



SACRED HEART COLLEGE (Autonomous)

Tirupattur - 635 601, Tirupattur Dist., Tamil Nadu, India
Accredited by NAAC (4th Cycle – under RAF) with
CGPA of 3.31/4 at 'A+' Grade, Affiliated to
Thiruvalluvar University
Ranked 42nd Place by NIRF in 2023

COLLEGE DAY REPORT 2023 - 2024

A pleasant good evening to one and all.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." – (Proverbs 16:3), as the Holy Bible says, we started this academic year trusting in God almighty and now I stand before you at the end of the academic year to share the achievements and performance of Sacred Heart College for the year 2023- 2024.

Respected Chief guest, **Mr. Peter Alphonse**, Chairman of State Minorities Commission, Tamilnadu, **Rev. Dr. C. Antonyraj**, Former Rector & Principal of Sacred Heart College, distinguished dignitaries, Dear Salesian Community, Professors, Parents, Past Pupil of the college, Members of the fourth-estate, my dear students and friends,

It is a privilege to extend my greetings to you on the auspicious occasion of Sacred Heart College's **73rd College Day Celebrations**. As the entrusted custodian of the College's leadership in my role as Principal, it brings me immense satisfaction and joy to present the annual report of this esteemed institution. Since its inception in 1951, Sacred Heart College has undergone remarkable growth and development, establishing itself as a guiding light of academic excellence and progress.

As we approach the Platinum Jubilee of the college, let us recount all what God has done for this institution over the years. Through our college, the Sacred Heart of Jesus has blessed us with significant opportunities, and I assure that we have taken benefit of every chance to improve the quality of our institution.

On this significant day, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our college chairman, **Rev. Fr. Don Bosco, SDB**, who is also the provincial of our Chennai province. His pivotal role in the growth and enhancement of our institution has been indispensable. The college wishes to express genuine gratitude and deep appreciation for all his contributions.

I place on record my sincere thanks and appreciation to our former Rector **Rev. Fr. John Alexander**, who had been a source of inspiration and had led our college to great heights in the past three years.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our beloved Rector **Rev. Dr. Praveen Peter, SDB**, for his profound leadership, flexible guidance, and tremendous assistance that have enabled Sacred Heart College to achieve new heights. His leadership style, characterized by compassion and wisdom, has created an environment where both students and faculty can thrive. His willingness to extend a helping hand and offer valuable advice whenever needed has not gone unnoticed. You are an inspiration and we are lucky to have you leading the way with your approachability and sincere concern for the welfare of the college community.

I also express my thanks to **Rev. Dr. Maria Arokiaraj, SDB** for his great support and assistance in academics ensuring the smooth functioning of Shift-II of our college.

I am especially grateful to the Vice Principals, **Rev. Dr. G. Theophil Anand, SDB (Shift-I)** and **Rev. Dr. Samson Shanmugam, SDB (Shift-II)**, who have done an outstanding job in overseeing all the College's programmes. In particular, I want to express my appreciation to **Rev. Dr. John Borg, SDB**, who serves as Controller of Examinations. He has administered all the exams flawlessly and has always published the results on schedule. I also want to thank **Dr. L. Ravi**, Vice-Principal (Academics) Shift-I, **Mrs. S. Savitha**, Vice Principal (Academics S-II) and **Dr. A. Albert Irudayaraj**, Vice-Principal (Students Affairs) Shift-I, and

Dr. K. Anbalagan, Vice-Principal (Students Affairs) Shift-II for their unwavering support.

Any educational institution's growth is dependent on its devoted employees who share the responsibility. "Unity is Strength," as the adage goes, when there are teamwork and collaboration, beautiful things are accomplished. The same can be said about our devoted faculty members, non-teaching personnel and support staff who render their services for the growth of the institution. I would like to congratulate all department heads, deans, office bearers and students on their outstanding contributions during this academic year.

I stand before you to present our college's annual report for the academic year 2023-24.

NOTABLE INITIATIVES

The persistent dedication of our faculty, non-teaching staff, students, and parents has contributed to our college to develop significantly over the past year. Sharing with you the amazing events and projects that our college undertook in the 2023–2024 academic year gives me great pleasure.

INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Sacred Heart College promotes a transformative journey filled with numerous milestones that shape the personal and academic development of students.

- As such milestones are being embarked upon every year, this academic year the college received National Status in the **NIRF Ranking Framework and secured the 42nd Rank among the top college's in India.**
- Our college was awarded as **“Best College 2022”** by Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore.
- The development of a college-centric app **“Tirupattur Sacred Heart College”** was done this academic year to enhance the overall student experience and to streamline various aspects of campus life. This App

includes features like a centralized academic calendar, providing students with instant access to class schedules, exam dates, and important deadlines. A real-time notification system to students informing about campus events, and announcements is done through this app.

GLOBAL RECOGNITION

We are proud and delighted to share the news that our Rector Major, **Rev. Fr. Angel Fernandez Artime**, the world leader of our Salesian Congregation, was nominated as a Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church by His Holiness Pope Francis on **July 9th, 2023**. Cardinals are known as 'Princes of the Church' and are appointed by the Pope to serve as his advisories and elective successors.

