan explained and demonstrated how the soil becomes fertile and how soil is degraded by us, by using chemical fertilizers. 110 village people participated in this programme by Extension Department (RESCAPES) of Holy Cross College (Autonomous) in collaboration with Uzhvan Trust.

This program was conducted on 12-2-2021 at Thiruvaragapatty in collaboration with Uzhvan Trust. Soil fertility is very important for agriculture, but for the past 3-to-4-decades people and farmers used chemical fertilizers. Because of that at present the soil fertility becomes poor. So, our college extension department in collaboration with Ulavan Trust conducted program and demonstrated how to improve the soil fertility.

Mr. Jegan explained the components in soil and how to enrich the quality of the soil by using cow dung, panchakaviya, ganagevamirtham and vermicompost. 60 people participated in the session.

ANJARAI PETTAGAM program was conducted on 04.03.2021 at Cholanganallur, No-2 Kariyamanickam Panchayat in collaboration with Chat organization, Trichy, Mr. Jeyachandran coordinator SHEPHERD St Joseph's College, Trichy explained about herbal medicine Mr. Francis explained about homemade medicine and then distributed (Anjarai Pettagam) books. This book consists of information about herbal medicine and homemade medicine. 130 people participated in this programme. This program was conducted on 03.03.2021 at Sennakarai, 30 members participated in this programme

WOMEN'S DAY was conducted on 08-03-2021 at Veerani in collaboration with Dream Foundation. The Coordinator Mr. P. Karthik shared the need for happiness to the village people. Followed by recreation games conducted for the village people. Balloon blowing and breaking. And then along with the village people cake was cut by a small girl and by an elderly woman. The coordinator asked the village people to blow a balloon and tie it with their problems inside and ask them to fly it in the air. The village people were happy in doing it. Women's Day was conducted at Salapatty (North) Village, in collaboration with Dream Foundation. The program was started with cake cutting. Followed by competitions such as singing and kavithai writing. Prizes were given to winners. People were happy and shared their memories. 92 village people participated.

On 8th March 2021 towards Women Day Celebration. We in collaboration with Uzhvan Trust conducted why we need traditional agriculture essay writing competition for the NATURE CLUB volunteers. Prizes for three winners and certificates were given for all the 21 participants. B. Sowmiya - III BPO First Prize, S.M. Sneka - III HISTORY Second Prize and M. Anitha - III MATHEMATICS - B Section, Third Prize.

URBAN SLUM PROGRAM REPORT 2020-2021

IMPORTANCE OF IMMUNIZATION program was conducted on 7-09-2020 at Pathuvai Nagar, Tiruchirappalli. We distributed Kabasura Kudineer Chooranam by which 45 people benefited

HEALTH AND SELF PROTECTION program was conducted on 8-09-2020 at Venis Street, Tiruchirappalli Kabasura Kudineer was distributed to 40 households in the presence of the Slum Head Mr. Paul Raj. Programme on WELL BEING was conducted on 9-09-2020 at Venis Street, Tiruchirappalli. Distributed Kabasura Kudineer Chooranam to the slum people. We distributed the kabasurakudineer to 40 households on 10-09-2020 at Venis Street, Tiruchirappalli.

HOW TO HANDLE PANDEMIC SITUATION program was conducted on 15-09-2020 at Venis Street, (street no 4) Tiruchirappalli, Kabasura Kudineer was distributed to 27 households

IMPORTANCE OF ORGANIC FOOD was conducted on 16-09-2020 at Venis Street, Tiruchirappalli Kabasura Kudineer was distributed to 29 households.

IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL DISTANCE program was conducted on 17-09-2020 at Prestenpathiri Street, Tiruchirappalli. We explained to them the importance of maintaining social distance and Kabasura Kudineer was distributed to 17 households.

IMPORTANCE OF AYURVEDA MEDICINE program was conducted on 18-09-2020 at Prestenpathiri Street, Tiruchirappalli and explained about ayurveda medicine and distributed kabasura Kudineer to 15 households.

STAGES OF CORONA AND HOW TO BE AWARE OF IT program was conducted on 21-09-2020 at Prestenpathiri Street, Tiruchirappalli, We explained the stages of corona and how to be aware of them and distributed kabasura Kudineer to 22 households.

HOW TO PREPARE KABASURA KUDINEER program was conducted on 23-09-2020 at Anthoniyarkovil Street, Tiruchirappalli. We explained how to prepare kabasurakudineer with home ingredients and distributed Kabasura Kudineer to 23 people.

SOCIAL DISTANCE AND THE ROLE OF VEGETABLE SHOPKEEPERS AT MARKET was conducted on 6-09-2020 at Chatram Bus Stand we explained the importance of social distance and the role of vegetable shopkeepers at market and distributed immunization drink (kabasurakudineer) to 18 people who benefited.

The Program on SOCIAL DISTANCE was conducted on 6-09-2020 at Chatram Bus Stand. We explained about social distance, to the public and distributed immunization drink (kabasurakudineer) to 40 people who benefited.

USE OF MASK, GLOVES AND SANITIZER program was conducted on 7-10-2020 at Chinthamani market and we explained to the vegetable shop keepers about the importance of wearing mask, gloves and the uses of sanitizer. Then we distributed (kabasurakudineer) to the shop keepers. 20 people benefited.

COVID-19 VIRUS AWARENESS programme was conducted on 9-10-2020 at Gandhi market and we distributed immunization drink kabasurakudineer by which 43 people benefited.

DISTRIBUTED KABASURA KUDINEER TO THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS - On 13-10-2020 at Chinthamani Anna Salai stop we distributed (kabasurakudineer) to 44 people who benefited. On 14-10-2020. We gave Kabasura kudineer and masks to 23 drivers and conductors who belong to both government and private buses at chatram bus stand. On 15-10-2020 at Chathram Bus Stand we provided the Kabasurakudineer to 22 drivers and conductors at the Chathram bus stand. On 16-10-2020 at Chathram Bus Stand, we distributed Kabasurakudineer to 27 drivers and conductors.

DISTRIBUTION OF KABASURA KUDINNER AND MASKs TO BUSDRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS on 13-10-2020 at Chathram Bus Stand. We gave Kabasurakudineer and masks to the

government and private bus drivers at chathiram bus stand. 23 drivers and conductors were benefited. On 14 - 10-2020 we distributed distributed kabasurakudineer for 37 construction workers and public people in the Ramakrishna bus stop.

Covid-19 Virus Awareness program was conducted on 15-10-2020 at EB Road Selvavinavagar Kovil Street. We explained covid-19 to the EB road Selvavinavagar kovil street people, and distributed (kabasurakudineer) 37 people benefited.

Covid-19 Virus Awareness program was conducted on 16-10-2020 at EB Road, Anthoniyar Kovil street. We explained covid-19 to the people at EB road Anthoniyarkovil street. And then we distributed kabasurakudineer, 41 people benefited.

HERBAL MEDICINE program was conducted on 31-10-2020 at Vennis street, Awareness video show was conducted in Vennis Street. Benefits of herbal medicine and how to prepare it home was explained.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Collaborators: Vennis Street/ AnthoniyarKovil Street /Pathuvai Nagar,/Pestipathiri

Program conducted	10-11-2020		
Prize Distributed	13-1-2020		
Venue	Venis Street and AnthoniyarKovil Street	Pathuvai Nagar	Pastanpathiri
No of Participants	40		
No of Staff	1	1	1

Speech, dance, painting and singing competition was conducted for children at Venice Street, Anthoniyarkovil street, Pathuvai Nagar, and Pestanpathiri at Trichy. Mr.Paul Raj explained to the children about Corona and its effects and distributed prizes.

DISTRIBUTION OF BLANKETS

Date	4-12-2020, 12-12-2020, 13-12-2020, 15-12-2020, 16-12-2020,
Venue	No.1 Tolgate, ThiruvaniKovil, Srirangam, Chatram Bus Stand, Woriyur, Thiruvarampur, Crawford, Central Bus Stop
No of Beneficiaries	126
No of Staff	2

Through our Holy Cross College we distributed 126 blankets to the people who are sleeping at the roadside and for the homeless people. Our College Staff also contributed for this cause.

Ø NSS

The National Service Scheme of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized "COVID-19 Awareness Quiz" through online mode for three days from 18th to 20th June 2020. Dr. P. Shanthi, NSS coordinator, Holy Cross College organized the quiz. The aim of this quiz contest is to spread the awareness of rapid and extensive spread of the COVID-19 pandemic disease.

A total of 607 participants have attended the quiz programme. Certificates were issued to the participants those who secured the passing score of 60% or above. The certificates were issued immediately to the candidates through their registered email by certify'em. This contest was open to all.

The NSS unit of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, conducted an E-quiz on Nature and Environment from 17th to 19th June 2020. Quiz was open to all the colleges and totally 242 participants had registered. Certificates were given to the participants who had secured 60% above in the E-quiz.

The NSS unit of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, had organized one day webinar on "Women- A Soft Target for Cyber Crime" on 18th June 2020. The chief guest of the day was Dr. M. Gilbertrani, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Arul Anandar College, Madurai. She highlighted the tree types of hacking system where it has positive and negative in it. She explained women are targeted by the hackers through mobile phone and the other gadgets, she insisted to the participants that they should not share their e-resources or any passwords to friends, neighbours, relatives, etc. And also she made clear how women have to safeguard oneself from the hacking society.

The NSS unit of Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Trichy organized a webinar for faculty and students on the topic 'Heed on COVID 19' on 15th June 2020 from 11:30-12:30 p.m. The resource person of the session was Dr. Bhavani Shri, Dentist, Child Hospital, Egmore, Chennai & Consultant, EKAM foundation, Trichy. The resource person focused on the how, when, and why of the disease, precautions steps to follow and finally emphasizing the implication of the proverb 'Prevention is better than cure'. Faculty and students from various colleges participated in the webinar. The program was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Trichy.

The NSS Unit, NCC, and the Sports department of Holy Cross College, Trichy organized the 74th Independence Day on 15th August 2020 in the College premises. The Chief Guest of the day was Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Trichy.

The NSS unit of Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Trichy organized Fit India Movement from 26th August to 14th September 2020 as insisted by the Government of India and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. This movement insists on healthy living during the lockdown. Staying fit is very important for a human being to live long in the fast-moving world.

The NSS unit of Holy Cross College, Trichy organized a webinar for the NSS volunteers from various colleges in Trichy on the topic "Psychological and Spiritual Enhancement of Women" on 28th September 2020. The Chief Guest of the program was Mrs. Allirani Balaji, President, YUGAA, Trichy. The program was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Trichy. The Chief Guest spoke about various challenges in life and advised the young students not to be emotional in life. She emphasized that life is not a 'bed of Roses but roses with thorns'. So thinking is important before deciding. She highlighted that life is full of ups and downs and young people should know to be firm in the hail of difficulties. She also emphasized the art of thanking everyone in the journey of life. 226 participants participated in the program.

The NSS unit of Holy Cross College, Trichy observed the Vigilance Awareness Week on 28th October 2020 by organizing an Oath taking Ceremony in the college premises. The teaching and non-teaching staff took the integrity oath to follow probity and rule of law, to neither take nor offer bribe, to perform all tasks honestly and transparently, to act in the public interest, to have integrity in personal behavior, and to report any incident of corruption to the appropriate agency. Nearly 150 staff participated in the ceremony.

The NSS unit of Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Trichy, celebrated Sarthar Vallabai Patel's birthday as National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) on 31st October 2020 in the college premises. The teaching and non-teaching staff took an oath to promote and safeguard the qualities of unity, integrity, and protection of the nation among the people and to uphold Sarthar Vallabai Patel's futuristic vision of national unity and to support and protect the defense system of our country. Nearly 100 staff participated in the Oath taking Ceremony.

The NSS unit of Holy Cross College, Trichy organized a webinar for the NSS volunteers from Holy Cross College and various other colleges in Trichy on the topic “Road Safety” on 28th November 2020. The Chief Guest was Dr. J. Sivaraman, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Srimad Andavan Arts and Science College (Autonomous), Trichy. The program was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Trichy. The Chief Guest spoke about the importance of road safety listing down the rules and regulations to be followed. He used slides to show the indications which are to be made by motorcyclist or any other two-wheelers while traveling on the road.

The NSS unit of Holy Cross College, Trichy organized a webinar on the Constitution of India and the Common Man: A view from Volunteer on 2nd December 2020 to celebrate National Constitution day. The Chief Guest of the day was Dr. S. Manikandan, Assistant Professor in History, St. Joseph’s College, Trichy.

He explained the features of the Constitution of India and insisted that the students read the book The Constitution of India. He emphasized that NSS volunteers must create awareness about the importance of fundamental knowledge about the Indian Constitution. He also insisted that the volunteers plant more trees to make India a Green nation. A total of 100 NSS volunteers participated in the program.

The NSS unit and the Red Ribbon Club of Holy Cross College, Trichy organized the inauguration ceremony of the clubs on 6th January 2021 through the Google Meet platform. The function was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Trichy. The Chief Guest of the day was Dr. A. Lakshmi Prabha, NSS Coordinator, Bharathidasan University, Trichy. Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget felicitated the inauguration and encouraged the students to extend their hand of hope to the society in this pandemic era. She also spoke about the importance of service to the community.

Dr. A. Lakshmi Prabha highlighted the story of Savitribai, who was an Indian social reformer, educationalist, and poet. She is regarded as the first female teacher of India. She played an important and vital role in improving women’s rights in India. Through the life history of Savitribai, Dr. Lakshmi Prabha emphasized the vital role of women in society and their powerful contribution to the community which has brought huge changes in the lives of women. A total of 100 NSS volunteers participated in the program.

The NSS Unit, NCC, and the Sports department of Holy Cross College, Trichy organized the 72nd Republic Day on 26th January 2021 in the College premises. The Chief Guest of the day was Colonel Gopi Kumar, Officer Commanding 4 (TN) Girls Battalion NCC. The program was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Trichy.

In remembrance of Martyr’s Day on 30th January 2021, the NSS unit of Holy Cross College, Trichy observed two minutes silence as a symbol of paying tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the good of the nation. This day was remembered to instill the patriotic feeling in the young generation and make them aware of their forefathers whose contribution to the nation was a boon to everyone. Followed by this the NSS volunteers took a pledge against untouchability in the college premises. A total of 50 NSS volunteers participated in the program.

The NSS unit of Holy Cross College, Trichy organized a program on creating awareness about the importance of Polio drops in one of the adopted villages of the NSS unit 94, Kariyamanikam, Manachanallur, Trichy on 31st January 2021. The NSS Coordinator Ms. M.L. Eileen Brisha along with seven NSS volunteers went on a door to door campaign in the village to create awareness about the importance of polio drops which is mandatory for the children below 5 years of age and insisted that the villagers attend the polio camp with their children which was organized by the government of India. The NSS volunteers actively participated in the activity.

The NSS unit of Holy Cross College organized a webinar on the topic Powerful Women of the Scripture on 9th March 2021 to celebrate the International Women’s Day. The program was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal Holy Cross College, Trichy. The chief guest of the day was Ms. M.L. Eileen Brisha, NSS Coordinator and Assistant Professor of English, Holy Cross College, Trichy. She spoke about the powerful women from the Scripture by highlighting their qualities which made them successful in the history of human

race. She insisted that students should possess the qualities which will empower them by making them realize their potential. A total of 100 NSS volunteers participated in the program.

