

and Challenges" from 21.05.2014 to 23.05.2014 with the collaboration of All India Association for Educational Research. Dr.S.Francisca, The Research Director and Associate professor of history was the organizing secretary for this conference. The Conference was inaugurated by Dr.E. Ramganes, Registrar i/c., Bharathidasan University, Trichy. The key note address was given by Dr.D.H. Manjiah, Prof. & Chairman of BOS, Dept. of Computer Science, Mangalore University. A book titled as "Facing the Future" and a Journal entitled "INIGO EDU RESEARCH" were released during the conference. A workshop on writing scholarly articles was conducted on the final day of the conference. Eminent scholars shared their expertise on various topics. Nearly 60 participants were benefited by this conference.

CONVOCATION

The 55th Convocation was held on 28.05.2014. Prof. Dr. A. Joseph Dorairaj, Dean, Faculty of English & Foreign Languages, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram presided over the function and distributed the certificates. In his key note address he focussed on the quality sustenance and enhancement of higher education. He also stressed the 4E's (Expansion, Equality, Enhancement and Employability) that is to be concentrated by every higher education institution for quality enhancement.



COLLEGE DAY

The 57th College day celebration was held on 03.05.2014. Dr.P. Annammal, Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Tirunelveli Region was the Chief guest of the Function. She gave an inspirational talk on how quality should be maintained by



prospective teachers in the institutions where they are going to serve. Rev. Fr. Thomas Alexander felicitated the gathering. The day was celebrated with pomp and splendor.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The alumni association meeting was held on 28.05.2014. Dr.A. Sakuntala Israel, Former Principal, SCAD College of Education, Cheranmahadevi was the



Chief Guest of the function. She shared her relishing moments at St.Ignatius College of Education and she also insisted that we should be thankful to

our Alma Mater for moulding us spiritually physically and intellectually.



BIDDING ADIEU TO OUR RETIRING NON TEACHING STAFF

The institution places on record the relentless, unflinching and dedicated service put in by our beloved non-teaching staff Mrs.M.Josephine Francis Mary, whose 37 years of fruitful service in our institution has stamped an indelible mark in the environmental fabric of our institution. The institution places on record her committed service.



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St.Ignatius College of Education for women was started on 2nd July 1957 in response to the need for a larger number of women trained graduate teachers in the Southern part TamilNadu.

Our Foundress Mother Marie Louise De Meester, was endowed with a pioneering spirit and in accordance with that the ICM Sisters ideals, ardent faith, unflinching and committed services were the foundation stones upon which an Educational edifice was erected with the motto "Virtue is our Strongest Shield".

Equipping student teachers with the skills necessary to achieve their full potential, participate in an increasingly interconnected global economy is the core aim of teacher education today. Hence we design all our programmes to equip prospective teachers with the knowledge, attitude, behavior and skills they require to perform their tasks effectively in the classroom, school and wider community. These programmes are related to the quality enhancement of student teachers that would enable and empower them to meet the requirements of the profession and to face the challenges of the future. The details of the programmes and activities organized in our college to enhance the overall development of prospective teachers are briefed here in this News Letter.

Inauguration

The B.Ed program was officially inaugurated on 7th September 2013. In the inaugural session the students were given the clarion call to be the participants in the transformative process of building up future sculptures of the country. The inaugural address was given by Rev.Sr.M. Lily Puspham, in which she insisted on the importance of moral values and ethics needed for a good teacher.

Dr.E.C. Punitha, the Principal i/c of our College felicitated the function by her inspiring talk emphasizing the milestones to be traversed for moulding and shaping the future generations.

MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The meeting of the board of studies was held on 10.07.13 in order to review the syllabus and to make necessary changes in the B.Ed, M.Ed and M.phil curriculum. The revised syllabi were placed before the academic council for approval on 07.08.2013. The Academic council meeting was held on 21.11.2013 and the members appreciated the

curriculum.

Orientation Process

At the beginning of the academic year various orientation programs including italic handwriting, chart preparation, bridge course in grammar, demonstrations of model lessons were deftly and skillfully demonstrated by our teachers. The Secretary of the College Rev. Sr. M. Lily Puspham focused on the development of students' competency. She said that values should be inculcated among the students thereby enabling them to develop a habit to examine their personal aspirations, desires and purposes.