DON BOSCO CENTRE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT (DBCSD)

Sacred Heart College has attained yet another milestone by establishing a centre that is dedicated to skill development courses under the aegis of Don Bosco Centre for Skill Development (DBCSD). It is a new venture initiated in the academic year 2023 – 2024. This one-of-a-kind initiative was inaugurated on 14th July 2023 by our Principal Rev. Dr. Maria Antony Raj, SDB. A total of 2624 students of which 1994 are UG and 630 are PG students from both the Shifts actively registered for various courses.

Courses Offered

- A total of **48 courses** has been offered by in-house departments of the college under **DBCSD** for the academic year **2023-2024** of which **22 courses** belong to the Arts Stream and **26 courses** to the Science stream.
- Sacred Heart College in collaboration with **DBICA offers 4 Multimedia Specialization Courses** on Photography, Videography, Editing, and Graphics Designing.
- Sacred Heart College in collaboration with SURABI offers IBM certified courses for AICTE and M.Sc. Computer Science students.

Out of the 2624 registered students, 2483 students have successfully completed their courses during the odd semester of the academic year 2023 – 2024.

COLLABORATION WITH THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

In the spirit of social responsibility and community engagement, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous) has been at the forefront of organizing various programmes in collaboration with the Tirupattur District Administration. These initiatives, ranging from awareness campaigns to educational events, reflect the college's commitment to holistic development and making a positive impact on society. Here is a brief summary of the key events:

- 1. College Bazaar by Mahalir Thittam (29th - 31st August 2023):** The college played host to the Mahalir Thittam of Tirupattur District, organizing a vibrant "College Bazaar" in its campus, fostering community involvement and local empowerment.
- 2. Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Awareness Programme (3rd June 2023):** The college facilitated an enlightening awareness programme organized by the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board on the 3rd of June 2023, emphasizing the importance of energy conservation.
- 3. Pledge & Awareness Campaign Against Drug Abuse (26th June 2023):** In collaboration with Tirupattur District Administration, Sacred Heart College initiated a noteworthy campaign against drug abuse. The event, inaugurated by the Honourable District Collector Thiru. Baskar Pandian and Deputy Superintendent of Police Thiru. Albert John, IPS, aimed at raising awareness and promoting a drug-free community.
- 4. Orientation Programme on SVEEP (21st November 2023):** The college hosted a one-day orientation programme on Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) on the 21st of November 2023, encouraging civic responsibility among students.
- 5. Police Department Exams (8th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 21st, and 23rd December 2023):** Sacred Heart College served as the venue for Police

Department exams held on multiple dates in December 2023, contributing to the recruitment and selection process.

- 6. Essay Writing Competition on 'Importance of Voting' (19th December 2023):** The District Administration organized an insightful Essay Writing Competition on the crucial theme of the 'Importance of Voting,' providing a platform for students to express their perspectives.
- 7. One-day Programme on 'Sattamandra Nayagar Kalaignar' (11th January 2024):** To commemorate the 100th Birthday of Late Chief Minister Mr. Karunanidhi, the District Administration orchestrated a special one-day programme titled 'Sattamandra Nayagar Kalaignar' on the 11th of January 2024, paying tribute to the influential leader's legacy.
- 8. Awareness Programme on Road Safety** was organized by the Regional Transport Office, Tirupattur on **10th February 2024**.
- 9. Literary Fest and Book Fest** were organized by the District Administration of Tirupattur from 27th February 2024 to 7th March 2024.

CENTRE FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS

In order to cater to the needs of those students who aspire to become civil servants the centre for competitive examinations provide effective coaching for those who wish to take up **UPSC, TNPSC, IBPS**, Staff selections commission and other examinations.

During this academic year, the centre provided coaching for **TNPSC Group II and Group IV examinations**. In addition, the centre also conducts special coaching classes for Staff Selection Commission and Bank exams for SC & ST students in collaboration with Veranda – RACE, a premier coaching institute in Tamilnadu.

The centre has also signed an MoU with Veranda – RACE to provide orientation to different employment opportunities. By signing this MoU, the centre has joined the Veranda – RACE Club through which students

aspiring for different competitive exams will be provided with well-prepared study materials, proper orientation and continuous guidance.

CIBI - CENTRE OF INNOVATION AND BUSINESS INCUBATION

Under the insightful leadership of **Rev. Dr. G. Theophil Anand**, Director and Vice Principal (Admin. Shift - I), the Centre of Innovation and Business Incubation (CIBI) at Sacred Heart College achieved remarkable milestones in 2023. Empowered by Rs. 10 lakh fund, CIBI established cutting-edge facilities dedicated to pioneering product development and incubation. CIBI's prestigious SHYIA innovator contest distributed Rs. 1 lakh in prizes, resulting in 4 filed patents and the identification of 10 potential startups. The adept mentoring team orchestrated the successful registration of 7 MSME companies, acquisition of UDAYAM-TN certificates, and securing of a substantial Rs. 5.5 lakh loan. Strategic collaborations with institutions like the Indian Institute of Food Technology further amplified CIBI's influential network, showcasing its commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship at Sacred Heart College.