The NSS unit of Holy Cross College, Trichy participated in a Workshop on Menstrual Hygiene organized by the NSS Cell of Bharathidasan University. The technical session was handled by a panel of four doctors. Their lectures highlighted the importance of personal hygiene and the infections that follow if personal hygiene is lost. They also spoke about the importance of keeping the surroundings clean. A total of eight NSS volunteers participated in the program.

Ø Exnora

A webinar was held in zoom meeting on 3rd June 2020. The chief guest of the day was KSS. SenthurPari, President of Exnora International, who gave a lecture on the topic, “Corona and Environment”. He spoke about the current scenario and he suggested some home remedies and created awareness among the young minds about corona and shared some safety measures to be followed in our day to-day life. A webinar was held in zoom meeting on 5th June 2020 (Friday). The chief guest of the day was R. Santhanam, Senator, Exnora International and Founder of Boomithai Thootam, who gave a lecture on the topic, “Environmental stories Sollatuma!”. He told stories based on environment and those stories inspired young minds.

A webinar was held in zoom meeting on 8th July 2020. The chief guest of the day was John Alex, ED& CEO/Equitas Holding Ltd, Trustee, Exnora International who gave us a lecture on the topic, “MaathiYosi”. He gave ideas and techniques to the entrepreneurs and he motivated women to get empowered.

A webinar was conducted in zoom meeting on 26th August 2020. The chief guests of the day were Exn. KSS.Senthur Pillai, President- EXNORA International, Exn. R.Sridhar, VP- Youth Exnora International and was presided over by Exn.P.Mohan, Founder- Youth Exnora International, for, “Staff Advisors Conference’ 2020”. They motivated the staff to conduct webinars during this quarantine time for student’s community.

A webinar was held in zoom meeting on 29th August 2020. The chief guest of the day was Dr. M.P. Raajasekharan, Chief Technical Advisor of Exnora International, Chief Administrative Officer of Sri NarayaniPeedam, Golden Temple, Vellore, who gave a lecture on the topic, “Recovery of used water”. He gave us measures and methods, how to use the recovered water. He presented ppt showing us clearly how he used to save and recover the water in house and the temple. It motivated the young minds.

A webinar was held in zoom meeting on 31st August 2020. The chief guest was Dr. V. Badrinath, Dean, Corporate Relations and Extension Activities, SASTRA University, Thanjavur, Advisor- Trichy District EXNORA who gave us a lecture on the topic, “Earth on Edge”. He spoke about environmental concern that an individual should follow in day to-day life.

A workshop was held on 30th January 2021 in Google Meet. The chief guest of the day was Mr. M. Chithambaram, Trustee & General Secretary, EXNORA International, Chennai, who gave us a lecture on the topic, “Warning on Global Warming”. He urged the students to grow more trees including Bheema Bamboo and asked them to get adapted to the eco- friendly lifestyle so the future will be a great one.

On 3rd February 2021, the EXNORA students organized, “Plant, Protect and Promote” (“PPP”) programme at Thiruvasi, Tamilnadu, India. Students have to plant a sapling in the selected residential area in Thiruvasi, and residents of Thiruvasi protect and promote sapling into trees. Twenty five fruit bearing tree saplings were planted. The students spoke on the topic, “Global Warming’ to the villagers. They also talked about the importance of cool the earth.

On 4th February 2021, the Student’s Exnora organized “ IdamKodungalMaramValarpoom Programme” at Valmanapalayam-Melur, Tamil Nadu. Around 35 residents were volunteers to give their place for planting saplings and accepted the responsibility to protect and promote the saplings. Thirty five fruit bearing tree saplings were planted.

On 5th February 2021, the Student's Exnora organized a "Plant, Protect and Promote" ("PPP") programme at Valmanapalayam-Kelur, Thirty five fruit bearing trees saplings were planted. The students spoke on the topic, "Global Warming" to the villagers.

On 8th February 2021, the EXNORA students planted forty fruit bearing tree saplings at Sengudi village, under the programme "IdamKodungalMaramValarpoom Programme". The students also talked about the importance of cool the earth.

On 8th February 2021, the EXNORA students organized a Tree Plantation Programme "Rejuvenation of near Extinct Elm Tree Plantation" and creating Holy Cross Students' Exnora's Elm Forest by planting 500 Elm trees at PirakambiPanchayath, Mannachanallur taluk, Tiruchirappalli. The chief guest of the day was Mr. S.Devaikumar, Advisor, Youth Exnora International, Ex-UN peace keeping force, Tiruchirappalli. He urged us to plant many trees in our locality.

Ø Rotaract

The Rotaract Club of Holy Cross College organized a Webinar on "Lockdown - A Crisis or an Opportunity" on 10th June 2020. Rtn.PriyaGovindharaj, CEO & Founder, SamuthrikaAcademy was the speaker of the session. She emphasized that curiosity and looking outfor opportunities in new ways will map our path towards success. She also spoke about the numerous resources given to the students for their enhancement in life and encouraged them to have positive vibes to live a positive life even in times of crisis. Rtr.R.Sivaranjani and Rtr.K.MithraKumari were the Chairman and Secretary for the event. Hundred and six Rotaractors enthusiastically participated in the webinar and were benefitted out of this. The e-cerificates were also provided to all participants.

"Enhancement of Knowledge and Skills to Improve Oneself and the Society" is the vision of the Rotaract club. The activities of the Rotaract Club of Holy Cross College commenced on 1st June 2020. The installation of the club was held on 22nd January 2021, Rtn. Er. K. Ramaganesan, Secretary, Rotary Club of Tiruchirappalli Fort delivered the presidential address and inaugurated the club. The newly elected President Rtr. K. Mithrakumari and her team members were introduced to the gathering.

The Rotaractors participated in the following Leadership Training Programs conducted at the District level in RID 3000 to enhance their Professional Development Skills.

- Ø Thunithu Sel Penne organized by the Rotaract Club of Avinashi East along with District Women's Empowerment Cell RID 3202 on 9th June 2020.
- Ø PETS & SETS conducted by the District Rotaract Organization on 27th & 28th June 2020.
- Ø RYLA conducted by the Rotary Club of Anna University on 6th September 2020.

Community service programs:

The Rotaract Club organized the following Community Service Programs along with other Clubs for the benefit and betterment of the community.

- Ø Valvom Va - an eye opener to make the students realize the importance of life, organized on the World Suicide Prevention Day along with the Rotaract Club of National College, Trichy on 10th September 2020.
- Ø Tree Planting league on 27th September 2020 along with the Rotaract Club of Anna University, Trichy. The Rotaractors planted saplings in and around their own residential areas and the motto of this event was to plant trees and to maintain them.
- Ø The Virtual Bookfair on 8th February 2021 to enhance the reading skills of the student community.

Club service programs:

The Rotaractors actively participated in the various Club Service Programs and were benefitted out of it

- Ø Swatantra - an event organized by Sri Saraswathi Thyagaraja College from 18th - 20th July 2020. IPP. Yazhini Jayapandi, Rtn. Vichitra Senthil Kumar and Mrs. Jaya Sribadrinath spoke about Women Empowerment, Women Equality and Safety of Women in the Society.
- Ø Pavaiyn Agaparvai –an event organized by Rotaract International District 3000 along with Rotaract International District 3202 on 28th July 2020. Dr. Shakeela, the first woman in RID 3000 was the chief guest. She delivered an enlightening speech on the topic “Indraiya Nilaiyil Pengal Udal Nalam Matrum Maruthuvam”.
- Ø Vayathin Mattram Pudhiya Thotram –an event organized by Rotaract International District 3000 and Rotaract International District 2982 on 9th August 2020 (Time: 10am) Dr. Kavyasugam, the speaker of the event spoke on the health issues of women.
- Ø Is Breast Cancer Preventable ? – an event organized by the Rotaract Club of Karur on 9th August 2020 (Time 3.00pm) . Dr. Anbu was the speaker of this session. He spoke about the different stages of breast cancer and the symptoms of the disease.
- Ø Miss. Apurva – an event organized by the Rotaract Club of Cauvery College and Rotaract Club of Jenney’s Academy on 17th August 2020. The speaker of the session was Rtn. Meena, District Ryla Chairperson and Life Skill Trainer, Rotary Club of Karur Angels. She spoke on the Basic Rights and Independence of Women.
- Ø WOW - Wonder Women – an event organized by the Rotaract Club of Coimbatore Institute of Technology in collaboration with Rotaract Club of Anna University on 26th August 2020 (Time: 6-7 pm). The event was presided over by Dr. Angel Bhaticauhan, IAS officer, North and East Andaman District. She motivated the students by sharing her own life experience and she also gave important tips to clear the UPSC Exam.
- Ø Agni Siragu 2K20 –an event organized by the Rotaract Club of MAVMM Engineering College on 26th August 2020 (Time: 11am). The speaker of the day was Mrs. J. Amutha Lakshmi (Amuthaakshaya Trust). This session was about women rights and gender equality.
- Ø Kanavugal Vithaitha Nayagan Kalam –an event organized by the Rotaract Club of Anna University on 16th September 2020. The speaker of session was Mr. Ponraj Vellaichamy, the Science Advisor of our former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. He spoke about the humanity and selfless service of Dr. Abdul Kalam towards the society.
- Ø Eat Right And Digest Well-an event organized by Rotary International District 3000 and Rotaract District Organization on 28th September 2020. Rtn. Dr. Preethi was the speaker and the session was about Prevention of Diseases in the Pandemic Period.

The events organized by the Rotaract Club of Holy Cross College for the Year 2020-2021.

- Ø E-Quiz on Social Media was conducted for the school and College students from 1st –3rd June 2020.
- Ø Lockdown- A Crisis or an Opportunity, a webinar organized on 10th June 2020. Rtn. Priyagovindaraj, CEO and Founder, Samuthrika Academy Trichy was the Chief Guest for the event. She motivated the students to train the mind positively in all situations.
- Ø Kalathai Velvom, a webinar organized on 15th July 2020. Mr. J. Arul Prakesh, PG Assistant in Tamil, E.L.M. Fabricious Higher Secondary School, Chennai was the speaker of the session. He Spoke on the Development of Self Confidence and its importance to the students..

- Ø Facts and Myths of Covid 19, a webinar was organized on 28th July 2020. Dr. Kabilanchokkappan, Consultant Radiologist, khooteckpuat hospital, Singapore was the speaker of the session.
- Ø Cyber Security , a webinar was organized on 15th October 2020. Mr. Arunkumar, Chief Technical Officer, Ozone Cyber Security, Trichy spoke on the types of hacking and the Proper Usage of Social Media Accounts.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much says Helen Keller. The Rotaract Club of Holy Cross College along with the Parent Club- Rotary Club of Tiruchirappalli Fort and The Rotaract District Organization works to build communities, to build minds and to bring hope and peace to the society we live in.

Ø Red Ribbon Club

The Red Ribbon Club of Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli conducted RRC E-Quiz 2020. The quiz was open to all the students and the faculty of Holy Cross College, Trichy. The quiz was conducted during the days 3rd to 5th June 2020. Questions were asked based on Red Ribbon Club objectives and activities. 625 students and faculty from various departments attended the quiz out of which 616 received e-certificates and benefitted out of it. It helps to create the awareness among youth toward Red Ribbon Club.

On 23rd July, 2020, Red Ribbon Club of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli had organized a webinar on “Life: A box full of candies and chocolates”. Mrs. SarayuSelvaraj, the resource person and an alumna of Holy Cross College addressed the virtual audience. She emphasized on the importance of exploring different area in one’s life. She encouraged the audience to accept both the positive and negative things that come their way. The audience actively participated in the Question and Answer session.

On 25th July, 2020, Red Ribbon Club of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli had organized a webinar on “Time Management”. Dr. AnuRajendran, the resource person of that day addressed the virtual audience. She pointed out the benefits of allocating time for personal and professional aspects in one’s life. She engaged the audience by giving many tasks and problem solving quizzes. The audience were thoroughly absorbed in the discussion and keenly participated in queries session.

Red Ribbon Club organized a webinar on the topic “ Emotional Management during Crisis” on 9th June 2020 from 4.00 to 5.00 p.m through Google Meet. The chief guest of the day was Mrs. AbinayaJagdesh, Psychologist and Social worker, who talked about self-love and familial relationship. She emphasized that the positive aura along with perseverance makes a person very happy and successful.

The Red Ribbon Club of Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli along with the NSS held its inaugural function on 6th January 2021, via a Google meet. Mrs. A.Lakshmi Praba, National service Scheme coordinator, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli addressed the gathering. The chief guest addressed the students of NSS and Red Ribbon club and explained about the role and duties of students in the club. It included service to our country and creating awareness about the AIDS and the HIV virus.

The Red Ribbon Club of Holy Cross College organized a webinar on Challenges and responsibilities of students in society, on 8th February 2021. The resource person of the event was Mrs.N.Maheshwari, RRC ICTC Counselor, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Tiruchirappalli. The resource person talked about the AIDS disease and the ill effects of it. She shared her real life experiences and conversations with her patients. She explained about the taboos in the society and the victims of young age like school and college students, who suffer the aftermath of improper life decisions, which leads to teenage pregnancy, drug overdose and sexually transmitted diseases.

Ø Youth Red Cross

Holy Cross College, Trichy has taken various steps to enhance the learning process of the students. Several competitions and webinars are conducted for the welfare of the students and to initiate online teaching for the

staff. Youth Red Cross of Holy Cross College conducted a competition “Pen or Paint” for all I and II UG members of the College to motivate creative skills among the students. This competition has given an opportunity for the students to share their observation and experience about the service rendered by the frontline workers of COVID 19. The main focus of this competition was creating awareness among the students about this pandemic situation, making them know about the sufferings faced by several service workers for the welfare of the people. Thirty members participated in the competition by expressing their views creatively through essays, short stories, articles, poems, posters and sketches that were sent to the YRC Coordinator through e-mail. It was also evaluated based on creativity, clarity and content.

Youth Red Cross of Holy Cross College organized a webinar on the topic “Minding Our Minds during COVID -19” on 15th June 2020 from 4.00 pm-5.00 pm through google meet. The chief guest was Dr.L. Vishalakshi, (Psychiatrist). It was initiated by the Principal Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget. The Primary focus of the webinar was to create awareness on mental health during the pandemic COVID – 19 situation. 140 members registered for this webinar and 36 members participated.

Youth Red Cross of Holy Cross College organized a webinar on the topic “Academic Challenges during Covid-19” on 31st July 2020 from 3.00-4.00 pm through google meet. The chief guest was Dr.K.Suganthi Associate Professor of English, Holy Cross College, Trichy. The Primary focus of the webinar was to insist on the students to face this pandemic situation in an efficient manner. During this Covid 19 situation class rooms were changed to online classes using different modes and hence both the students and teachers learnt the latest techniques efficiently to cope with this situation in a positive manner.