Dr.E.C.Punitha, the Principal i/c., inculcated the spirit of dedications, sincerity and loyalty among students. She prepared the students for life, developing qualities of mind, heart and skills, enabling them to be involved and contributing members of the society. An orientation course was given by Dr.R. Rajeswari, the Dean of our college. She elaborated the functioning of the college highlighting the course details in which students are made acquainted with importance of the B.Ed program and the role of teachers in the quality enhancement of the society.

The scheme of examination was given by Dr.M.Maria Saroja, the Controller of Examinations of our College. She explained about the internal assessment, External Evaluation, details of passing minimum and award of class. She insisted the importance of ethical values and behavioural patterns needed for life. The M.Ed. and M.Phil. Students were skillfully oriented in the right direction in the specific areas of pertinent research topics, collection of data, apt statistical analyses and relevant issues adhering to research.

ITALIC-HAND WRITING

Knowing the importance of good handwriting to teachers we began the course with italic handwriting classes. A distinctive and beautiful style gives pleasure to read and write rapidly without loss of legibility. A two day training program was conducted in our college on 14.09.2013 and 16.09.2013. Mrs.Mary Sundarabai, the Craft Instructress imparted the training to our B.Ed. Students which enabled them to write legibly and clearly, with pointed strokes

Bridge Course

Speech is the necessary starting point and it paves the way for the development of reading and writing skills.

Students were trained to get an easy flow of speech in conversation as it can lead to a more successful career and promise for the future. This year our college conducted a three day bridge course on spoken English from 10.09.2013 to 12.09.2013.

SOFT SKILL AND COMMUNICATION SKILL

Weekly three day classes are held on soft skill and communication skill. Dr.Peter Baskaran, P.G.Asst.St.Xavier's Higher secondary School, Palayamkottai enumerated the various aspects of the soft skill as it helps to equip the student teachers with the functional use of English fluency, proficiency and overall personality development which bears fruitful results in the aspects of the students' placement facilities.

MICRO TEACHING COMPETENCY

The success of teacher education programme depends on developing skills to identify different teaching objectives, attitude and patterns of teaching behavior among the students. To improve the skills and abilities required for teaching, every year the students take part in the micro teaching cycle. This year it was held from 24.09.2013 to 26.09.2013.

INTENSIVE TEACHING PRACTICE

Students were sent to the various neighborhood schools for the intensive teaching practice for 40 days in the months of November and December. Earlier the students had a 5 day preliminary teaching in St. Ignatius' Convent Higher Secondary School, Palayamkottai. In view of the practice teaching, our students had meaningful collaboration with senior teachers of the same school

RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM

It is essential that an institution should have a collective endeavor to constantly and consistently move forward and upward in the direction of relevance, effectiveness and credibility in the direction of educational research. Hence research colloquium was conducted on 31.10.2013 for M.Ed and M.Phil Scholars and on



05.12.2013 for Ph.D. scholars

PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

To give an orientation among students for the development of an integrated personality three-day seminar on Personality Development was



conducted from 06.03.2013 to 08.03.2013. Rev.Fr.Emile Coelho from Jamshedpur was the resource person. He highlighted the importance of developing leadership qualities among students and also the strategies to be adopted by the teachers to mould student's personality. He made his lectures very interesting and thought provoking through life based examples.

SEMINAR ON RECENT TRENDS IN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

On 13th November 2013, a one day seminar on



"Recent Trends in Educational Research" was organized. Dr.B.William Dharma Raja, Assistant Professor, M.S.University, Tirunelveli, dealt with the various techniques in topic selection and Allied areas.

WORKSHOP ON STATISTICAL APPLICATIONS

A two day workshop on "Statistical Applications" was organized by Rev.Sr.Landrada centre for research on 14th and 15th December, 2013.

Dr.M.Kannan, Principal, Madurai Institute of Social Sciences, Madurai was the resource person. The research scholars of both full time and part time, Ph.D scholars, M.Phil. and M.Ed. students were the beneficiaries of the workshop. Dr.M.Kannan gave a clear perspective of the statistical applications and other social science researches. He also taught the ways of interpreting the results.