IIC - INSTITUTION INNOVATION CLUB

"Fueling innovation through knowledge and original thought, the Institutional Innovation Council stands as a beacon, empowering students to shape the future. Led by **Dr. I. Niyas Ahmed**, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry at Sacred Heart College, this unique council has curated a series of enlightening lectures during this academic year:

- International E-Conference on Innovation in Life Sciences
- Awareness on Intellectual Property Rights - Need of the Hour
- Talkathon-2023: Student-Led Workshop on Innovation

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PROGRAMMES

Introduction of new degree programmes at our college, aims at providing students with diverse and cutting-edge educational opportunities. These innovative programmes have been carefully crafted to meet the evolving demands of various industries, ensuring that our graduates are well-

equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in the modern workforce. Thus, the following Programmes were introduced in this academic year,

- **B.Sc. Data Science**
- **B.Sc. Zoology**

NEW HODS

Leadership inspires and brings about positive transformations in the institution. Sacred Heart College, congratulates the following faculty who have taken up the new role of leading their department towards development.

- Dr. M. Fernandus Durai – Biochemistry UG

I also thank the following faculty who have shouldered added responsibilities in taking up additional roles as HoD's in leading the newly established departments:

- Dr. George Louis Raj – Data Science UG
- Dr. Jaya Prakash – Zoology UG

NEW TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING STAFF

As we embark on a journey of growth and excellence, we are pleased to announce our initiative to recruit new teaching and non-teaching faculty members to join our esteemed institution. We recognize that the strength of any educational institution lies in the calibre of its faculty, and we are committed to enhancing our academic community with individuals who bring a wealth of knowledge, enthusiasm, and a passion for education.

This academic year a total of 26 teaching faculty and 13 non-teaching staff have been appointed:

- **Teaching Faculty:**

S.No.	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1.	Mrs. J. Reshma	BIOCHEMISTRY

2.	Dr. S. Karthick	BIOCHEMISTRY
3.	Dr. A.M. Magesh Selva Kumar	CHEMISTRY
4.	Mrs. G. Sasi Rekha	BCA
5.	Mr. D. Vigneshwaran	COMPUTER SCIENCE
6.	Mrs. R. Ramya	COMPUTER SCIENCE
7.	Dr. P. Selvaperumal	COMPUTER SCIENCE
8.	Mr. X. Nandhakumar	COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY
9.	Mrs. M. Kothai Vani	COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY
10.	Mr. S. Vijay	DATA SCIENCE
11.	Dr. A. Premkumar	ECONOMICS
12.	Mrs. R. Rekha	ENGLISH
13.	Mrs. M. Vinnarasi Rani	ENGLISH (LANGUAGE)
14.	Dr. S. Harikrishnan	HISTORY
15.	Mr. P. Jayakumar	HISTORY
16.	Ms. R. Edithmelody	LIFE EDUCATION
17.	Mrs. G. Durgavathi	MANAGEMENT (MBA)
18.	Ms. R. Nisha	MICROBIOLOGY
19.	Mrs. D. Nandhini	MICROBIOLOGY
20.	Mrs. M. Deepa	PHYSICS
21.	Mr. A. Arun Balaji	SOCIAL WORK (HRM)
22.	Mr. K. Selvanathan	SOCIAL WORK (HRM)
23.	Ms. S. Manimegalai	TAMIL
24.	Dr. V. Boominathan	TAMIL
25.	Dr. M. Karunanidhi	TAMIL
26.	Dr. A. Vinothkannan	ZOOLOGY

- **Non-Teaching Staff**

S.No.	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1.	Mr. L. Agnal Desouza	COMPUTER SCIENCE
2.	Mr. A. Daniel Prabhu	COMPUTER SCIENCE
3.	Mr. L. Amalraj	LIBRARY
4.	Mr. M. Rajesh Kumar	PURCHASE DEPT.
5.	Mrs. R. Janani	PROGRAMMER
6.	Mrs. B. Kavitha	IQAC
7.	Mrs. T. Sugirtha	NURSE
8.	Mrs. V. Vani	PLACEMENT OFFICE
9.	Mrs. K. Babyshalini	LAB ASST
10.	Mrs. A. Margaret	SUPPORT STAFF
11.	Mrs. P. Jospine	SUPPORT STAFF
12.	Mrs. L. Amalarani	SUPPORT STAFF
13.	Mr. S. Gopinath	SUPPORT STAFF

INCENTIVES FOR PAPER PUBLICATIONS

Institution Research Day is a day organised to recognise and reward the faculty members who have published papers, chapters and books every year. In a commitment to fostering a culture of research excellence, our college has instituted a commendable initiative by providing incentives for faculty members who publish scholarly papers. Recognizing the significance of academic research in contributing to the broader knowledge landscape, the institution aims to encourage and reward the efforts of our dedicated faculty. This year,

- **131 research articles in Scopus/SCI/Web of Science indexed journals**
- **41 in UGC – Care listed journals**
- **38 in our college journal and**

- **45 book chapters in Scopus indexed books & Tamil volumes related to research.**

IN HOUSE RESEARCH GRANTS

When it comes to giving teachers, students, and research scholars the chance to expand their knowledge and skills through independent study, the Salesian System of Education adopts a unique style. Among these are the **Rev. Fr. Carreno Research Grant**, the **Don Bosco Research Grant**, and the **Sacred Heart College Fellowship**.