The YRC Orientation program was held successfully on 22nd January 2021 from 2.00 -3.00 PM. The Program began with the prayer service and welcome address by our YRC volunteers. The chief guest was Mr. G. M. Ezhil Ezhumalai, Manager, Indian Red Cross Society. He enlightened the students with his social thoughts. He filled the young minds about the foundation and formation of YRC. He also created awareness on the motto, vision and 7 principles of Youth Red Cross. Youth Red Cross is a service-oriented movement that works to serve the sick and the sufferings in the society.

A webinar was conducted on 30th January 2021 from 2.00- 3.00 pm on the topic “Bone health in women and children”. The chief guest was Dr. T.Shenbaghavalli, SVH Hospitals, Thillai Nagar, Tiruchirappalli. She clearly explained the essential elements needed for bone health, bone health at every age, signs of vitamin D deficiency.

Ø AICUF

On 5th June 2020, AICUF of Holy Cross College in collaboration with the department of History conducted a Webinar on the topic ‘Migration and Human rights Dimensions during COVID-19’. The resource persons of the Webinar were Mr.HenriTiphagne, Executive Director, People’s Watch Madurai and Amnesty Award Recipient and Mr.Thirumurugan Gandhi, Coordinator, May 17 Movement.

A warm welcome was given by Dr.Sr Rajakumari.P. Head of the Department of History and she presented accolades of the resource persons who are great experts in the field human rights. Mr.HenriTiphagne had put forth the plight of the migrants during the pandemic and also narrated the challenges the migrant workers faced with their exodus.

The next resource person Mr.Thirumurugan Gandhi said the lockdown has disproportionately hurt marginalized communities due to loss of livelihood and lack of food, shelter, health, and other basic needs.

On 9th June 2020, AICUF of Holy Cross College conducted a Webinar on the topic Social Impact of COVID-19. The resource person was Mr.Sathish Gnanapragasam, PG Assistant, Department of Tamil, Champion Anglo-Indian School, Tiruchirappalli. The session was very much useful and informative as the resource person gave basic knowledge about COVID-19 and the major key points on details saying that the Corona Virus has been described in ancient ayurvedic scriptures about 5000 years ago. He enumerated various preventive measures

against Covid -19 and the awareness of its deadliness. There were lively interactions between resource person and students.

On 22nd January 2021 AICUF conducted an inaugural webinar for the first year students on the topic 'AICUF and AWARENESS'. The chief guest of the day was Dr. Sr. S. Alphonse Roseline Mary, Principal, Servite Arts and Science College for women, T. Idayappatti, Thogaimalai. The resource person enriched the session with her valuable thoughts on the important functions of AICUF in general and also gave remarkable illustrations on the role of AICUF to curb various issues related to women discrimination and communal discriminations.

Ø Come Alive

Come Alive, an extension program of Holy Cross College, Tiruchchirapalli organized a webinar on the topic "Unlocking moral dilemmas in students" on 13th June 2020 and it was presided over by Dr.(Sr.) Christina Bridget, Principal of Holy Cross College, Trichy. The resource person for the webinar was Dr. Ravi Stephen, B.Sc, MBBS, LM (licentiate in midwifery). Dr. Ravi Stephen addressed the participants on the importance of moral values in today's corrupt society. He spoke about the indispensable role of one's mental, spiritual and physical well-being.

The fruit of making the right choice in a challenging situation. The times are changing along with the modern day trends.

Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) along with Come Alive extension activity of Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli organized a webinar on, "Emotional resilience and coping" on 16th July 2020 and it was presided over by Dr. Sr. A. Christina Bridget, Principal of Holy Cross College.

The resource person Ms. Chaithanya Vannarath then addressed the participants on resource and methods of coping, the haphazard effects of procrastination, positive ideology, indecisiveness and its causes, modifying unhelpful thoughts and building emotional resilience and the mandatory- must inculcate attitude of optimism.

Come Alive, Trichy continues to work for the Psycho - Somatic Sanctity of the body among persons and society. On 21st January 2021, Come Alive, an extension program of Holy Cross College, which advocates the motto LIVE AND LET LIVE, organized a webinar on the topic LIFE IS A PRICELESS GIFT- APPRECIATE, which was presided over by Dr. Sr. A. Christina Bridget, Principal of Holy Cross College, Trichy.

The resource person was Sr. Clementia FSPM, Regional Secretary, TNBC Commission for family and health care, Puthur, Trichy. The session head started with an introduction by Dr. L. Cresenta Shakila Motha, which was shortly followed by a prayer by R. Amala Monika, II.BA English literature. Sister spoke about the indispensable, inter related role of one's physical, mental, spiritual and social well being in parallel with the fruits of making the right choice in a demanding state of negative and challenging times.

Come Alive, Trichy continues to work for the Psycho- Somatic Sanctity of the body among persons and society. On 30th January 2021, Come Alive, an extension program of Holy Cross College, which advocates the motto LIVE AND LET LIVE, organized a webinar on the topic KNOW THE WORLD AROUND YOU. It was presided over by Dr. Sr. A. Christina Bridget, Principal. The resource person for the webinar was Dr. P. Anitha, Assistant Professor, PG Department of Social Work, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirapalli. The resource person, Dr. Anitha instantly caught the attention of the virtually connected audience by stating the miserable plight faced by women in today's corrupt society. Dr. Anitha emphasized on the factors or the causes for child abuse, domestic violence and harassment of women.

Come Alive, Trichy continues to work for the Psycho- Somatic Sanctity of the body among persons and society. On 8th February 2021, Come Alive, an extension program of Holy Cross College, which advocates the motto Live And Let Live, organized a webinar on the topic "What Women Really Want?" which was presided over by Dr. Sr. A. Christina Bridget, Principal of Holy Cross College, Trichy. The resource person for the webinar was Sr. Josephine Dolly Mole, Counselor, Holy Cross College, Trichy.

After a warm welcome address, the session was handed over to the resource person, Sr. Josephine. The resource person, Sr. Josephine instantly caught the attention of the virtually connected audience by asking, are you happy that you are women. Sister spoke about the various facts on women psychology and the difference between women and men.

Ø Leo Club

The members of the Leo Club of Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli participated in the Inaugural and Leadership Awareness Programme through Google Meet on 8th February 2021. The Lions Club of Thillainagar always motivates, supports the LEO Club in all its activities and also collaborates in working together for youth leadership and the development of society.

The Resource Person of the day was Mr.K.Chinna Raj,IPP, Lions Club of Thillainagar, Tiruchirappalli. He explained the meaning of LEOism, objectives of the Club and also motivated the students on the need to develop leadership skills so as to serve fellow youth and also society at large. Mr.Chinna Raj had installed the newly elected LEO club members and presented them with their new portfolios and wished them success and the need to be dedicated for the betterment of the College and Society.

Ø Yuva Club

The Yuva club organized a webinar on “Stress Management During Lockdown Among Adolescents” on 4th June 2020. Mrs. Meera Ramesh, Psychologist & Counsellor, ATHMA Hospital, was the speaker of webinar. She spoke about utilizing time properly during this pandemic period and also how to improve our skills at such times. In this webinar 66 students participated.

The Yuva club organized a webinar on “SMAC – Benefits of Going Digital” on 5th June 2020. Mr.LeoAnanth, Managing Director, eQuadriga Software Pvt. Ltd. was the speaker of the webinar. He spoke about Digitalisation in education, Marketing, Finance and many fields. The session was like a hands on training programme. In this webinar 59 students participated.

The Yuva club organized a webinar on “LEADING FROM INSIDE OUT” on 14th July 2020. Mr. Prative Chand, CEO, CARE group of Institution, Yi Trichy chapter Ex-Chairman and a member of CII, spoke about leadership qualities in this pandemic situation. The speaker shared great business man’s history like -Steve Job, chief executive officer (CEO), and co-founder of Apple Inc. and 60 students participated.

The Yuva club organized a webinar on “Building Creative Confidence” on 15th July 2020. Mr. Mohamed Aashik Rahman, Founder & CEO, Propeller Technologies R&D Pvt. Ltd. was the Resource Person. He developed Robot and distributed around Trichy during this Covid 19 pandemic period for the purpose of distributing masks and sanitizers. In this webinar 55 students participated.

The Yuva club organized a webinar on “ABOUT Yi” on 7th January 2021. Mrs. Yamini Karthikeyan, Chair, YUVA, Yi Trichy chapter & Placement and training officer in NIT, Trichy, was the speaker of the webinar. She spoke about Yi to new members of the YUVA club. In this webinar 51 students participated.

The Yuva club organized a webinar on “IGNITING MINDS” on 22nd January 2021. Mrs. Navajothi, Member Yi Trichy chapter & Training and Placement officer in ICICI Academy, Trichy, was the speaker of the webinar. She spoke about Personality Development. In this webinar 51 students participated.

Ø YAD Club

A Webinar on Ways and Techniques to Handle Substance Abuse during COVID 19 was conducted by the Youth Against Drugs Club of Holy Cross College on 9th June 2020 from 3-4pm. The Resource Person was Dr. P. Anitha, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Holy Cross College, Trichy. The Resource Person explained the methods and techniques to handle substance abuse especially in this lockdown period. It was an interactive

session in which the resource person answered and clarified all the queries and doubts of the participants. 105 students from various disciplines of Holy Cross College participated and benefitted from this webinar.

A Webinar on Steps to Mend Domestic Drug Abuse was conducted by the Youth Against Drugs Club of Holy Cross College on 10th June 2020 from 3-4pm. The Resource Person was Mr. Muthukumaran, Counselor, Sunrise Foundation, Trichy. The Resource Person explained the steps to mend domestic drug abuse especially in this lockdown period. It was an interactive session in which the resource person answered and clarified all the queries and doubts of the participants. 129 students from various disciplines of Holy Cross College participated and benefitted from this webinar.

A Webinar on Drug Addiction A Dead End Rather Than An Escape To Problems was conducted by the Youth Against Drugs Club of Holy Cross College on 20th July 2020 from 11am-12:30pm. The Resource Person was Mr. Hareeharan.T, Assistant Professor of English, Nehru Memorial College, Puthanampatti. The Resource Person created awareness on the possible ways the youth become addicts and the various kinds of drug abuse. He also emphasized and said that many people take drugs as an escape from reality but ironically it's a dead end.

165 participants registered for the webinar out of which 114 students from various disciplines of Holy Cross College and other colleges from India participated and benefitted from this webinar. A feedback link was provided to the participants and E-Certificates were issued to all the participants. Ms.Mangalam.A, Student Volunteer of YAD Club Shift II proposed the vote of thanks.

A Webinar on Effects On The Body Due To Alcohol And Smoke Addiction was conducted by the Youth Against Drugs Club of Holy Cross College on 21st July 2020 from 3pm-4pm. The Resource Person was Dr.K.Senthilkumar, MD.,DM(Neo), SNCU Nodal Officer, Trichy and the session was chaired by Ms. Annam Annamalai, Former President Inner Wheel Club of Tiruchirappalli Metro. The Resource Person oriented the students about how a person becomes an addict and what are the possible ways to avoid becoming an addict. He also stressed on the ill effects alcohol and smoking has on our health and said that the best return we can give to the society is to say no to drugs.

Ms. Annam also emphasized on how the family is affected due to drug addicts and said that nobody should try to consume any kind of drug just for the sake of fun as well. 163 participants registered for the webinar out of which 108 students from various disciplines of Holy Cross College participated and benefitted from this webinar. A feedback link was provided to the participants and E-Certificates were issued to all the participants. Ms.Keerthana, Student Volunteer of YAD Club Shift I proposed the vote of thanks.

Ø Student Council & Student Forum

The Virtual Handing over Ceremony of the Student Council Members of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli for the Academic Year 2019-20 and the Investiture Ceremony of the Student Council Members for the Academic Year 2020-21 was held on 21st August 2020 at 2 p.m. via Google Meet. The event was presided over by Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal, of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli.

Words of gratitude were extended to the outgoing leaders who had contributed their best for the academic year 2019-2020. The Student Council Members of 2019-2020 from different departments handed over their responsibilities virtually to the corresponding newly elected Student Council Members. In line with the chosen theme of the academic year 2020-21, "Digital Transformation and Sustainability", the newly elected leaders were virtually presented with different mobile apps and advanced learning soft ware, each symbolizing a unique quality, by their counterparts of the preceding academic year.

Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget delivered the presidential address and virtually invested the newly elected office bearers, Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget thanked the former leaders and congratulated the newly elected leaders. In her presidential address, she emphasized the importance of team work for reaping the fruit of success. Quoting the success story of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Sister advised the New band of Student Council Members to be ready to accept failures and share the fruits of success. She has reiterated that a leader must be a visionary

with a clear direction of travel. Narrating a story, Sister had emphatically stated that a leader must be realistic in taking crucial decisions and in solving real life problems. The solemn occasion concluded with the College Anthem. Nearly 250 viewers witnessed the event in 'Google Meet' and 1600 viewers watched the programme live through HC Flamingo, the YouTube Channel of Holy Cross College.

Student Council Members [2020-2021]

S.No.	Department	Name	Port -Folio
1.	Audiology	Hasmithaa Balaji	Student Council Member & Health Minister
2.	Biochemistry	Angela Lawrence	President & Health Minister
3.	Biotechnology	Shanmugham Meyammai	Vice President & Minister Of International Affairs
4.	Botany	J. Vidhya	Student Council Member & Education And Current Affairs Minister
5.	Business Administration	A.A.Angel	Student Council Member & Welfare Minister
6.	Chemistry	Infant Natalia.J	Student Council Member & Health Minister
7.	Chemistry (S-II)	Sameena M	Student Council Member & Discipline Minister
8.	Commerce	Muzaina Tasneem S	Student Council Member & Finance Minister
9.	Computer Science	P. Pauline Monisha	Secretary & Information And Networking Minister
10.	Computer Science(S-II)	S. Celshiya	Student Council Member & Discipline Minister
11.	Economics	A. Vaishnavi	Student Council Member & Go Clean Minister
12.	English	W. Rini Valentina	Student Council Member & Health Minister
13.	English (S-II)	Merin Janet P	Student Council Member & Women Empowerment Minister
14.	History	S.B. Lakshme Pavithraa	Student Council Member & Go Clean Minister
15.	Mathematics	E. Emily Joseph	Student Council Member & HRD Minister

16.	Mathematics	F. Sweety	Student Council Member & Welfare Minister
17.	Physics	Marcina S Das	Student Council Member & Education And Current Affairs Minister
18.	Physics (S-II)	S. Vinofia	Student Council Member & Health Minister
19.	Rehabilitation Science	Evangeline Vanmathi.M	Student Council Member & Discipline Minister
20.	Tamil	P. Vaishali	Student Council Member & HRD Minister
21.	Visual Communication	Kimberley Fernandez	Student Council Member & Welfare Minister
22.	Zoology	K. Lakshmi Devi	Student Council Member & Women Empowerment Minister

Students' Forum

The student forum meet for the academic year 2020-2021 was held on 8th February 2021. The student council members, Fine Arts secretaries, Sports Secretaries and class representatives of all the departments participated in the meet. The meeting started with prayer service by student council members. Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal conducted the session. Vice Principals Dr. Mary Jayanthi, Dr. Mary Mejrullo Merlin and Dean of Student Affairs Dr. A.V. Paulin Edwidge Mary were also present. The student leaders had discussions about the centenary celebration of our College. The leaders were divided into smaller groups to engage in effective discussions about the celebration. They also came up with interesting ideas for fund raising and the events leading up to the centenary celebration.