WORKSHOP ON SPSS PACKAGES

One day workshop on "Application of SPSS" was organized by the Rev.Sr.Landrada centre for research under the guidance of Research Director Dr.S. Francisca on 8th January, 2014. Dr.P.Muthupandi, Assistant Professor, M.K. University was the resource person, and he gave hands on experience of using statistical package for analyzing the data. A copy of SPSS 17 version was given to all the participants for

AWARDS



Our college students have participated in the TamilNadu Teachers Education University Zonal level sports meet organised by V.O.C.College Of

Education, Tuticorin. They got first place in Relay, second place in Short put and third place in Javelin and 100 meter running. The prize winners are

1. A.Sophiya Jenefier
2. P.Sri Devi
3. K.C.Abirami
4. K.Padmapriya
5. L.Amala Biju

SMART CLASS

Smart Class is a comprehensive solution designed to assist teachers in meeting their day-to-day classroom challenges and enhancing students'



academic performance with simple practical and meaningful use of technology. The smart class in our college provides teachers with instant access to multimedia content and instructional materials mapped exactly to the specific curriculum guidelines for use in the classes.

STUDY CENTRE

Our college provides study centres for M.K.University, Tamil Nadu Open University and Bharadidasan University. Rev.Sr.Lilly Puspham is the Coordinator of these three universities. Dr.M.Maria Saroja, Controller of Examinations and Associate professor of biology is the Assistant Coordinator of M.K.University and Mrs.Faritha Begam, Assistant Professor of Education is the assistant coordinator of TNOU.

NET COACHING CLASSES

Weekly 3 classes are conducted to give informative NET coaching classes to our M.Ed. scholars to enhance their confidence to appear for the competitive exams under the guidance of eminent professors from our institution. Our students are the real beneficiaries of this program as it would throw relevant light on their career development.

REMEDIAL TEACHING

Every institution's potential depends on the competence of its students. Competence is a combination of clarified concepts and developed skills associated in a fruitful manner. Hence the institution has organized "Remedial

Teaching Programme" for the slow learners in all the subjects, taking into account the individualistic tendencies of all the students cutting across the length and breadth of the academic spectrum.



The students with various linguistic difficulties are marked out and measures are taken to incorporate them into the main stream of the student population.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR

Students were taken to Mumbai for a week from 4th February to 11th February. The memorable places visited were Gateway of India,

Prince of Wales Museum, Siddhivinayak Temple, Nehru science centre, Nehru planetarium and so on. The students got a rich experience, and a tremendous way to



facilitate their learning about the outside world. They had a firsthand experience about the various culture connecting with the people and places on a much deeper level than they ever could in the classroom.

PRE-PH.D. VIVA VOCE

The pre Ph.D Viva Voce examination for three scholars was held at Rev.Sr.Landrada centre for research, on 15.05.2014. Mrs. Josephine Vimala, Mrs.Mageswari

and Mrs.Kavitha presented their research. Dr.P.N.Muthiah, Dean CDC Rtd, Madurai Kamaraj

University, Dr.P.N.Muthupandi, Assistant Professor of education, Madurai Kamaraj University, and Dr. William Dharmaraja, Assistant Professor of education,



Manonmanium Sundaranar University were present and gave feedback to the scholars for reshaping their research report before their submission. Clarifications were made by the audience from various institutions. The M.Ed and M.phil students of our college also actively participated in the discussion. All arrangements were made by Dr.S.Francisca, Research Director, Rev.Sr.Landrada centre for research.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "FACING THE FUTURE: CHANGES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND CHALLENGES"

Our institution organized a three day National conference on "Facing the Future: Changes, Opportunities,

FINE ARTS COMPETITION

Cultural competitions were conducted on 10-01-2014 and 11-01-2014. The students eagerly participated in Rangoli, Kolam, Singing, Dance and Drama competitions. The folk dance and other states dance were a real feast to the eyes of the audience. The participation of all the student teachers was made compulsory since it provided not only a platform to exhibit their talents but also an opportunity to identify their latent talents.

COMMUNITY CAMP

To get involved with community, every year our college conducts community camp. Through this our students are enabled to improve their creativity, leadership skills and team work.