- **Sacred Heart College Fellowship**

For the postgraduate students, the research project is the quintessential part of their studies. As part of the Sacred Heart College Fellowship, **24 post-graduate students** received a total of **Rs. 2,40,000/-** this year.

- **Don Bosco Research Grant**

The Don Bosco Research Grant was established as part of an innovative effort to encourage faculty research. This year, **7 faculty members** received a total of **Rs. 3,32,500/-** for their project.

- **Rev. Fr. Carreno Research Grant**

Sacred Heart College recognizes that Doctoral research projects are a crucial component of the PhD programme, as they provide students with the opportunity to contribute new knowledge and insights in their field of study. As a result, the Rev. Fr. Carreno Research Grant for Ph.D. Scholars was established. This year, **6 Ph.D. scholars** were awarded **Rs. 2,48,000/-** for their doctoral research.

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

By hosting conferences and seminars, we aim at creating an enriching environment that stimulates intellectual curiosity and encourages the exploration of emerging trends in various fields. I like to take this opportunity to thank the faculty and students who worked tirelessly to

organize an international conference, **18 national conferences**, and **50 seminars and workshops**.

FACULTY TOUR & STAFF PICNIC

Organizing picnic for faculty and staff is a wonderful initiative that fosters friendship, teamwork, and a sense of community within our workplace. It provides a well-deserved break for our hardworking faculty and staff, allowing them to relax and unwind in a casual and enjoyable setting. In this regard, our **teaching faculty** were taken to **Hyderabad** and **Non-teaching faculty** to **Wonderla**, Bangalore.

RETREATS

Retreat provides a sacred space for reflection, prayer, and contemplation, allowing individuals to temporarily withdraw from the distractions of daily life and focus on their spiritual journey.

A residential two-day annual retreat for all catholic faculty was organised at the **'FOUNTAIN', Sundampatti on 25th and 26th October 2023**. The faculty of other faith attended a two-day session on **Yoga and Meditation at Yelagiri Don Bosco Camp Site**.

The retreat was led by **Rev.Dr.Stanislaus Swamikannu SDB**, for catholic faculty and Team of **Vazhga Vazhlamudan** for non-Catholic faculty.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

The faculty at our college are distinguished by a diverse spectrum of achievements, exemplifying their unwavering commitment to excellence in education and research. Many of our faculty members have garnered acclaim for groundbreaking research published in esteemed journals, received accolades for exceptional contributions in their respective fields, and actively participated in conferences on both national and international platforms.

Here's an overview of the notable achievements by faculty members during this academic year:

1. **Rev. Dr. John Alexander** was recognized as a university professor by **Catholic University of Louvania, Belgium** and had visited the university from **10th April to 15th May 2023**.
2. **Rev. Dr. D. Maria Antony Raj**, Principal of Sacred Heart College attended the **Indian Christian Higher Education Leaders Summit** from **13th to 15th April 2023** organised by **United Board of Christian Higher Education in Asia** at **Womens Christian College, Chennai**.
3. **Rev. Dr. D. Maria Antony Raj**, Principal of Sacred Heart College visited **S.R.R. and C.V.R. Government Degree College, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh** as a **NAAC Peer team member** on **27th July and 28th July 2023**.
4. **Rev. Dr. D. Maria Antony Raj**, Principal of Sacred Heart College visited **Central India College of Business Management and Studies, Nagpur** as a **NAAC peer team member** on **8th and 9th of Nov. 2023**.
5. **Dr. Gandhi Kallarasan** carried out a research study in **Sophia University, Japan** from **10th April to 30th June 2023**.
6. **Dr. S. A. Martin Britto Dhas** from the Department of Physics has been recognized and allowed to carry out his research study in **South Korea** for a period of one year.
7. **Dr. Parthibaraja**, Assistant Professor of Tamil was **awarded the Best Book Award** for his book on 'சாமீ... நாடகத் தந்தை தவத்திரு சங்கரதாஸ் சுவாமிகளின் வரலாறு' at Thiruvalluvar University.
8. **Mr. Sunil**, Assistant Professor of Psychology was appreciated for his book '**Kannal Vaddu**' by **Kadarkarai Elakiya Vattam**, District of Kanyakumari.

IPR CELL ACTIVITIES

The intellectual property rights (IPR) cell of Sacred Heart College has been functioning as a recognized nodal centre for filing patents, copyright and geographical index etc. by the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology (TNSCST), Chennai. The following activities were carried out in this academic year 2023-24.

1. Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology has provided Rs.25,000 for the IPR activities.
2. A Geographical Indication (GI) application for "Jawadu Puli" has been filed. We anticipate the outcome shortly.
3. A copy right application for "Environment Audit" has been filed, and feedback has been received.
4. Approximately fifty student projects were evaluated for potential patentability, with one being chosen.
5. On April 26, 2023, a webinar on "Awareness on Intellectual Property Rights" was conducted as a celebration of World Intellectual Property Day.
6. A special lecture was conducted for Media Forum students on 2nd August, 2023
7. Organized a one-day State Level workshop on "Intellectual Property Rights for Future" on 18th August, 2023.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

In the pursuit of knowledge and excellence, our faculty members do not just teach; they continually seek opportunities to learn and grow. Their active participation in diverse academic programmes reflects our collective commitment to providing an enriched educational experience.

Here is a glimpse of the faculty's recent engagements that reflect their dedication to enhancing their skills and keeping abreast of the latest developments in education.

1. **Mr. Vigneshwaran**, Assistant Professor of Computer Science and **Mr. Bert Roy**, Assistant professor of Commerce attended faculty development programme organized by Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore.
2. **Mr. Anandraj**, Assistant Professor of BBA and **Mr. Peter Conisious Prabu**, Assistant Professor of English attended a two-day national seminar on "**Institutionalizing Quality Culture in Higher Education Institution**" organized by **Christ University**

Bangalore in collaboration with Association of **Indian Universities on 7th and 8th September 2023.**

3. Dr. Sandrilla, Assistant Professor of Computer Science and **Dr. Amala**, Assistant Professor of Computer Science attended a conference on **“Higher Education: Ethics in Academic, Administration, Community, Society Initiatives and Artificial Intelligence Impacts”** organized by **Christ University**, Bangalore on **24th and 25th November 2023.**

4. Dr. Anandraj, Assistant Professor of Physics and **Mr. Louis Sahaya Henston**, Assistant Professor of English attended a faculty development programme at **St. Christophers** College of Education from **11th April to 15th April 2023.**

These instances showcase our faculty's commitment to continuous learning, ensuring that they bring the latest insights and knowledge to the classroom, contributing to the holistic development of our students.

Ph.D. Award

Earning a Ph.D. signifies a high level of expertise and original contribution to a specific field of knowledge. The Ph.D. award is not only a personal achievement but also a recognition of the candidate's significant impact on advancing the boundaries of scholarly understanding and a proud development for the institution as well. This academic year the following faculty and students have completed their Ph.D. degree. I congratulate them on their dedication and perseverance.

Faculty

S.No	Name of the Faculty	Department
1	Dr. R. Alexander	Department of Management Studies
2	Dr. K. Vijay	Department of Microbiology
3	Dr. S. Manimegalai	Department of Tamil
4	Dr. V. Boominathan	Department of Tamil
5	Dr. G. Jayakumar	Department of Physics
6	Dr. R. Sandrilla	Department of Computer Science

7	Dr. K. Sheela	Department of Biochemistry
8	Dr. Premkumar	Department of Economics
9	Dr. M. Poovizhi	Department of Computer Sciences
10	Dr. E. Lisa	Department of Social Work

Students

S.No	Name of the Candidate	Name of the Guide	Department
1	Dr. A. Stanislaus	Dr. L. Ravi	Computer Science
2	Dr. S. Britto Jacob	Dr. A. George Maria Selvam	Mathematics
3	Dr. Mary Jacintha	Dr. A. George Maria Selvam	Mathematics
4	Dr. D. Magimai Antony Raj	Dr. A.Dhayal Raj	Physics
5	Dr. V. Ragul	Dr. I. Niyas Ahamed	Biochemistry
6	Dr. C. Celine	Dr. M. Maria Dominic	Computer Science
7	Dr. S. Jaraldpushparaj	Dr. G. Britto Antony Xavier	Mathematics
8	Dr. K. Sheela	Dr. I. Niyas Ahamed	Biochemistry
9	Dr. P. Saravanan	Dr. P. Selvakumar	Tamil
10	Dr. D. Abraham Vianny	Dr. A. George Maria Selvam	Mathematics
11	Dr. X. Venci	Dr. A.Dhayal Raj	Physics
12	Dr. A. Sudarvizhi	Rev. Dr. D. Maria Antony Raj	Commerce
15	Dr. C. Ezhilarasan	Dr. K. Arockia Raj	Social Work

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

In the pursuit of holistic development, every innovation becomes a stepping stone towards a better, sustainable future. Embarking on a journey of progressive enhancements, our institution proudly announces a series of initiatives aimed at enriching campus life and fostering a sustainable and technologically advanced environment.

- Inauguration of **Savio Café** took place on **17th July 2023**. This state-of-the-art canteen facility was inaugurated by **Rev. Fr. John Alexander**, Former Rector and currently the Vice-Provincial and Higher Education Delegate of the Province. This facility houses separate dining for faculty and students with 200 seating capacity.
- In an effort to conserve **rain water and to promote a green environment**, an artificial Bund was constructed at the **BISS Block**. This bund serves as a water reservoir for the campus.