The schedule for Mentor hours for **I PG, II PG and III UG** students for the academic year 2020-2021 (Even Semester) were as follows:

I PG	II PG	III UG
19-03-2021	12-03-2021	04-03-2021
31-03-2021	26-03-2021	25-03-2021
12-04-2021	10-04-2021	09-04-2021

Ø Consumer club

On 24th May 2020, the Consumer Club and Financial Literacy Club jointly organized a webinar on “Family Budgeting in Times Of Financial Stress”. Dr. G. Deepalakshmi, Head of the Department of Business Administration, Marudhar Kesari Jain College for Women, Vaniyambadi addressed the members on reconsidering their personal expenses during COVID 19 pandemic. The members were advised on different ways to limit their expenses to contribute to the family budget during this stressful situation.

On 15th June 2020, the Consumer Club conducted a E-Quiz on Consumer Education 2020 for the students of HCC to inculcate knowledge on Consumer rights and responsibilities. 118 students of various disciplines participated in E-Quiz and the E-certificates were provided to the successful participants. On 12th July 2020 a webinar was conducted for the members of Consumer club on Right to Information Act. Mr. Vijay Anand, Co-founder and former President of the 5th Pillar of Democracy, a non-profit organisation in Chennai, addressed the students. He explained the purpose of passing the Act and the information that could be obtained from the government organisations.

On 1st March 2021 a webinar was conducted for the members of Consumer Club on “Consumer Emancipation and Economic Development”. Dr.J.J.Jeyakumari, Research Advisor and Assistant Professor of Commerce, Kundhavai Naacchiyar Government Arts College for women (Autonomous), Thanjavur addressed the students. She explained the importance of consumer emancipation from the influencing market culture.

Ø Financial Literacy Club

Financial Literacy Club organised a webinar on the topic “Family budgeting in times of Financial stress” with the help of the coordinators Ms. M. Mary Suthanthira Malar and Ms N. Jayalakshmi on 24th May 2020. Dr. G. Deepalakshmi, HOD-Business Administration, Marudhur Kesari Jain College, Vaniyampadi the speaker shared her notions on Family budgeting in times of Financial stress” and over 150 students participated in the one hour session.

The session was started with this excellent quote said by Warren Buffet,

On Earning: “Never depend on single income. Make investment to create a second source”.

On Spending: “If you buy things you do not need, soon you will have to sell things you need”

On Savings: “Do not save what is left after spending, but spend what is left after saving”

On Taking Risk: “Never test the depth of river with both the feet”

On Investment: “Do not put all eggs in one basket”

On Expectations: “Honesty is a very expensive gift. Do not expect it from cheap people”.

Involve children and teens in making a family budget:

Ø A budget is how we decide what we will spend our money on, even in stressful times

Ø Making a budget together helps children understand that we all need to make hard decisions in difficult times

Ø It also helps families to have enough at the end of the month, and borrow less.

Talk about needs and wants:

Ø Needs: Which things are important or must have for your family to survive? (like food, soap to wash hands, needs for ill or disabled family members)

Ø Wants: Which things are nice to have but not essential?

Ø Discuss with your children what things you could try to spend less on as a family.

Build your own budget:

Ø Fill a bag of stones or anything with lots of bits. This is your money for the month

Ø As a family, decide what you will spend on what, and put the stones on your picture.

Ø If you can save even a tiny amount for the future, or for another emergency-it is great’

This session concluded with this meaningful words, "Money is the result of trust. Trust yourself and money will trust you".

A career oriented webinar was organised by the coordinators Ms M. Mary Suthanthira Malar and Ms N. Jayalakshmi of the Financial Literacy Club on 5th June 2020.

The speaker, Ms J.Carmelete Silviya, the HRD coordinator of the Holy Cross College motivated the members to allocate 30% of income as savings and promote saving to others, and be financially disciplined. The speaker encouraged the members to acquire computer skills, gain experience from internships and part-time jobs. Later, she stressed on the importance of aptitude tests, and various other professional exams.

Financial Literacy Club organised a webinar on the topic "Basics of budgeting savings and Investment" by the coordinators Ms M. Mary Suthanthira Malar and Ms N. Jayalakshmi on 6th June 2020. Mr. V. Kannan MSME Proprietor Tiruchirappalli-2 spoke about his notions on "Basics of budgeting savings and Investment" and over 125 students participated the one hour session.

Ø Disaster Management Club

The Disaster Management Club organized a webinar on 3rd June 2020 at 10:30 a.m. using the online platform Google meet. The speaker of the day was Ms. A. Merlin, Speech Language Pathologist and Audiologist. The speaker spoke about the impacts of Covid-19 and our minds. She made the participants understand the psychological barriers faced by the people during the quarantine. She also gave useful explanations and remedies about overcoming these traumas.

Disaster Management Club of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy, conducted a webinar on 11th June 2020 from 10.30 am to 12 pm through GOOGLE MEET for I UG and II UG students of Holy Cross College on the topic of "COVID -19 and its Psychological impacts".

The speaker Mr. AravindGanesan, MSW., M.Phil., Head of the department of Social work, Athma Hospitals, Trichy gave a broad idea about COVID-19 around the world. He also gave various ideas that remove the stress factors in the students minds which in turn makes useful time by staying home itself.

The Disaster Management club organized a webinar on 25th July 2020 at 11:30 a.m. through the Google Meet online platform. The speaker was Mr. S. Antony Chemilus, Senior Safety Officer, Bellfast Management Pvt Ltd. Students from the Disaster Management club and various clubs of both the shifts participated in this webinar. 101 students actively participated in the webinar. The speaker gave the participants a clear module of information about Fire and its Safety.

The Disaster Management club organized a webinar on 31st July 2020 at 3.00 pm. through the Google Meet online platform. Speaker of the day was Mr. Rajiv Pisharoti, Motivational Speaker. Students from the Disaster Management club and various clubs of both the shifts participated in this webinar. 101 students actively participated in the webinar. The speaker gave the participants a crystal clear information about knowing oneself and handling each and every step in their life which in turn reduces the man-made disasters like violence.

The Disaster Management Club organized a webinar on 27th January 2021 at 02:00 p.m. through Google Meet. Ms. Jayapriya Durga, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Holy Cross College, addressed the club members on the topic "Situational Awareness & Social Responsibility". The speaker gave the participants a lively and clear explanation about the importance of preparedness and social interest in the disaster management field. She also shared her experience in childhood days about how to volunteer oneself and encouraged the club members.

The Disaster Management Club organized a webinar on 30th January 2021 at 02:00 p.m. through Google Meet. Y. Davidson, Training officer in electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) project supported by UNDP spoke on the topic 'The Role of Volunteers in Disaster Management'. II UG Students from both Aided and Self finance programmes participated in the webinar. The speaker gave the participants a lively and clear

explanations about the importance of volunteers in the disaster management field. He also explained about the capacities, features, classifications, and risks involved in a disaster for a volunteer.

Ø HRD

Human Resource Development Centre organized Orientation Programs, Training Sessions, workshops and Coordinates Online Internships in Internshala during the covid time. The details as follows:

On 8th May 2020 a session on “Campus To Corporate” was organized by HRD with ICT Academy through Webex - Cisco platform for final year students of Commerce ,BBA and Maths. Around 110 students were benefitted. Mr. Karthick, HR Manager , HCL Technologies shared his views and interacted with students and clarified their queries.

On 13th May 2020, HRD in association with GTT arranged “Barclays Career Guidance Program” through ZOOM and Microsoft Team. Around 90 students attended and received certificates. Ms. Kanchana , Regional Head, GTT was the resource person. She enlightened the students with her vibrant speech on recent career opportunities and the ways to equip them to face the challenges.

On 22nd May 2020 , Ms.Uma & Mr. Ilayarasi Natarajan , GTT conducted “ATOS SYNTEL – BFSI Training” in Microsoft Team for the final year Commerce students. 60 Students participated and received certificates. The session emphasized on the financial Instruments and the various certification programs of BFSI sector.

In the Month of June HRD organized 10 hours Spoken English course for the HRD Representatives . Iswarya , An alumnae - freelancer conducted the session via Whats app and Google meet Platform .15 students were benefitted.

On 23rd June, 14th July , 21st July,25th and 28th July 2020, HRD in Association with “Empower Trust & Habitat for Humanity” organized a Leadership training program for the Final years of Arts and Science students in ZOOM Platform. 1050 students were benefitted though the interactive session. Ms. Apoorva Poojari, Ms. Akshitha saxena,Ms. Muskan Lunde & Mr. Jason enlightened the students with their success stories and real life examples and games.

On 8th July 2020, Mr.Dinesh , GTT hosted the Barclays CWW training for the first and second year BBA Students . More than 100 students were benefitted.

On 13th July 2020 HRD Leaders Meet was hosted in google meet platform along with the HRD Coordinators Ms. J.Carmelete Silviya and Ms.Absara. 50 students attended the session, discussed the HRD Activities Year Plan , Virtual Campus Drive Process and HRD Registration form on Classifying the final year UG and PG into Job Seekers, entrepreneurs and Higher studies Group.

On 16th August 2020, Mr. Rajasekar , Director, King’s Banking Academy addressed around 160 students on “ Career opportunities in Banking”. He clearly specified the basic methods and approaches to crack the bank competitive exams and listed out the forthcoming bank exams .

On 17th September 2020, HRD in association with ICFAI Business school organized a session on “ Emerging Careers in Post Covid -19”, Prof. SEEBOLI, Faculty, IBS discussed the topic and suggested links and e-materials. More than 200 students participated and received certificates via ZOOM Meet.

On 19th September 2020, “7 Proven Strategies to Crack the CAT and other MBA Exam” was arranged for the MBA Aspirants. Session headed by Mr. Vignesh Srinivasan, Founder, MOCKAT Classes,74 students attended the session and were benefitted.

A session on “Impact of Fintech on Your Daily Life” was organized by HRD and ICFAI Business school on 19th September 2020 through ZOOM platform.160 students attended the session ,Ms. Manisha singh, Dean, Academics, IBS, Bangalore was the Resource person. She interacted with the students and clarified their queries.

On 1st October 2020, “Job Opportunities in Space Industry” was organized for the Physics department students, Mr. Ramamoorthy, Scientist, ISRO who was the resource person interacted with the Students in Google meet. 40 Students attended the Session.

On 13th October 2020 an Awareness program was conducted on Rural Entrepreneurship and Business Plan Development through Google meet for the BBA students, 76 students and 6 staff attended and received certificates. Dr. Umarani Purushothaman, MGNCRE Representative, addressed the Meet and explained clearly the role of ED cell.

On 20th October 2020, HRD organized a career guidance program on “Career in Healthcare ITES” through Google meet and You tube Live stream. More than 400 students attended and were benefitted. Mr. Samuel Erricson, Chief of Faculty Team Training and RPO and Mr. Pandi Ganesh, Assistant Operation Manager of Effluganz Information Technology, Madurai were the Resource persons, who interacted with the students and updated them with the present job requirements.

On 22nd October 2020, a session on “Roadmap to Banking Career” was given by Mr. Suresh Natarajan, Director, Dhiksha Academy of Banking and Finance. Around 200 students attended the session through google meet and You tube. He clearly stated the Benefits, Perks and positive aspects of a banking job. He shared his own experiences in different Private sector Bank jobs as a Senior manager as well as about the recruitment process of Private Bank Jobs.

On 31st October and 3rd November 2020, Barclays “Employability Skills” was hosted by HRD in association with GTT through ZOOM, Ms. Kanchana, Regional Head, South, GTT enlightened our students in an Interactive mode. She posted lot of queries and taught students to understand the reality and motivated them to enhance their skills to be competitive.

On 28th November 2020, In association with UTI and Spark Technologies HRD conducted an orientation program on “Money Management”, Mr. Naren, UTI & Ms. Banu Meena Spark Technologies were the resource persons. 80 students from Economics and PG Commerce attended and received certificates.

On 2nd January 2021, HRD organized an Interactive Session on “Youth Talkathon”-Nationwide Competition. 20 students attended the session and more than 60 students registered for the Competition. Mr. Allen Joy, ICT Academy Coordinator clearly explained the procedures and details about the competition.

Ø Women’s Studies Centre

The Women’s Studies Centre organized the National Webinar on Gender Equity : Agency and Empowerment on 22nd July 2020 for the benefit of students and public. Dr. Shaila Desouza, Professor and Head, Department of Women’s Studies, Goa University, Goa delivered her message that both men and women are equal. She stated that the concept of equality and social movements towards equality are not new but Gender Equality is more recent.

Women’s Studies Centre organized a webinar on Gender Equality and Social Empowerment on 31st July 2020 from 2.30p.m. to 4 p.m. Even though government has CHILDLINE to report the issue, National Commission for women report says the rate of domestic violence has been registered at 60% in the present year.

Mr. A. Nirmal Singh Heera, Assistant Professor (Law), Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli, was the resource person for the webinar and gave a talk on ‘Women and the Indian Constitution – A Transitional Approach’ at Constitution Day Celebration on 26th November 2020 conducted by Women’s Studies Centre, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli.

The Gender Champion Club of Holy Cross College (Autonomous) organised a series of Webinars during the Covid -19 pandemic for the better utilisation of the time. The first webinar was conducted on 1st June 2020 for I and II UG Gender Champions on the topic “Gender Equality: A Prerequisite for Development” from 11 am to 12pm via Google Meet.

The Resource Person for the programme was Prof. N. Manimekalai, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Director and Head Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. The students were benefitted from the webinar as the Resource Person defined the difference between Gender and Sex in the sociological perspective and encouraged the younger generation to create gender equality in society. She highlighted the recent increase in the rate of domestic violence during the lockdown and discussed the reasons behind.

The second webinar in the webinar series was organised by the Gender Champion Club on 26th June 2020 on the topic 'Simple Yoga for our Body and Mind'. The Resource person was Dr. Shyamala. K, Head & Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce (CS), Shrimathi Devkunvar Nanalal Bhatt Vaishnav College for Women, Chrompet, CHENNAI -44. This webinar was organized exclusively for the stressed mothers and homemakers during the pandemic.

She demonstrated the simple yogasanas that could be performed easily to get relieved from stress. The Resource person also provided an insight on the effectiveness of Mudras and how regular practising of mudras and yoga help to get cured from various physical and mental illness.

The Club organised an Online Quiz on Gender Equity from 25th to 27th July 2020, between 9 am and 5 pm for the students of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy. A quiz consisting of 25 questions carrying a total of 50 marks was framed using Google forms. A total 701 students attended the quiz and the certificates were issued to a total of 400 students who scored above 60%. The participants shared positive feedbacks and expressed their interest to attend more quizzes of the same kind in the future.

A special event of the club was the National Webinar conducted on 31st July 2020. Dr. Chandra. A, Academic Supervisor, SSB International School, Bangalore was the resource person and she spoke on the topic "Role of Education in Women Empowerment". The webinar focused on the need and importance of education in the lives of women. Dr. Chandra expressed her love towards education and efforts of the youngest Nobel Laureate, Pakistani young activist for female education Ms, Malala. 103 students actively participated and understood the importance of education in their lives.

