## Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur - 635 601 Celebration of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence and Planting of Palmyra Seeds 15/08/2019

On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Sacred Heart College celebrated the Nation's 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day with zeal and spirit befitting the occasion. The Indian tricolor was unfurled in the college ground at 8.30 a.m. It was followed by march-past performed by the NCC cadets. Lieutenant. Dr.K.Sivakumar, Welcomed the gathering. Rev.Dr.D.Maria Antony Raj, the Principal, delivered the Independence Day message. He said that, as Indians we should preserve and cherish this Independence secured by our freedom fighters. The Special Speaker for the day was Dr.D.Leslin, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of History. He urged the students to be politically aware of what is happening in the nation. Though India is celebrating its 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence, and we have been free long back from the clutches of the British regime, but still the nation has not been free from corruption and communal clashes. The celebration concluded with the vote of thanks followed by the National Anthem.

The day was further more historically important as the students of Sacred Heart College gathered not only to honour the nation's independence but also to safeguard the nation's ecology by planting Palmyra tree seeds near Tirupattur Lake. It was a gesture from like minded souls that brought this magnificent act into reality. The undergraduate students from both shifts organized themselves in procession towards the lake to plant Palmyra seeds. Rev.Dr.C.Antonyraj, Principal, inaugurated the Rev.Dr.D.Maria Antony Raj, Secretary, procession. We place on records the immense efforts taken by Rev.Dr.Praveen Peter, Rev.Dr.G.Theophil Anand, Rev.Fr.Andrewsraja, Mr.J.Mario Leo Joseph, Asst. Prof., Department of Chemistry and many others who organize the memorable event. Bravo! It is and will be a redletter day in the annals of Sacred Heart College for such an effort to preserve Mother Nature.