- A **Herbal Garden with plant** and species classification was planted near the **Salesian House**. This garden promotes the importance of Indian medicinal plant species and their value among the student community.
- **Green Audit** was conducted in the campus and QR Code with Plant Taxonomy and Species Cataloguing was done throughout the campus.
- Installation of **Automated Snack Vending Machine** in the **John Med Block** was inaugurated on **17th July 2023**.
- **Additional Restrooms for boys and girls** were constructed at the **AKRC Building**.
- **IT Infrastructure** was further enriched with **LED TVs', CCTVS' and a Control Room** to promote safety, security and continuous monitoring on campus.

IT AND DATA CENTER

In the realm of connectivity, our pursuit is not just for speed, but for an unbroken bridge to knowledge and collaboration. In an era where seamless connectivity is paramount for academic excellence, Sacred Heart College stands at the forefront of technological innovation. Our commitment to providing an uninterrupted bridge to knowledge is reflected in the substantial enhancements made to our IT infrastructure.

- **Wi-Fi and Network Facilities:** The wireless network at SHC now comprises **41 Wi-Fi access points, facilitating 24x7 connectivity**.
- The college has **high-speed internet facility of 355 Mbps**, with contributions from **BSNL (155 Mbps) and RailTel (200 Mbps)**, ensuring a fast and stable internet connection for academic and administrative needs.
- Noteworthy updates include the transition from **TP-LINK 2.4 GHz to 5 GHz** for several devices and the installation of a new **DECO 5GHz device**.

FOUNDATION/ REFRESHER COURSE

Education is a very fascinating endeavour because the knowledge that one acquires is absolute and will always be valuable. As such, our faculty members have taken part in quite a number of orientation and refresher courses at prestigious universities across India, in their own fields of expertise. I appreciate their committed efforts to be up to date with the most recent developments in their fields of expertise.

REFRESHER COURSE

S.No	Faculty Name	Department
1.	Dr. A. Royal Edward Williams	Department of Economics
2.	Mr. S. John Sundar	Department of Economics
3.	Dr. U. Ramesh	Department of Economics
4.	Dr. R. Kurinji Malar	Department of Economics
5.	Dr. M. Vincent Sahayaraj	Department of Economics
6.	Dr. S. Siva Gurunathan	Department of Economics
7.	Dr. M. Jose	Department of Physics
8.	Dr. S.A. Martin Britto Dhas	Department of Physics
9.	Rev. Dr. G. Theophil Anand	Department of Physics
10.	Dr. V. Balaji	Department of Mathematics
11.	Dr. D. Ajay	Department of Mathematics
12.	Dr. K. Arokiaraj	Department of Social Work
13.	Dr. Clayton Michael Fonceca	Department of Social Work
14.	Dr. M. Nahren Manuel	Department of Chemistry
15.	Dr. G. Mohan Gandhi	Department of Tamil
16.	Dr. A. Prabu	Department of Library
17.	Mr. M. Selvam	Department of Library

Foundation Course

S.No	Faculty Name	Department
1.	Fr.S. Henry Daniel Ambrose	Department of MSW
2.	Dr. Gandhi Kallarasan	Department of Physics
3.	Dr. S. John Borg	Department of Mathematics
4.	Dr. R. Kurinji Malar	Department of Economics

LIBRARY

We often hear people refer to Sacred Heart College library as the college's paradise. The library has its extensive collection of resources providing an ideal atmosphere for concentrated study and reflection. I feel proud in presenting the activities carried out through the college library for the year 2023-24,

- **2680 new Books** were added to the library collection to the **total collection of 96,000 books and periodicals.**
- The library has subscribed to **6 new online database (INDIASTAT, JGate, Sage, CSIR, EPW, EBSCO)** that includes **52, 000 ejournals, 10, 000 magazines and 3 lakhs ebooks.**
- **2654** Bibliographical information of published articles were updated in **eBLIS OPAC** for Research students.
- Dept. of English (Shift II) donated 185 books worth Rs. 1,20,000/-
- A MoU was signed with DELNET, NLIST- Inlibnet and British Council Library, Chennai.
- **11563 eBooks** Links were uploaded in Dspace (Digital Library).
- Library Induction programme was conducted for all the **1st Year UG and PG students.**
- A Workshop on **e-Gateways** for Academic Research was organized for the Department of Counselling Psychology on **18th July 2023.**
- Book Exhibition was organized from **21st August to 30th August 2023.**

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Students' overall performance is an essential measure of their achievements. They have great relevance since they show their development as a whole, which includes their outstanding academic performance, sports accomplishments, and public behaviour. I am extremely proud to share the notable honours that our excellent students have received, as they highlight their outstanding contributions to our college community. Here is the list of achievements of our students.