The Third Webinar was organised on the topic "Ignorance of Law is No Excuse" on 23rd October 2020. This webinar mainly focused on how today's womenfolk from infant to old lady are becoming the victims of Social and criminal harassments. The resource person Mr. Sudarsan Sundaram, Advocate, Adjunct professor, School of Law, Sastra University enthralled the audience with the topics of the law against the enforcement on child marriage, divorce system, cooling period, domestic violation and dowry prohibition. He enunciated about the deprecation of women's education, injustice led by bigamy and polyandry. The webinar's main objective is making the students aware of the laws that would be beneficial in the social life.

The fourth Webinar was organised on the eve of National Girl Child Day 2021 on the same topic on 22nd January 2021. This webinar was organized to emphasize the need for celebrating the girl children and the resource person of the session was Dr. V. Krishna Jothi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Religion Philosophy and Sociology, The American College, Madurai who made a mention of being a girl child to the lovable parents. She quoted the lyrics of the great Tamil Poet Kavimani Desiyavinayagam and made the audience feel elated on being born as female child. She also insisted that the students should be grateful to their parents for nurturing and treating them as their little princesses.

The fifth Webinar was organised on 30th January 2021 on the topic Women's Challenges and Prospects. The speaker Mrs. R. Pattammal, A Freelancer from Bangalore, created awareness to the students and cautioned them on the challenges they have to face in their near future after graduation.

Ms. K. Lakshmipriya, Future Coordinator, Rainbow Home Programme, Chennai was the speaker for the sixth webinar organised by the club on 8th February 2021 on the topic Menstrual Hygiene. The speaker insisted that it is important for every woman to feel comfortable and to be at ease during her menstruation; in the same way as youngsters the teenagers and adolescents should be aware of the ways and means of maintaining the health and hygiene at the time of their menstrual cycle.

Talent Ease Advantage U Course Certificate

As part of Curriculum all I UG students have studied SBE 1: Soft Skill Development in the academic year 2018-19. Since it is essential to acquire more soft skills for their personal and career development, they have studied Level II : Soft Skill Development course outside the class hours. 1601 students received their course completion certificate i.e. 'TalentEase Advantage U course 'certificate from TalentEase, Chennai which is an outsourcing agency. The classes were coordinated by Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli.

Webinar on Gender and Socialization was conducted on 15th March 2021 from 3 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Dr. N. Murugeswari, Professor, Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli was the speaker. She explained about the difference between sex and gender, sociological perspectives of gender roles, women condition etc.

Women's Studies Centre conducted an 'Awareness Programme on Gender Equity' for boys students of Holy Cross College on 19th March 2021 at 1 p.m at Regina's hall, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. The resource person Mr.K.Sathish Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, KalaiKaviri College for Finearts, Tiruchirappalli explained about gender equity, gender equality, difference between rights, responsibilities, and opportunities. He informed that 90 % women are sent off from their work due to pregnancy and child rearing practices.

Learning Management System (E-content)

The aim of the Centre for E- Content Development is to reach maximum online beneficiaries through sharing staff expertise and to equip the students to adopt Online Teaching and learning process. Due to the pandemic, the staff and students experienced 100% Online Mode of Teaching and learning process since March 2020.

The Teachers are equipped to make use of the Online Teaching platforms such as Google Meet, Web Ex and Zoom. The Teachers produced 140 e- lessons for the academic year 2020-2021. In December 2020, the Centre initiated to update sending the e- Content Project Proposals that were prepared and sent by December 2018. As a part of it, a two day Workshop was organized on 20th and 21st January 2021 for the Project Proposal Teams. Mr.B.Ravishankaran, Managing Director, Maieutic Consultant Pvt. Limited, Bangalore was the resource person. The E Content Project Proposals Introduction videos shooting was held on 30th January 2021. The Centre is waiting for the preparation of Government Funded E Content Projects to add laurels to the Institution.

Ø Counselling

A trained and experienced counselor, psychologist offers professional service to the students who are maladjusted and need counseling. There are two counselors Dr.Sr.Catherine & Sr Josephine Ligory for the welfare of the students.

Online counselling is offered to our students as well as for the public for the past 9 months from April 2020 onwards. For the cases which needed psychotherapy intervention, group counselling and family counselling, help was given to them offline with all the required precautions of pandemic lockdown, Therapy sessions were conducted, even during the period of lockdown. So far online counselling was given to 35 students and 45 others were helped.

Objectives

1. To help the students manage their psychological problems such as getting adapted to online mode of learning specially during the year 2020-21, more effectively and to utilize the unused and underused opportunities more successfully
2. To offer counseling and psychological help to the public through online mode.
3. To organise Webinars related to Counselling.

Problems

Fear of Covid 19, loneliness, financial crisis, students are not able to cope with online mode of learning. Lack of mobiles, prevented them from attending online classes. Depression, poverty at home since parents have lost their job due to Covid, suicidal tendency etc.

Services by Counseling Centre

- Ø Giving orientation to the College students (need based)
- Ø Counseling service -priority for the student community, staff members, parents then members from outside
- Ø The Peer group counseling was started in the year 2019, with 18students. As a follow up important information, videos and you tube links were sent to them to update themselves with the knowledge of psychology, counselling and for self knowledge.
- Ø According to the demand of the situations counseling help was given Online and offline. To offer counselling a “HCC warm line for students “ was arranged by the Principal of Holy Cross College in the year 2020, It is a group of staff nearly 38 of them who were ready to give counselling as per the need of the students and others during Covid 19, (lockdown) and a few students were helped.
- Ø Counsellors were invited as resource persons for On campus and Off campus counseling related programmes.

Programmes Conducted

On 21st June 2020 class on ‘understanding the needs of the special children and their parents. Counselling skills to motivate them to overcome their stress, was conducted for 38 seminarians, at Francesco, Capuchin, Theological Institute, Vegangudi, Tallivadi, Samayapuram, Trichy, by Sr. Josephine.

On 25th June 2020 Sr. Josephine conducted a session on ‘Understanding the Millennium Generation and How to handle them?’. 28 young religious participated at Holy Cross Provincialate, Puthur, Trichy,

National Webinar

On 27th August 2020. The First National Webinar on ‘Boosting Emotional Stamina’ was organized online by Counselling Centre, Holy Cross College, Trichy. The beneficiaries were Staff, Students, Research Scholars and Others. The number of participants was 494. In you tube 440 persons viewed the programme from 3 to 4pm.

The Webinar focused on Emotional Intelligence, Emotional Spiral, Basic Negative emotions, work on your self esteem, healthy way of handling fear and anger, sense of meaning and purpose, energy circle, Positive social relationship, optimism-explanatory style model and tips to stay emotionally balanced and enjoy the benefits associated with it. These were the contents highlighted by the resource person.

From 3rd to 5th November 2020 class on ‘Human Sexuality and Affective Maturity’ was given to 9 Prenovices at Holy Cross Pre-novitiate, Ayikudi, Trichy , by Sr. Josephine.

From 23rd to 26th November 2020 Dr. Sr. Catherine took class on ‘Personal Growth and Development’ and Counselling help was given to 9 Pre novices at Holy Cross Pre-novitiate, Ayikudi, Trichy.

On 27th November 2020, a workshop was conducted by Dr.Sr. Catherine for 35 Alcohol addicts at De-addiction centre SOC SEAD, Ayikudi, Trichy.

On 2nd December 2020 ‘Psychological Orientation was given on ‘positive approach’ through online for 30 students of the Department of Psychology, Holy Cross College, Trichy, by Sr. Josephine.

From 9th to 14th December 2020, 6 days class on ‘Self Esteem’ and therapeutic help was given to 6 Novices at Holy Cross Novitiate, Puthur, Trichy, by Dr.Sr. Catherine.

On 27th December 2020 ‘Orientation on ‘Psycho Spiritual Integration for the family members’ was conducted by Sr. Josephine, for 175 participants from St. Sebastin Church, Somarsampettai, Trichy.

From 14th to 16th January 2021, Sr. Josephine took a class on ‘Affective Maturity and Human Sexuality’ for 6 Novices at Holy Cross Novitiate, Puthur, Trichy.

From 22nd to 24th January 2021, Dr.Sr. Catherine and Sr. Josephine the Counselling psychologists, of Holy Cross College were invited by the organizer to render their professional support to the youth of the conference and gave counselling and psychotherapy to the student participants through online during the National Conference for ‘Catholic Colleges Online Youth Feast 2021’ for the catholic students, organised by St. Joseph’s College Autonomous Tiruchirappalli in collaboration with Xavier Board of Higher Education, India, through the virtual platform on the theme “Go and Do like wise” Luke 10/37 for the youth, which was held at St. Joseph’s College Trichy.

On 24th January, based on the request from the director of Arunkodai Illam, (spiritual centre) Trichy Diocese, Dr. Sr. Catherine, counselor and psychotherapist renders professional help to persons in need, from January 2021 on the 4th Sunday of every month.

On 27th January 2021 ‘seminar on ‘Transaction Analysis’ was conducted by Sr. Josephine, for 68 students from I BRSc & I MSc Psychology through virtual mode.

On 1st February 2021 ‘workshop on ‘Gestalt Therapy’ was conducted by Sr. Josephine, for 68 students from I BRSc & I MSc Psychology through virtual mode.

On 8th February 2021 ‘Webinar on ‘What women really want ’ (Women psychology) was conducted by Sr. Josephine, for Come Alive students, they are 94 UG students (1st year 52, 2nd year 42) through virtual mode.

On 8th February 2021 class on Psychology of Geometrics shape-personality test was given by Sr. Josephine, to PG students of English & Maths through virtual mode. 94 students were benefitted.

On 25th February 2021 ‘KNOW YOUR SELF’ was formed with group of PG students around 30 who are interested in counselling skills and desire to help other students by the Counselling Centre, (Dr. Sr. Catherine & Sr. Josephine).

On 6th March 2021 Arunkodai Illam- As per the request from the director of Arunkodai Illam, (spiritual centre) Trichy Diocese, Dr. Sr. Catherine, counselor and psychotherapist offered one day training programme on ‘Basic Skills of Counselling to the staff of Arunkodai Illam, the participants were around 15, the continuation of this one day training programe will be every month for the same participants in the year 2021.

Ø Hostel

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. (Psalm 118: 1) The closure of the educational institution due to the outbreak of COVID-19 lockdown led to an unprecedented impact on education. During the lockdown, teachers were instructed to teach through online learning platforms. This affected our hostel too, so we closed our hostel till December 2020. We followed the government norms of COVID -19 regarding safety and security and opened our Hostel on 3rd January 2021 for III UG students as per the rules of the Government Orders. The Holy Cross College Hostel gave accommodation for four hundred and thirty four students in this academic year, under the care of four wardens, Sr. Bridget Chelladurai, Sr.Kulanthai Mary, Sr.Nithya and Sr. Josephine.

125 Catholic students were accommodated in Maria Villa Block under the care of Sr. Josephine, 75 Catholic students in Christ the King Block under the supervision of Sr. Bridget Chelladurai, 128 Non-Catholic Students in Little Flower Block under the guidance of Sr. Nithya, and 106 non-Catholic Students in Holy Family Block, under the direction of Sr. Kulanthai Mary, Totally 434 hostilities were under the above mentioned four wardens.

Student’s Roles and Responsibilities:

“The difference between a boss and a leader is, a boss says ‘go’ but a leader says ‘Let’s go’...”

The hostel leaders were elected to develop the leadership qualities in the students, The elected leaders are Block leaders Antoshiny.R, Ashika.R, Jeba Brundha.A and Ragayazhini.S.

Mess leaders are Jafrina Anto.A, Eugene Poonguzhali.J, Curi Clara.C and Sreeni.S . Shiny Immaculate. S and Jermin Vedham.M are Choir Leaders. Sahaya Praveena.M and Tina Evelin.E are Spiritual leaders. Saranya.K and Nandhini.S are Discipline Leaders. They were elected by the students on 4th January 2021.

The investiture ceremony was held on 10th January 2021 and badges were given to them by their respective Block wardens who honored and congratulated the newly elected leaders. We also thank Sr. Jansi Amaladoss for her generous contribution to our hostel for the past two years and for taking care of our students with concern. We also happily welcomed our new warden dear Sr. Bridget Chelladurai for Christ the king Block.

“God’s word is not just to repeat but to be breathed, lived and emulated with each action” – says Steve Marabole . In order to nurture the students spiritually, they are motivated to participate in the daily Eucharistic celebration at 6.30 a.m. and to pray the Holy Rosary at 7.00 am. For the catholic students we organized certain programs to increase their faith and spirituality and to be God centered persons.

The students had a prayer service on 11th March conducted by Rev.Fr. Sagaya Raj, Superior and correspondent, Holy Cross School, Somarasampettai, Trichy. Every night the students gathered to pray and to read the word of God. Meditating on Psalm 91 motivates the students to have a deep trust and hope in God, with special prayers for protection during the Covid pandemic.

The various periodical spiritual dimensions facilitated for the catholic students are sacrament of Reconciliation, adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and regular campus rosary which was organized on the last Saturday of every month. The feast of the presentation of our Lord was celebrated with the candle procession and Holy Eucharist on 2nd February 2021. The hostel students with the community sisters actively participated in the 3rd Day of Novena Mass of our parish church Our Lady of Lourdes, held on 4th February 2021, followed by the Holy Rosary procession at 6.00pm, and then they took part prayerfully in the Holy Eucharistic Celebration.

Relaxation: To encourage and support our hostel leaders and the choir group, we arranged a trip to Poondi on 23rd March 2021.

Special Day for Hostelities:

Youth is the trustee of prosperity. - Benjamin Disraeli

The Hostel Day was celebrated on 20th March 2021, The Holy Eucharistic Celebration was held by Rev. Fr. K. Rayappan SJ, Campus Treasurer, St.Joseph’s College, Trichy at 6.30 am. Dr.S. Jayashree Agarwal, Assistant Professor and UG Head, Department of English, Cauvery College (Autonomous), Trichy, the Motivational speaker, young in spirit who cares about the youth and their empowerment in the field of education was the chief Guest for the Cultural programme in the evening .

Appreciation and Gratitude:

“Gratitude is the magnet of miracles” We extend our gratitude to Dr. Sr. Niranjana Anthonisamy, our Secretary and Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, our Principal for their constant support and the keen interest they showed in the growth of the hostel students with their meticulous and systematic planning. We thank Sr. Jeyaseeli, sister-in-charge of Mess for providing nutritious meals with motherly care and concern. We are very grateful to our Jesuit priests for their generous availability for the daily Eucharistic celebration and their availability for the sacrament of reconciliation.

It’s our joy to thank the community sisters for their encouragement and guidance in times of need. We deem it a great privilege to thank the office bearers and the supportive staff in the mess for their dedicated service rendered tirelessly.

We do thank the hostel attenders, Ms. Usha, Ms. Queeni, Ms. Jeni and Ms. Mercy for their devotedness to the entrusted duties. We thank our helpers, Mrs. Rani, Mrs. Sudha, Mrs. Muthumari and Mrs. Dhanam for keeping the campus clean and tidy.