Three day camp was held from 28.02.2014 to 03.03.2014. On the first day our B.Ed. Students went to Blind School, Palayamkottai. The students visited the Narikuravar colony at Pettai on the second day. Mrs.Faritha Begam, Assistant Professor of our College, gave a valuable address. Our students performed Dance, Songs, and skit in order to promote women's awareness. Students were also given an exposure to various problems faced by them in their day to day life. The next day our students emphasized the value of the cleanliness to the Arugankulam People. Tree plantation, consumer awareness programme, polio-prevention awareness programme, cleaning public places and the cultural programmes were the major activities of the camp. The camp was organized by Dr.C.R.Gladys Stella Bai, Director of Physical Education of our college.

PLACEMENT CELL

Our placement cell functions with full gusto by allowing campus interviews during the month of March and April. In this year nearly 35 students are recruited in various matriculation schools like Sri Jeyendra Saraswathi Swamigal Hr. Sec. School, Little Flower Public School and Rose Mary Matric. Hr. Sec. School etc.

WOMEN'S DAY

To create confidence and courage among young women to face the challenges of today, women's day was celebrated in



our campus on 8th march 2014. Mrs.Vijila Sathyanand M.P. Tamilnadu was the chief guest which added one more feather to our cap.

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

On 20th December 2013, we the Ignatians celebrated Christmas day in our campus. Christmas is the time for sharing one's love, peace, prosperity and joy. Our students shared their joy through songs, dance and Nativity Play. Christmas message was given by Rev.Fr.Joemics. He beautifully enunciated what the gospel meant to the students in the modern context and exhorted the students to follow their lives in the path of love, justice and hope.



INTER - RELIGIOUS PONGAL FESTIVAL

Pongal festival was celebrated on 13.01.2014. The noble and relevant messages from the different religions struck the cords which sent out the right news that all religions lead to the path of solidarity and fraternity. Mrs.Kanagamani, Librarian of our college gave the special address. Our students performed various cultural programmes to mark the event.



their use. The Ph.D. and M.Phil. Scholars benefitted much out of the workshop.

GUEST LECTURE ON DIFFERENTLY ABLE CHILDREN

This year on 5-12-2013 the International Day for Disabled was observed and a seminar on 'Aspiration and challenges of differently able children' was conducted by Dr.C.R.Gladys Stella Bai, Director of Physical Education.



Mr.S.Ramakrishnan, District Differently Able Welfare Officer, Tirunelveli presided over the function. He insisted on the importance of having National ID card for differently able children and he spoke about the various provisions for getting grants from the governments. The program was an eye-opener for our students as they had an exposure to various aspects pertaining to differently able children.

INAUGURATION OF SUBJECT CLUBS

Subject clubs are organized for the enrichment of knowledge and development of talents. Our college has planned and organized various club activities related to different subject areas. The club activities inculcated self-confidence, self-expression, leadership and other social qualities. Since all the students are members of all the subject clubs these programs enabled them to develop an interdisciplinary and holistic outlook.

TAMIL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tamil Association Meeting was held on 18.02.2014. The chief guest of the function was Mrs. C h a n d r a Pushpam Prabu, Announcer, All India Radio, Tirunelveli. She delivered an enlightening speech on "Women and the Society". She discussed about the various problems faced by women in this modern era and enumerated the ways to tackle problems. She emphasized that every woman should have self-defense when they meet with troubles. She conveyed this important message to the



audience through folk songs which impressed the students.

BABBAGE COMPUTER ASSOCIATION

Aspecial talk under the theme "Innovative Teaching-A Technical View" was organized by Babbage Computer Association on 22nd February 2014.

Mrs.M. Safish Mary, Assistant professor of Computer Science, St.Xavier's College [Autonomous], Palayamkottai was the speaker of the day. She insisted on how e-learning should be harnessed well to meet the multifarious needs of every staff and student. From her speech students gained much knowledge related to innovative techniques of teaching.