1. **Mr. Thirumalai** of III B. SC. Physics was awarded '**Puthaga Cholai Virudhu-2023**' by Tirupattur district administration and District library on 5th February, 2023.
2. **Mr. Sanjay** has won silver medal in Kungfu other style in **the 32nd Senior National Men Championship**.
3. **Mr. Thirumalai** of III B. SC. Physics was awarded '**Sarvadesa Muthamizh Virudhu-2023**' by Nattupura Kalaigal Araichi Niruvanam and America Tamil Sangam, Madurai on 3rd April, 2023.
4. Tirupattur District Level Poster Making Competition on the topic **Drug Abuse** was organized and **Mr. Moohamed Musadhiq** of BCA has won 1st place, Mr. Sakthivel & Mr. Jeevan Dinesh of B.SC Computer Science have won 3rd place in the competition.
5. **Ms. Peshwari**, a Ph.D Scholar from the Department of Tamil has attended and presented a paper in the 11th International Tamil Research Conference organized by **Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 21st to 23rd July 2023**.
6. In the Essay writing competition 19-12-2023 on the importance of voting conducted by DEO, **Mr. K. Madhan (AU210151)** III - B.Com and Ms. K. **Alamelu (AU220452)** II - B.Sc Chemistry participated and brought laurels to our country.
7. Five Students from the Department of Physics won the **first prize** in the State Level Science Quiz competition conducted by **Vainu Bappu Observatory**, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Kapalua.

8. Tamil Valarchi Thurai of Tiruppattur District, organized a **District Level Essay Writing and Poetry Writing** competition on **10th January, 2024**. **Ms. S. Padmapriya**, II BSc. Department of Bio-Chemistry and **Ms. Poovizhli**, II MA Tamil Literature participated and won the II Prize with a value of **Rs. 7000/-** each.

STUDENTS STRENGTH

Students are the lifeblood of our institution, representing the future not only of our college but also of our state and nation. With immense pride, I present the student demographics of our college:

- **Undergraduate (UG): Male Students - 2316, Female Students - 1398**
- **Postgraduate (PG): Male Students - 580, Female Students - 451**
- **Doctoral Scholars (PhD): Male Students - 55, Female Students - 66**

Combining the strengths of our UG and PG programmes, the overall total number of students in our college is an impressive 4,866 students contributing to the academic vibrancy of our institution.

Students Strength for the Year : 2023-2024

S.No	UG Department	I Year		II Year		III Year		Total	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1	Economics	64	13	46	15	49	8	159	36
2	Commerce	100	54	97	48	86	51	283	153
3	Mathematics	54	44	74	50	53	55	181	149
4	Physics	57	39	57	41	62	35	176	115
5	Chemistry	73	37	68	37	73	29	214	103
6	Computer Science	74	36	78	30	75	28	227	94
7	Tamil	47	30	38	34	27	26	112	90
8	BCA	38	17	32	21	41	14	111	52
9	English	60	44	60	57	46	44	166	145
10	B.Com. (CA)	46	31	50	22	44	22	140	75
11	History	45	14	44	16	23	12	112	42
12	Zoology	29	18	--	--	--	--	29	18
13	BBA	64	13	53	19	57	13	174	45
14	Biochemistry	25	30	26	27	25	25	76	82
15	Microbiology	18	37	17	37	22	31	57	105
16	Psychology	23	31	18	26	25	20	66	77

17	Data Science	33	17	--	--	--	--	33	17
	Total	850	505	758	480	708	413	2316	1398
S.No	PG Department	I Year		II Year		III Year		Total	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1	Economics	9	5	13	3	--	--	22	8
2	Mathematics	8	25	10	19	--	--	18	44
3	MSW	18	14	27	6	--	--	45	20
4	M.Com.	13	3	3	6	--	--	16	9
5	Physics	6	14	7	21	--	--	13	35
6	Chemistry	17	11	18	10	--	--	35	21
7	Tamil	9	13	7	7	--	--	16	20
8	English	7	25	13	10	--	--	20	35
9	Computer Science	14	7	9	7	--	--	23	14
10	Biochemistry	13	13	11	15	--	--	24	28
11	Counselling Psychology	5	21	4	9	--	--	9	30
12	MCA	45	15	43	16	--	--	88	31
13	MBA	38	21	39	21	--	--	77	42
14	Microbiology	9	20	15	11	--	--	24	31
15	M.S.W. (HRM)	21	23	22	15	--	--	43	38
16	PGDMLT	9	8	--	--	--	--	9	8
17	PGDHRM	12	10	--	--	--	--	12	10
18	PGDIEM	18	6	--	--	--	--	18	6
19	PGDLM	21	5	--	--	--	--	21	5
20	PGDCS	28	5	--	--	--	--	28	5
21	PGDDS	19	11	--	--	--	--	19	11
	Total	339	275	241	176	0	0	580	451

STUDENT'S SERVICES

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships provide financial assistance to students, allowing them to improve their learning, complete their degree, or overcome a financial barrier that hinders them from pursuing their ideal career. **This year the following scholarships worth Rs. Three Crore One Lakh Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Seven have been distributed:**

S.No.	Name of the Scholarship	Cheque No./	Sanctioned	Disbursed	No. of
		Proceedings No.	Amount	Amount (Rs.)	Beneficiaries