We express our gratitude to Mr. Murugesan and Mr. Kanthaswamy for their electrical work, Mr. Joseph and his team for their construction work. Mr. Rex for his artistic contribution. Our Security Mr. Govindaraj & Co and the well wishers who were ready round the clock to help the hostel premises to make the hostellers stay more comfortable. Finally we thank God for his blessing, protection, guidance, and his abundant graces which were at work all the time in spreading the aroma of His omnipresence.

Ø **Students' Scholarships**

A total of 2082 students were provided with the Central and State Government scholarships and management scholarships during this academic year 2020-2021.

- Ø From SC/ST/SCC Category, An amount of Rs. 11,48,014/- was sanctioned to 213 FRESH students for the year 2020-2021 and an amount of Rs. 23,34,780/- was sanctioned to 376 RENEWAL students for the year 2020-2021
 - Ø From BC/MBC/DNC Category, an amount of Rs. 5,42,453/- to 285 FRESH students from who have benefited for the year 2020-2021 and Rs. 8,81,419/- to 399 RENEWAL students who have benefited for the year 2020-2021.
 - Ø Rs. 3,30,000/- was sanctioned to 44 SC/ST/SCC students who are staying in the hostel and applied for Higher Educational Special Scholarship Grant by the Tamil Nadu State Government.
 - Ø Rs. 18,000/- was received by 6 SC/ST/SCC under graduate students who received PM Award worth Rs. 3,000/- each and Rs. 30,000/- was received by 6 SC/ST/SCC post graduate students who received PM Award worth Rs. 5,000/- each for the year 2019 -2020 on merit basis.
 - Ø 1 students receive Rs. 2,000/- as Prize Money Award for SC/ST students.
 - Ø 16 students received (for the years 2015-16, 2016-17 & 2017-18) Government Endowment Scholarship for merit students by Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli worth Rs.48,000/- (per student Rs. 3,000/-).
 - Ø 363 Freshers applied for the Post Matric Minority Welfare Scholarship in National Scholarship Portal offered by the Tamil Nadu State Government for UG and PG students approximately ranging from a minimum of Rs.3,000/- to Rs. 6,000/- for Post-matric Minority Scholarship.
 - Ø 1 Post Graduate student applied for PG Scholarship for University Rank Holders (1st and 2nd Rank Holders) Scheme in Post Matric Minority Welfare Scholarship in National Scholarship Portal.
 - Ø 2 students applied for Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for ST Students – Ladakh in National Scholarship Portal.
 - Ø 22 students applied for Fresh Central Sector Scheme Scholarship worth Rs.10,000/- per student.
 - Ø 84 students received for renewal of the Post-matric Minority Welfare Scholarship in National Scholarship Portal offered by the Tamil Nadu State Government for UG and PG students approximately ranging from a minimum of Rs.3,000/- to Rs. 6,000/- for Post-matric Minority Scholarship.
 - Ø 1 student received scholarship worth Rs.10,000/- through Central Sector Scheme Scholarship Renewal.
- This year 330 students of both regular and self-financing session are benefited by the Farmers' Welfare & Social Security Scheme of Tamil Nadu government.
- Ø 8 differently abled students received an educational aid from Disability Welfare Office, Tiruchirappalli District.

- Ø 1 differently abled student received an educational aid from Help for the Blind Foundation, Chennai.
- Ø 2 students received an educational aid from Sri Krishna Trust worth Rs. 8,000/- (Aarya Vyshiyai Caste) (Each student – Rs. 4,000/-).
- Ø 2 students received an educational aid from Chennai Foundation worth Rs. 10,750/- and Rs. 12,055/- respectively.
- Ø 1 student received an educational aid from Thandalai J. Chidambaram Reddiyar Trust worth Rs. 10,000/-
- Ø 1 student received an educational aid from Mathurams Health Education and Seva Trust worth Rs. 6,000/-.
- Ø 2 students received an educational aid from LBR Foundation India, Chennai worth Rs. 14,100/- and Rs. 16,000/- respectively.
- Ø 2 students received an educational aid from Lotus Home Trust worth Rs. 30, 210/- (Rs.15,105/- each student).
- Ø 1 student received an educational aid from Lintimate Fashions Foundation (India) Pvt. Limited, Chennai worth Rs. 20,000/-.
- Ø 1 student received an educational aid worth Rs. 16,850/-.
- Ø 1 student received an educational aid worth Rs. 20,000/-.
- Ø 2 students applied for educational aid from Reddiyar Trust – Seeds Foundation worth Rs. 27, 586/- (Rs.13,793/- each student).
- Ø 4 students received an educational aid from Gokula Samajam Charitable Trust worth Rs. 12000/-(each 3,000/-)
- Ø 1 student received an educational aid from Sri Lingayath Samaj Charitable Trust (Rs.10,000/-)
- Ø 1 student received an educational aid from Aanandham Trust (Rs. 14,145/-).
- Ø 10 students received Ex-service Man (Ex-Army) Scholarship.
- Ø 21 students received Southern Railway Scholarship.
- Ø 17 students received Tamil Nadu Police Centenary Scholarship.
- Ø In addition, 45 students received various scholarships from various Trusts and various Organizations such as Agaram Foundation (2 students), Titan Company Scholarship (1 student), Sarthar Vallabai Patel (1 student), AKR Express (Private) Ltd., Salem (1 student), Muthaliyar Sangam, Workers Tamil Nadu Nala Variya Sangam (Panai Maram, Tailoring, etc.), Building Construction Labourers Welfare Board, GVN Hospital Staff-Child (1 student), Virudhunagar Hindu Nadar College (2 students), Madhuram Hospital (1 student), Tamilnadu Labour Welfare Board, NLC India Ltd. Fisherman Scholarship, Vidhya Lakshmi Educational Fund, Sozhiya Chetty Sangam - Charitable Trust and Education Foundation (2 students), Anglo-Indian Association (2 students), Srilankan Camp (3 students).

Management provided financial support with an amount of Rs. 11, 35,462/- (for 200 students)

- Ø **Management financial support for 62 Sports Students was given with an amount of Rs. 6,61,489/-**
- Ø **Management provided financial support for education to 10 students with an amount of Rs. 1,08,755/-**
- Ø **Management provided education aid to 26 poor students with an amount of Rs. 1,56,288/-**

- Ø Management provided Rice bags during Covid 19 to 100 students with an amount of Rs. 62, 000/-, to 100 non-teaching staff with an amount of Rs. 62, 000/- and to 100 other people with an amount of Rs. 62, 000/-
- Ø Financial help was also given to two children of Non-Teaching Staff with an amount of Rs. 22,930/-.

Celebrations of Life

Ø International Yoga Day

International Yoga day is celebrated every year on 21st June 2020. A webinar on combat the pandemic stress through Yoga was organised on the 21st of June in commemoration of the International Yoga day. The session was arranged on Google meet platform and was telecast through live streaming on You tube - RESCAPES Channel for staff and students of Holy Cross College Autonomous, Tiruchirappalli.

Two hundred and fifty (250) members participated through the Google meet platform and 366 members through the live streaming on You Tube; in all 616 staff and students participated in this webinar. The session started with a prayer by Dr. Catherine Sara, Asst Prof. in Botany, followed by Welcome address by Mr.Karthik Coordinator of RESCAPES, Mr.Kathiravan proposed the vote of thanks and Dr. Sujatha Ilangovan was the moderator of the session.

The chief guest of the session was Arulnithi. Mr. S. Muthukumaran, M. S. W., M. Phil., M.Sc. (Phy.), M.Sc. (Yoga). He addressed about 250 online viewers through google meet platform. His session highlighted the ways to overcome stressed situation at home and at work place through yoga. He added that if one practises Yoga daily then there shall be no need for someone to help us do Physiotherapy.

The theme for the international yoga day for 2020 was Yoga at home and yoga with family and a webinar of the kind was in tune with the theme for all participants were at home with family watching the session and acquired knowledge on the topic.

Ø Mother Foundress Day

In commemoration of the Foundress Day Celebration of Mother Claudine Echernier, a novena prayer was telecast through you-tube by the Sisters of the Cross. The novena was started on 1st August 2020. Each day's novena had several programs that included the life history of Mother Claudine Echernier, prayer services, and cultural programs. The novena came to an end on the 10th August which was remembered as the 151st death anniversary of Mother Claudine Echernier.

Ø Independence Day

The NSS Unit, NCC, and the Sports department of Holy Cross College, Trichy organized the 74th Independence Day on 15th August 2020 in the College premises. The Chief Guest of the day was Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Trichy. She shared her thoughts on the sacrifices the freedom fighters have made for the nation.

She emphasized that this day of celebration is unique as it is remembered during the pandemic. She also highlighted the struggles of Indian men and women under British rule and their contribution to bring in this country the much longed freedom. 10 staff participated in the celebration.

Ø Teachers Day

Holy Cross College celebrated "Teachers day" on 5th September 2020. No LockDown stopped us from doing our duty. This dutyfilled profession was celebrated virtually connecting all the roots and seeds of Holy Cross through online mode. Program was started with prayer, welcome address and proceeded further by

games, cultural events and a virtual tribute to teachers by students across the disciplines. Dr.(Sr.) Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College was the chief guest and she acknowledged the physical separation and ritual togetherness and appreciated the stupendous work each of us was rendering during Covid-19.

To highlight, the Queen of the day was differently chosen by randomly calling out their identification numbers, pairing up in serial numbers. Dr.Prema of Tamil department was crowned as the Queen of the day. Dr. Mary Jayanthi, Vice Principal was the winner of the Kahoot game and Dr. Sr. Lourdes, HoD of the Department of Rehabilitation Science was the runner up. Various cultural events and games were also conducted. The celebrations ended with the vote of thanks & College Anthem. Special thanks to the PG & Research Department of Commerce and the Department of Social work for coordinating the program.

Ø Holy Cross Feast

The virtual Holy Cross Feast Day celebration was held on 14th September 2020 at 10 am. The programme began with the prayer service followed by the welcome address by Miss. Emily Joseph, Student Council Member (SCM) of the Department of Mathematics. Rev.Sr. Petronilla, Former Head Department of Value Education and Campus Minister Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli, the chief guest of the celebration, gave a meaningful presidential address. The celebration continued with the cultural programs including, classical dance, group singing, skit and monoacting. The sisters enjoyed playing the game conducted, on “It’s all about the cross” and also the virtual tribute on the cross and sisters of the cross. Miss. Keerthika R, III Biotechnology delivered the vote of thanks.

Ø Bible Day

Bible day celebration 2020 on Sustainability of God’s Creation through Digital Transformation was celebrated on 28th September 2020 through google link and you tube platform.

The function began at 9.30 am with a prayer service led by the staff and students of the department of mathematics; installation of the Holy Bible was done by Rev. Sr. Dr. Metti Amirtham, the chief guest of the function. In her address, she emphasized the importance of the word of God, and our life will be fruitful if we read the bible and reflect upon it. She reiterated that we should not let the word of God depart from our mouth; we should meditate on it day and night. After the chief guest’s address, the best performance of the seven competitions namely solo singing, classical dance, letter to God, rangoli, costume culture, monoacting and comic strip were played, seventeen departments participated in each competition. Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal announced the overall winners of the bible day competitions, fifth place was bagged by the department of Computer Science, fourth place by the department of Zoology, third place by the department of Chemistry. Commerce department bagged the second place and the overall winners of Bible day 2020 was the department of Mathematics. The Heads of the winning departments received the rolling trophies from the Principal.

Ø Christmas Celebration

Student’s Programme

The Christmas Day Celebration was held virtually on 22nd December, 2020. The Chief Guest of the day was Rev. Fr. Dr. Pavulraj Michael SJ, Dean of Spirituality, Gregorian University, Rome, Italy and our Secretary, Rev. Sr. Dr. Niranjana Antoniswamy, our Principal, Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget presided over the programme attended by the Vice Principals, teachers and students.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Pavulraj Michael gave a beautiful Christmas message regarding the birth of Christ and the treasures of life. The students of the Department of History, Psychology and Visual Communication brought out the joy of Christmas through their melodious carols, Splendid Pageant and graceful dances. Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget addressed the gathering with her wishes and blessings. Ms. Deborah Sharon, I PG, Department of Psychology delivered the Vote of Thanks. The event was organized by Ms. Kimberley Fernandez, Student

Council Member, and Department of Visual Communication. This virtual Christmas Day Celebration proved that individually we are one color, together we make a rainbow and this celebration was indeed as colorful as the rainbow. Thus the celebration marked a red letter day in the history of Holy Cross.

Staff Programme

Christmas celebrations was conducted on 23rd December at 5.30 p.m. in the traditional offline mode for teaching and non-teaching staff at different venues, maintaining social distancing. The celebration ended with dinner hosted by the College Management.

Ø Pongal Celebration

Pongal was celebrated on 13th January 2021 from 9.30. a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Dr. (Sr.) Niranjana Anthonisamy, Secretary, Holy Cross College presided over the function. The program commenced with the prayer followed by Cultural Events. The audience was enlightened by the theme oriented skit “Celebrating the farmers and their hard work”. Traditional dances like ‘karagatam’, Dappankuthu were performed. Students brought out beautiful sounds using “Thaaraitthapparai” reminding us of the sweet old traditional activity that was carried out to convey messages. The whole event was organized by the Departments of Computer Science and Tamil.

Ø Republic Day

The NSS Unit, NCC, and the Sports department of Holy Cross College, Trichy organized the 72nd Republic Day on 26th January 2021 in the College premises. The Chief Guest of the day was Colonel Gopi Kumar, Officer Commanding 4 (TN) Girls Battalion NCC. The program was presided over by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Trichy. He spoke about the importance of buying the products of our nation which will be of great help to the people of our nation rather than the imported items. He insisted that the young generation should improve themselves to improve the nation. He emphasized that the youngsters ought to protect the tradition and value system of our nation. Nearly 200 students participated in the celebration.

Ø Hostel Day

The Hostel Day was celebrated on 20th March 2021 The Holy Eucharistic Celebration was by Rev. Fr. K. Rayappan SJ, Campus Treasurer, St. Joseph’s College, Trichy at 6.30 am. Dr.S. Jayashree Agarwal, Assistant Professor and UG Head, Department of English, Cauvery College (Autonomous), Trichy, the Motivational speaker, young in spirit who care about the youth and their empowerment in the field of education was the chief Guest for the Cultural programme in the evening .

Ø Women’s Day

The International Women’s Day 2021 at Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli was celebrated on 8th March 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

To commemorate the achievement of women, the College honoured five women achievers with shawls and cash awards for their service to the society during the crisis of COVID -19. They were,

- ✓ Dr. G. Anitha, Former Dean, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Government Hospital
- ✓ Ms. S. Brindha Sriharish, Puthiya Thalaimurai Channel
- ✓ Ms. Kathlene Reena, Staff reporter
- ✓ Ms. C. Puspharani, Rs.5 food seller
- ✓ Ms. B. Murugalakshmi, Grocery shop owner

The chief guest of the day, Dr. Shakila Zameer, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Shanawaz Hospital shared

the importance of health and nutrition in women, the different stages of adolescence and the common diseases that affect women. “Being a healthy woman is not about getting on a scale and measuring your waistline one has to start focusing on what matters - on how we feel about ourselves” the words of the former Lady Michelle Obama was quoted by the chief guest.