HISTORY CLUB

The History club meeting was held on 8th August 2013. The club meeting was inaugurated in the presence of Rev.Sr.M. Lilly Pushpam, Secretary of our College. Mr.R. Vairava Rajan, Rotarian and Director, Guidance cell, Entrepreneurs, delivered the Chief Guest's address and gave an impressive talk on "Let Peace Reign in the World" and focused the disastrous after effects of Hiroshima bomb blast Tragedy. Dr. Francisca, Research Director and Associate Professor of History conducted a quiz competition and our students participated enthusiastically and won prizes.



NATURE LOVERS ASSOCIATION

The Nature lovers Association was held on 03.04.2014. Dr.John Kennedy, Associate Professor of Physics, St.John's College, Palayamkottai was the chief guest and spoke about "Energy sources for our future". He gave a useful lecture on the various sources of energy, production of energy and the ways to utilize them in their daily lives.



MATH TALENTIA

The Math Talentia meeting was held on April 12th 2014. Dr.A. Michael J. Leo, Assistant Professor, St.Xavier's College of Education, Palayamkottai was the chief Guest of the meeting. With interesting illustrations he proved that



Mathematics is life. Mathematical aptitude and attitude will make one a true mathematician. It should be realized through logical thinking and it is built on inductive reasoning which is the basis for our life.

ENGLISH LITERARY CLUB

Our English Club Shakespearean Fantacizia was held on April 21st 2014. The chief guest Dr.A. Sakuntala Israel,



Former Principal of SCAD College of Education enthralled the students about "The Techniques to Enhance English Communication Skill". The students were highly benefited by her speech. The students were spellbound by the literary parade, literary oration and quiz organized by the department of English.

ROTARACT CLUB MEETING

Rotaract club Installation Function was held on 14.02.2014 under the presidentship of the installation officer Dr.S. Pre



machandran Asst.Governor, Zone-VII. He spoke at length about the objectives and aims of Rotary club. The President of Rotary Club of Tirunelveli Suburbs Rtn.PHF.A. Ramasamy participated in the programme, and he was the exponent of the various missions of the club. Dr.Mrs.Gladys Stella Bai served as the coordinator of the programme.

ROAD SAFETY

A guest lecture on "Road Safety Measures" was organized on 08.01.2014. The sub-inspector of police Mr.Jagatheesh, discussed in detail the various reason for the



occurrence of road accidents and suggested the precautionary measures to be taken to avoid such mishaps. He also pointed out Tamil Nadu motor vehicles act and important Indian penal code act which would be beneficial to everyone.

DENGUE FEVER AWARENESS PROGRAMME

On 1-10-2013 Dengue fever awareness programme



was organized by Dr.C.R. Gladys Stella Bai. Dr.S.R. Bala Ganesh Kumar presided over the function and delivered a speech on the importance of clean and green environment for a healthy and happy life.

VOTER AWARENESS PROGRAMME

On 21-12-2013 our college organized a guest lecture on Voter Awareness Programme. Dr.R. Balasubramanian presided over the function. He gave a clarion call to the students to strengthen the democracy and facilitate good governance thereby bringing in needed change by exercising their rights with proactive discernment.

AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Knowledge of HIV is essential for the prospective teachers to build an AIDS free society. Hence an AIDS



awareness program was organized on 13.03.11. Dr.Murugan retired HOD of STD department Tirunelveli medical college gave a thought provoking lecture on different perspectives of AIDS.

DENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The Dental Awareness programme was held



on 14.03.2014. Dr.Charles Jeyakumar, True Trust Founder, and Managing Director of Charle Dental Hospital and Dr.Anitha Suresh were the chief guests of this programme. Both of them emphasised the importance of protecting the teeth and enlisted the precise treatments to keep oneself smiling heartily.

STATE LEVEL CULTURAL COMPETITION

A two day State level cultural competition among the colleges of Education affiliated to Tamil Nadu Teachers



Education University, Chennai was conducted by Dr.C.R.Gladys Stella Bai, Director of Physical Education on 10-12-2013 and 11-12-2013 in our college premises. The theme of this competition was 'Impact of Mass Media on Society'. More than 10 colleges of Education participated in this programme. Various events such as Dance, Drama, Speech, Verse Writing, Essay writing, Rangoli, Mime, Poster Presentation and Food exhibition were conducted. St.Antony's College of Education, Mannarpuram won the overall championship.