Dr. G. Anitha, Former Dean, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Government Hospital, addressed the audience on the importance of gratitude towards the Almighty and stated that service to the society to be practised both from home and college. She shared her experience in the field of medicine with captivating real life stories. She quoted ample examples on women achievers and motivated the students to incorporate unshakable and poised attitude in the face of any crisis.

Ms. S. Brindha Sriharish, Puthiya Thalaimurai Channel discoursed with a powerful quote from Bharathiar. “Every woman is capable of achieving great things and Women’s day is not to just celebrate women but to cherish and realize the rights and indispensable role we women play - said the speaker.

Ms. Kathlene Reena, Staff reporter, The Hindu engaged the audience with an enthralling story from her life, which moved the hearts of the participants. She emphasized on the importance and role of teachers in one’s life and encouraged the audience to devote themselves in showing gratitude and appreciation to their teachers.

Ms. C. Puspharani, Rs.5 food seller spoke on the significance of courage and highlighted the need to inculcate the thought and act of gratitude. She encouraged the audience to live in reverence and awe of the Almighty. She requested the audience to hold in high regard their parents and teachers.

Ms. B. Murugalakshmi, Grocery shop owner who rendered her 14 houses free of cost and gave grocery items to those houses shared the indispensable requirement of today’s society- to uplift the down trodden. She spoke about humanity and kindness. She also revealed that her relentless work and deep motivation drove her to make the big idea of entrepreneur a reality.

The cultural events were presented by the Departments of Rehabilitation Science and Audiology and Speech Language Pathology which include solo dance, mime and dance performance based on Mallala Yousafzai’s speech stressing the importance of women education. About 300 students and faculty witnessed the program and thousands of students participated online. The event was coordinated and organized by the Departments of Rehabilitation Science, Audiology and Speech Language Pathology and Women’s Studies Centre, Holy Cross College (Autonomus), Tiruchirappalli. Vote of thanks was rendered by Ms. B. Hashmitha, III year B.ASLP, Student Council Member. The programme ended with the College Anthem.

Ø Excursion

75 non – teaching staff accompanied by the Principal, went on one day trip to Tuticorin on 28th January 2021. They visited the famous church Our Lady of Snows where they attended Holy Mass. After lunch they were taken to the beach where they relaxed themselves and enjoyed playing in the calm and safe waters and delighted in taking selfies and group photos as visual treasures for later times of recalling this tour.

In the evening they went shopping to a big mall and while some did window shopping, many of them bought fancy articles and other items for their children and family members. The famous cashew cones of Tuticorin were purchased by many. After a day of relaxation and refreshing in Nature’s waters they returned to the campus with hearts filled with joy both spiritual and emotional and offered spiritual bouquets of thanks giving for the safe and enjoyable trip that materialized in the midst of the Covid testing time.

Ø Parent Forum & PTA

The Parent-Teachers Association of Holy Cross College, Trichy, organized a webinar on “Art of Parenting”, on 12th June 2020 (Time: 12.00 PM to 1.00 PM), exclusively for the parents of the students of Holy Cross College, Trichy. The resource person was Ms. Leema Peter, Psychologist and Counsellor, K. Ramakrishnan College of Engineering, Trichy. The objective of the webinar was to help the parents to unfold the potential of the

child to evolve as an individual and also as a member of the community. Nearly 640 parents registered for the webinar.

The webinar was arranged in Google Meet in which 55 parents participated and a You Tube live streaming was done, in which 370 parents viewed the session. The Principal, Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget offered felicitations. The chief-guest spoke on types of parenting and various aspects of positive parenting. Ms. Leema Peter insisted that positive parenting leads to the holistic development of the child. The parents highly appreciated the session and gave positive feedback.

The Parent-Teachers Association of Holy Cross College, Trichy, organized a webinar on “Parental Counseling”, on 24th October 2020 (Time: 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM), exclusively for the parents of I UG and I PG students of Holy Cross College, Trichy. The resource person was Dr. Rani Chakkaravarthy, Director/Rehabilitation Psychologist, Rakshana Child Guidance Centre, Suthanthira - A Centre for Guidance and Counseling. The parents of I UG and I PG students, registered for the webinar and actively participated in it. The webinar was arranged in Google Meet in which 95 parents participated and a You Tube live streaming was done, in which 285 parents viewed the session. The Principal, Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget presided over the webinar. The resource person insisted that parents should be highly supportive of their children, as today’s younger generation are undergoing a lot of stress. Dr. Rani told the parents to broaden their outlook on teenagers and encouraged the parents to trust their wards and develop a positive attitude towards them. At the end of the session, parents expressed a very positive feedback on the webinar.

The Virtual Parent Teachers Meeting was conducted for all the parents of I , II , III UG and I & II PG Students class wise on 10th October 2020, via Google meet from 11:00-1:00 pm. The objectives of the meet were to discuss the students’ progress and academic performance in the virtual online classroom learning. The goal was to build a healthy relationship with the students, their Parents and Teachers.

The Class teachers individually interacted with each Parent regarding their ward’s academic performance and discussed the first internal marks. Suggestions were invited from Parents regarding the online learning experience of their children. The Parents gave a very positive feedback regarding the online classes though there were some technical issues.

The Parent-Teachers Meeting was conducted for all the parents of III UG and II PG Students in offline mode on 5th March 2021. For the parents of I and II UG students, the meeting was conducted in online mode via Google Meet. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the performance of the students on the first internal examination and to take note of the suggestions of the parents. The Class teachers individually interacted with each Parent in both online and offline mode, regarding their ward’s academic performance.

The Parents Forum organized by the Parent- Teacher Association of Holy Cross College was conducted on 20th March 2021. The meeting was presided over by the Principal Dr.Sr. Christina Bridget, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli. The Centenary Celebration of the College, in the upcoming year 2023, was highlighted to the parents and their suggestions and insights were invited. The parents were insisted on to contribute to the all- round development of the institution and the Principal encouraged them to take stock of existing and emerging situations and share their views.

Department wise Annual Parent – Teacher Meeting

PG & Research Department of Physics, Holy Cross College, Trichy, organized the Parent Teacher Meeting for I, II, III UG and II PG students on 10th October 2020 at 11.00 am for the academic year 2020 – 2021 through Google Meet platform to discuss about students’ progress and performance. 165 parents participated in the PTA meeting. The feedback and suggestions from the parents were collected.

PG & Research Department of Mathematics organised a Parent-teacher meeting on Friday, 5th March, 2021 for I UG and II UG students through google meet platform; for the students of III UG, I PG & II PG meet conducted off line at 12.15 pm.

Class teachers explained about the academic progress of the students and had a healthy interaction with them about discipline, punctuality and safety measures that have to be followed in order to protect from COVID 19, also discussed variety of issues, regarding all round development of students.

Parent Teachers' Meeting for the academic year 2020-2021(Even Semester) was conducted by the PG & Research Department of Botany on 5th March 2021 for the students of III B.Sc , I & II M.Sc Botany through offline and I & II B.Sc Botany through Google meet at 12.15 p.m to discuss the students 'educational journey. 88 parents attended the meeting. The goal was to share ideas, concerns and experiences and form a connective link between teachers and parents.

The Department of Audiology conducted the parent's teachers meeting for B. ASLP students, parents of I & II B. ASLP through Google meet and for III B.ASLP through offline on 5th March 2021.

The Department of Economics conducted a parent teacher's meeting on 10th October 2020 through the Google meet platform. Nearly 100 parents participated in this parents teacher meet. The class teacher discussed the internal marks of the students with the parents.

The Department of Economics conducted a parent teacher's meeting on 5th March 2021 through online and offline mode. 68 parents participated in this meet. The class teachers discussed and read the internal marks of the students to the parents to check the performance of the students.

Two Parent Teachers Meetings were conducted by PG & Research department of Rehabilitation Science on 10th October 2020, Saturday through Google meet & on 5th March 2021, Friday via Google meet and offline for III UG and I & II PG Students.

Parent Teachers Association of Social Work Department initiated a first round parent teachers meet on 5th September in Social Work Department hall. 28 parents volunteered to participate. In spite of continuous steering we were able to bring a very small crowd, but it came out effectively with many constructive thoughts and made way to understand the nature of the course and grievances between students and parents were addressed and on the whole this PTA served as a bridge to accomplish the students curriculum in future days to come.

The PG and Research Department of History had conducted the Parent Teacher Meet on 5th March 2021 for the both UG & P.G students. The class teachers had organized it and the students participated in the meeting with their parents individually both online and offline mode.

Ø Alumnae

The Alumnae association of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized a webinar on "Menstrual Hygiene and Reproductive Health Care" on 3rd June 2020 between 5-6 pm. Dr. T. Ramanidevi, MD, Director, Ramakrishna Medical Centre and Janani Fertility Centre, Trichy was the resource person of the session.

Dr. A.K. Umera Begam, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry welcomed the participants and introduced the resource person. Dr. T. Rexline, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics led everyone in prayer. Rev. Sr. Dr. A. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli felicitated the participants. The resource person started her address stating that 28th May 2020 was celebrated as world menstrual hygiene day. She discussed about menstrual period, menstrual symptoms, menstrual hygiene and risk factors associated with poor menstrual hygiene that will lead to medical illness such as cervical cancer. A total number of 290 participants benefitted from the session.

The General Alumnae Meet of Holy Cross College was held on 12th December, 2020, online through the Google Meet platform at 10 a.m. The meet was also live streamed on the official You Tube channel of Holy Cross College, Trichy, HCFlamingo. The Chief Guest of the day was Ms. Neela Gangadharan, IAS (Retd), Former Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala. The Special invitee was Dr. Sudarkodi Kannan, Principal, Government Arts and Science College, Tondiarpet, Chennai. The occasion was graced by the alumnae who

were present for the meeting. The Minutes of the previous meeting was read by the Alumnae Coordinator, Dr. Umera Begum, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Biochemistry. The Newsletter of the Alumnae Association “In Touch” Vol: 14. December 2020 was released through a video presentation.

The Chief Guest Ms. Neela Gangadharan, alumna from the 1971 batch also worked as an Assistant Professor of Economics in Holy Cross College, Trichy for 2 years. Ms. Neela Gangadharan in her address thanked the institution for the opportunity and shared her experiences as a student. She inspired the gathering to face challenges bravely. She insisted on holistic development of every individual and spoke about the impact of the values Holy Cross College has imbibed in her personal and professional life.

The Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget felicitated the gathering. She said that she was overjoyed to see alumnae of Holy Cross College excel in life. Sister asked the alumnae to be part of the Centenary year celebration in 2023. Sister thanked the alumnae for their presence and wished them God’s blessings, in the years to come. The Special invitee Dr.Sudarkodi Kannan, spoke about the discipline, respect and the dignity that she learned and gained from Holy Cross College. Her concluding words were “All who breathe are not human, but the one who works hard is the real human”.

A few alumnae shared their reminiscences and through their messages, inspired the gathering to look back to their wonderful days spent as students in Holy Cross College. They also spoke about strengthening the alumnae. A game was conducted for the alumnae and they actively participated. The Alumnae meet ended with the college anthem.

Boot Camp for Alumnae (Centenary Celebration)

Date: 15th February 2021

Time: 12.15 pm and 3.30 pm

The following suggestions were given:

Signature Events:

- ✓ Marathon, Cyclothon, rally for a cause (Fund Raising)
- ✓ Mega Job Fair
- ✓ To organize some events for Limca Book of Records
- ✓ Organize programme for FM
- ✓ Carnival Fest (Fund Raising event also)
- ✓ Intercollegiate cultural programme like Zen Fiesta
- ✓ Offering 100 Innovative programmes/courses

Service to the society

- ✓ Alumnae Counselling centre
- ✓ Separate Alumnae Cell involving Alumnae
- ✓ Outreach Activity – at individual level and Department level: to be made mandatory

(In association with government initiatives involving government officials eg. Trichy Smart City

- ✓ Coaching for competitive exams
- ✓ Celebration of National days

Networking

- ✓ Have a press committee for college – to communicate the activities through journals and media channels
- ✓ Centenary Trains or vans – Display or exhibit details of college (Viz., courses etc)
- ✓ Alumnae Directory – Details of Alumnae and their family members
- ✓ To organize meeting in association with agencies like village sabha
- ✓ Tour packages for alumnae
- ✓ COME and SEE (visit to the department by the public and students)
- ✓ Giving lead to Alumnae entrepreneurs
- ✓ Updation of Alumnae website –
- ✓ To create career portal
- ✓ Tips regarding gardening, interior decorations etc to be included in the portal
- ✓ Alumnae Notice Board
- ✓ Virtual Tour
- ✓ Alumnae Reunions (Batch wise)
- ✓ Tie ups with media

Fund Raising

- ✓ Medical Camp
- ✓ Lucky Draw
- ✓ Competitions like Photography, short films, mime etc
- ✓ Carnival fest

Department Alumnae Meetings

An Alumnae Meet was conducted through Google Meet on 26th December 2020 between 10 a.m to 11 a.m. The Speaker of the day was Ms. Dalia Ignatius. She is an Alumna and Assistant Professor of Economics in Lady Doak College, Madurai. She shared her personal experience as a student in Holy Cross College, Trichy. She motivated the students to become successful women in the society. 30 Alumnae participated in this meet.

The PG & Research Department of Physics, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli arranged the departmental alumnae meet in the name of HOMECOMING 2021 on 9th January, 2021 through Google Meet platform. The alumnae meet began with a prayer and the welcome address was delivered by Dr. A. Inigomary Rita, Head, Department of Physics. The senior staff member of Physics Department Mrs. J. Malathy rendered an inspirational talk to the participants. 116 participants have registered for the alumnae meet out of which 69 participants attended this meet. Alumnae from various batches met all the staff members online and shared their experience and thanked them for their kind support and encouragement throughout their course.

Alumnae details were collected through Google form. The innovative and interesting games were conducted for the participants. Dr. A. Philominal, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics proposed the vote of thanks.

An alumna meeting was conducted on 12th January 2021. Dr. J. Vinoliya Josephine Mary, Controller of Examinations and Assistant Professor of Zoology, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil presided over the meeting and gave a motivational talk on the 'Importance of Discipline and Time Management' to about 100 alumnae of our department.

The Alumnae Reunion of the Department of English was conducted on 30th January 2021 at 6pm on Google meet. 96 alumnae participated in the meeting out of which 34 were alumnae staff representatives and 62 were alumnae who represented different batches.

The alumnae were happy to reconnect. 12 alumnae shared their reminiscences and interacted with their former teachers who were present for the meeting. A game of Connections was conducted and 10 alumnae participated, it was filled with fun and frolic. The meeting ended with a virtual group photo and it was a fruitful gathering and the alumnae said that they eagerly awaited many more alumnae meetings in future.

PG & Research Department of Commerce conducted a reunion meet for our department alumnae on 9th January 2021 at 4.30 pm in Google Meet platform. The chief guest of the day was Ms.Sujatha Ramesh, MS,MBA, PgMP, Global Head of Third Party Risk Management, USA. 75 members have joined the Reunion'21 through online. Dr.Sahayitta.A, Staff Co ordinator, Department of Commerce addressed the gathering with a sweet note of remembrance. Alumnae shared their memories in college and proudly shared their learnings for life from the college management. Games were conducted for the alumnae to enjoy the reunion time and a short video was presented by the staff alumnae in remembrance of the college campus and all the activities of both academic and fine arts also. Some of the alumnae requested to post a video of old commerce building.

All the alumnae interacted with the staff members about their love and affection and also the strict rules that have shaped the alumnae. Alumnae also requested to conduct a meeting along with the retired staff members. They thanked the college management for conducting a reunion meeting. All their requests were accepted and also planned to have a batch wise meeting with the retired staff members. In addition to this aWhatsapp and Instagram account was started to continuously join hands with the alumnae forever.

Alumnae of Botany department has strong bond with the department. Alumnae reunion was held on 12thJanuary 2021 in the Department of Botany through online. 40 members of outgone students were present, and they shared their views about the teachers and felt happy that they had the opportunity to meet them again.

Most of our alumnae are employed in Academic institutions some pursue their higher studies both at our college and also in various colleges and some are preparing for competitive examinations.

In the meeting all of our alumnae expressed that, the experience that they had in Holy Cross College helped them to tackle the challenges they face outside. Our alumnae appreciated the curriculum, teaching methods, infrastructure facilities of the college. They also said that the seminars and workshops conducted by our department helped them to acquire knowledge in recent fields. All our alumnae felt that, they are proud of being Holy Crossians and thanked the Alma matter.

The PG Department of Computer Science organized an Alumnae Meet through Google Meet Platform on 23rd January 2021. The meeting was started with God's presence. Sixty of our alumnae attended the meeting and shared their experience and memories in the college. Dr. D. Roselin Selvarani, Assistant Professor of Computer Science welcomed the alumnae and the dignitaries.

Mrs. Annie Savera, Head-Project Delivery, Appy Hub Technology Solution Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, spoke about her life experience. Ms. Philo Antony, Senior Specialist – Package Implementation, LTI, Bangalore spoke about the technical skills that helped for her placement in IT Industry. Dr. X. Jose Suganya, Program Co-ordinator & Head, PG & Research Department of Computer Science, Shri Shankarlal Sundarbai Shasun Jain College for Women, Chennai, shared about her experience gained from the faculty members of our college. She also appreciated the Curriculum of our department. Ms. R. Pradeepa, Senior Software Tester, Fiserv India Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, shared about her industrial experience. Also, few of the alumnae shared their happy moments gained at Holy Cross College. For the Alumnae, a connection game was conducted by Ms. M. Amutha Gracy Alexis and Ms. J. Vinnarasi, Assistant Professors, Department of Computer Science. All the Alumnae enthusiastically participated in it. Dr. H.M. Leena, Head & Director – MCA, shared her views with the Alumnae. Finally, the alumnae meet was ended with vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. V. Amala Deepa, Assistant Professor of Computer Science.

Alumnae Reunion Meet Report - B.Com Batch 2012-2015 - The meeting was conducted online on 14th March, Sunday, from 11.00 am to 1 pm.

The batch was B.Com batch from the year 2012 to 2015. It was a very happy meeting where we spoke about our old memories. It was years since we met where all were into different fields. Many got married and settled in good positions they were also settled abroad in Dubai, Oman, France.

The discussion was based on three aspects:

- 1) Signature events
- 2) Building Alumnae Network
- 3) Giving back to the society

Out of these we discussed about signature event where the College could make a batch to choose an Alumna who has achieved in their career and can represent the alumnae to give a guest lecture based on the experience in their career to the students. Many show interest to return to the college for special event but only few are attached to the college so many are not able to represent. If the college motivates the Alumnae they are ready to enrol and represent their own experience. Building the network through social media by creating a page in social media and to ask the alumnae's to subscribe to the channel and post regular updates about the happenings in the college.

Giving back to the society where the Alumnae can collect a certain amount batch wise and represent the department to provide a machine in the rest room. The purpose of this machine is to provide a napkin. So to get a napkin many have to go and ask their friends or buy. So to avoid this discomfort they can put coins in the machine and get their napkins it is like the resemblance of the weight checking machine where we would put a coin and we get a token stating the weight. Many countries are showing interest towards these activities but some companies and certain colleges has implemented but many did not. So by looking at the department change many other departments also will show interest thereby overall campus would bring up a big difference. By doing this a society will also show a good move in these aspects. By identifying the batchmates who are in need of job and we can try to link to the batch and help them out to get the job needed, all these were discussed in the meeting. Thereby the conclusion which we arrived from the meeting was to get in touch with the alumnae through social media. We had also planned to meet in future dates to keep in touch with our batch regularly.

Alumnae reunion was conducted on 3rd March 2021. The total number of participants were 80 including the current year students from department of Psychology. The entire programme was organized by the second year students of II PG Psychology. The day was inaugurated by invoking the blessings of the Almighty. The programme consisted of games for the alumnae along with sharing of their experiences, entertainments and honouring the alumnae. The day came to an end with the College anthem and refreshments.

The alumnae meet of PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College, Trichy named "Virtual Santhipoma 2021" was conducted on 23rd January 2021. The meet started with the prayer service and a welcome address by the Head of the Department Dr. Sr. Lourdu Mary.

A short recap video on the various activities of the department and views of the alumnae of various batches was shared with the participants. Felicitation was given by the retired professors of the department Dr. Kanagala Uma, Mrs. Elizabeth David and Dr. Sheila Christopher. Alumnae shared their reminiscences after the felicitation of the professors. In order to support our own entrepreneurs a slide show presentation on Successful entrepreneurs of the department was presented. An online game "connections" was conducted by the II M.Sc students to refresh the audience.

95 alumnae from all around the world participated in the meet. We had alumnae from Dubai, Bahrain, USA, Canada, Carribean Island, Tanzania, Singapore and also from others states of India. All of them joyfully acknowledged the department for the opportunity and requested for a yearly virtual alumnae meet. Thus the

program came to an end with the vote of thanks by the alumnae coordinator of the department Ms. Angel Selvaraj.

On 15th January 2021 the Department of Visual Communication had arranged virtual come again programme for all the alumnae of the department. The entire programme was scheduled and planned by the alumnae Ms. Sharon (2016) and Ms. Gayathri (2008). The Chief Guest of day was Ms. Abinaya (2006-2009 Batch) she is a senior anchor and special correspondent in News 18, Tamil Nadu. More than 35 people had participated in this meet and invited the present students also to participate with the intention to meet the alumnae. All felt the need of bridging their college life with their career life.

Many alumnae opined that the key reason for their success is the platform the institute provided them and the amount of support provided by the management during their study period. Furthermore, Alumnae after sharing their experiences assured all kinds of help, support, and cooperation for the betterment of the students and institute as whole. The perfect dialogue between alumnae and students boosted their confidence.

The alumnae reunion meeting of the Department of Business Administration was held on 27th December 2020 at 10 a.m. through Google Meet. 40 of our alumnae registered for the meeting. The Chief Guest of the meet was Ms. Saranya Ramamurthy, Product Marketing Manager, Airmeet. 25 of our alumnae took active participation in the meeting. The session was continued by an energetic speech by the Chief Guest of the day Ms. Saranya Ramamurthy. Her speech was highly inspirational to the alumnae. This was followed by cultural event and games were conducted to make the session more lively.

The video on the journey of our department over the years, created by our students was shared through the virtual screen bringing back alive the memories in our alumnae. Then alumnae shared their memories of the department and college.

The main thing that was noticed was that our college has played an important role in their career and supported in every walk of their life. Our college has been the root cause for the courage within them. Last but not the least, we created a memorable day for our alumnae. The vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Kaviya of II BBA A. The meeting concluded with our college anthem.

Valedictory

The Valedictory function of all the associations of the college was held on 23rd March 2021. Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal, the chief guest launched an awareness video and logo associated with “My Vote My Right” Campaign. She congratulated the students belonging to the department of Visual Communication, Rescapes and History for their major contribution towards “My Vote My Right” Campaign. Dr. Fr. Innocent Sebastian from the Department of Visual Communication presented a statistical report based on the survey collected by Holy Cross College.

Rev. Sr. Dr. Principal explained the importance of voting. She emphasized the fact that even a single vote could decide the result of upcoming Government. She encouraged the students to realize their responsibility by casting their vote. Finally, she congratulated the leaders and subject toppers for their achievement. The celebration was followed by Prize Distribution. Student Council Members, Sports and Fine Arts Secretaries, Association Secretaries and Extension Activity Club Representatives were appreciated for taking up leadership roles and students who got second prize in Main & Allied together, Tamil & English in the year 2020-2021 received Prizes & Certificates from the Principal. A total of 300 Prizes were awarded at the Ceremony. The Ceremony ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Meyyammai of III B.A. English, Student Council Vice President which was followed by the National Anthem, sung by the College choir.

College Day Mass

The College Day Mass was celebrated on 25th March 2021 to praise and thank God His Divine Protection during the Covid 19 crisis and for all His manifold blessings showered on the institution and its inmates during this academic year. The celebrants of the mass were Rev. Fr. A. Britto, Director of Youth Commission, Sivagangai

and Rev. Fr. Innocent from the Department of Visual Communication. In his homely, Fr. Britto spoke about the importance of thanking God for all the blessings we receive every day of our life and emphasized that when we are united with Christ, we will find fulfilment in life. Gratitude to God brings blessings and success.

College Day

The college day was celebrated on 26th March 2021. The chief guest was Prof. Dr. N. Jayasankaran, Advisor to NMiMS University and VIT University, Former Vice Chancellor, SCSVMV Kanchi University and Director General, BIM, Trichy.

College Day Address

The 98th College day celebrations of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli for the academic year 2020-2021 which was held on 26th March 2021, Friday commenced with the meaningful prayer service and Tamilthai vazhthu . The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Catherine Edward, Associate Professor, Department of English.

The chief guest for the occasion was Prof. Dr. N. Jayasankaran, Advisor to NMiMS University - Mumbai, VIT University -Vellore, Former Vice chancellor – SCSVMV kanchi University. The event was graced by the presence of Rev. Sr. Dr. Niranjana Anthonysamy, Secretary, Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal and Rev. Sr. Dr. Isabella Rajakumari, Vice principal , Dr. M. Mary Jayanthi, Dr. M. Mary Mejrullo Merlin, Vice Principals, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy.

The chief guest addressed the august gathering by congratulating the college for the top score in NAAC Accreditation. He talked about the challenges faced by the students and teachers in online teaching. He spoke about the teaching pedagogy and the importance of online class scheduling. In addition, he conveyed how to plan and prepare for the semester during the pandemic situation.

The Principal Rev. Sr. (Dr.) Christina Bridget. A, presented the 98th annual report of the College through digital mode. This was followed by the prize distribution. The Chief Guest was glad to bestow gold medals, silver medals and other prizes to the meritorious students across disciplines. Special Endowment prizes were also given for the staff for hundred percent attendance and for twenty five years of commendable service in Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. The members of the teaching fraternity were also recognized for publishing books and for individual excellence in academics and research.

An array of interesting cultural events followed – Bharathanatiam, Mime, Tamil Skit and Dance added to the cheer. The ceremony ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Lilly Rosari, Associate Professor, PG and Research department of Commerce. While the winners were delighted with their awards, others went back home with a hope to excel in future. The College Day programme ended with the National Anthem.

Farewell

The following staff retired after several years of committed service to the college and the student community. We wish them a happy and peaceful retired life.

Teaching Staff: (Aided)

Dr. Lilly Robert (VR), Associate Professor of Mathematics opted for Voluntary Retirement

Administrative Staff : Mrs. Vallimayil S, Non Teaching Staff

Management Staff : Mrs. Elizabeth Rani G, Library Staff

Endowment

I express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Ms. Bhavani Subramanyan, alumna of the English Department, for contributing Rs. 3, 00, 000/- towards Ms. Kalyani Subramanyam Memorial Endowment Prize for poor students of the English Department.

Thank You

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. - William Arthur Ward

There is a correlation between being grateful and finding or experiencing happiness and contentment. Gratitude is a virtue that brings with it happiness. It is an important positive emotion especially to be foregrounded in this academic year 2020-2021 - when we have to be thankful for our life, safety and protection against the pandemic crisis caused by Corona or Covid 19. Gratitude should be part of our lives now more than ever. Thankfulness to God for life's blessings and to people who worked with us and for us can give us positive energy. It is with this in mind that I wish to present the bouquet of gratitude today.

It is my pleasant duty to thank all present here for their presence and patient listening. I express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the chief guest of today's function, Prof. Dr. N. Jayasankaran, for gracing this occasion, for the thought provoking college day address and for the patient distribution of prizes to the meritorious students. Thank you sir!

I thank Rev. Sr. Jyothi Selvaraj, our Provincial, for her guidance and prayer support for the welfare of the College. I acknowledge with gratitude the continuous support and encouragement given by our Secretary, Dr. Sr. Niranjana Anthonisamy.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our Vice-Principals, Dr. Sr. Rajakumari, HoD of History, Dr. Sr. P. Judy Gomez, HoD of English, Dr. Mary Jayanthi Asst. Prof. of English and Dr. Mary Mejrullo Merlin, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics, Deans of Arts and Science, Dr. Jenitra, Asso. Prof. of Commerce and Dr. L. Catherine, Asst. Prof. of Chemistry and IQAC Co-ordinator, Dr. Horne Iona Averal, Asso. Prof. of Zoology, for their constant support in the conduct of academic activities and for responsibilities well shouldered.

I also thank the Dean of research, Dr. Swarnakumari, Asso. Prof. of Rehabilitation Science Dean of student Affairs, Dr. Pauline Edwidge Mary, Asst. Prof. of Physics, Dean of Extension, Dr. Sujatha Ilangovan, Asst. Prof. of Zoology, for their support and help rendered.

My sincere thanks to the sisters of the community for their prayer support.

I thank Sr. Lizy George, the Controller of Examinations and her staff for the successful conduct of examination and publications of results on time.

I sincerely appreciate and convey my heartfelt thanks to the Heads of the various departments, staff in charge of various associations and the staff for shouldering various responsibilities and for their dedicated work during the difficult times of the pandemic lock down when they helped conduct all activities virtually online. I thank the administrative / non-teaching staff alumnae, parents, benefactors and experts from outside who supported us in all our endeavours.

I am grateful to the wardens of the hostel for nurturing the hostellites and maintaining discipline and harmony. I thank the media personnel and technical staff, for their technical help rendered at all times. I also thank the Student Council Members, and all who supported me for the welfare of the students and the development of the college.

I place on record my thanks to the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and staff of the Bharathidasan University for their support. I also thank the Regional Joint Director and Staff, the Bank officials, Transport and Corporation authorities, District Collector, and Department of Law and Order, for their timely help. I am thankful to UGC and other organizations for the financial support provided.

I humbly acknowledge my thanks to God Almighty for the showers of blessings and protection during the Corona Pandemic, throughout this academic year and for the laurels won through his grace and compassion.

In the words of the Psalmist I say:
We give thanks to you, O God,
We give thanks to you - Ps 75:1