1	SC, SCC & ST Scholarship - Fresh & Renewal	Govt. - Through ECS	5963425.00	5963425.00	1115
2	BC, MBC Scholarship - Fresh & Renewal	Govt. - Through ECS	4458104.00	4458104.00	912
3	SC Dept. - Stipend to Ph.D. Full Time Scholars 2023-24 (20x100000),	Through ECS	2000000.00	2000000.00	30
4	DCE. - Stipend to Ph.D. Full Time Scholars	Through ECS	300000.00	300000.00	5
5	SC, SCC & ST - Higher Educational Special Scholarship / Loan Scheme (Hostel Scholarship)	Govt. - Through ECS	-	-	-
6	Central Sector Scholarship - Fresh (2023-24 Batch)	Govt. - Through ECS	3500000.00	3500000.00	350
7	Central Sector Scholarship - Renewal (2022-23 Batch)	Govt. - Through ECS	4092000.00	4092000.00	341
8	Central Sector Scholarship - Renewal (2021-22 Batch)	Govt. - Through ECS	2796000.00	2796000.00	233
9	Central Sector Scholarship - Renewal (PG 2nd Year)	Govt. - Through ECS	200000.00	200000.00	10
10	Central Sector Scholarship - Renewal (PG 1st Year)	Govt. - Through ECS	500000.00	500000.00	25
11	UGC - PG Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child	Govt. - Through ECS (per year 36,200/-) 2 years - 72,400/-	289600.00	289600.00	4

13	UGC - JRF in Science, Humanities & Social Science	Govt. - Through ECS (Vijayalakshmi - 2266/(OBC)(NET-JUNE 2015) - ACTIVE	965748.00	965748.00	1
14	NSP - Post Matric Scholarship for Minorities - CS (Fresh & Renewal)	Govt. - Through ECS	-	-	-
15	NSP - Meri-Cum-Means Scholarship - Fresh & Renewal	Govt. - Through ECS	-	-	-
16	NSP - Disabilities Scholarship	Govt. - Through ECS	81000.00	81000.00	9
17	Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme (Pudhumai Penn Thittam)	Govt. - Through ECS	4960000.00	4960000.00	496
Grand Total			30105877.00	30105877.00	3531.00

MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

DB SEVA Scholarship:

Sacred Heart College (Autonomous) in Tirupattur District takes pride in supporting student empowerment through the DB SEVA Scholarship. Under this programme **68 students** till date benefited from a total disbursement of **Rs. 3,37,000/-**

Orphan and Semi-Orphan Scholarships:

“In the tapestry of humanity, education is the thread that binds and uplifts the hope of those in need”.

- **IVDP Kosalay Mary Orphan and Semi-Orphan Scholarships:** The IVDP Kosalay Memorial Scholarship Programme, a collaborative effort by the Department of Extension Education and Services and IVDP, is

a manifestation of this belief, aspiring to uplift orphan and semi-orphan students. Generously sponsored by Raman Magsaysay awardee Mr. Kulandai Francis, the event marked a pivotal moment of hope as scholarships, totalling **Rs. 10,45,000/-** for orphan and semi-orphan students and an additional **Rs. 30,000/-** for students who are very poor, were distributed to 142 deserving students.

- **Fr. P.M. Thomas Scholarship:**

The management, operating through Rev. Fr. Rector's Office, administers the P.M. Thomas Scholarship, specifically designed to assist orphan and semi-orphan students. This initiative has positively impacted **3 students**, with a generous total grant of **Rs. 76,590/-**.

- **Mother Theresa Scholarship for Orphan and Semi-orphan Students:**

Addressing the unique needs of **16 students**, the Mother Theresa Scholarship underscores Sacred Heart College's commitment to supporting orphan and semi-orphan students. The initiative has disbursed a commendable total amount of **Rs. 3,80,746/-**.

Transgender Scholarship:

In recognition of diversity, the Transgender Scholarship at Sacred Heart College is dedicated to students identified as the third gender. This inclusive initiative has provided essential support to **3 students**, with a total disbursement reaching **Rs. 62,305/-**. These scholarship programmes collectively exemplify the institution's dedication to creating inclusive and supportive learning environments, ensuring that students with diverse needs receive the assistance they require.

United Way Scholarship

In collaboration with SURABI and the United Way of Chennai, our college has taken a compassionate step forward by providing scholarships for those affected by Covid. A total of **11** students has benefited through this scholarship, amounting to **Rs. 1,10,000/-** this year.

Sports Scholarship

The college continues its commitment to supporting sports persons in both their sports and academic pursuits. In the current academic year, a total of **69 students** was awarded scholarships **totalling Rs. 9,89,531/-** to enhance their skills and achievements in sports.

In total, our college has disbursed and contributed **Rs. 3,36,16,189/-** as scholarships for deserving and needy students.

IVDP-SHC Contributive Students' Scholarship

IVDP-SHC Contributive Students' Scholarship was started in the year 2017. This year, 2023-2024, the students from Shift II of Sacred Heart College have collected a sum of **Rs. 5,16,000/-** towards this scholarship fund. A matching grant of the same amount is contributed by IVDP, Krishnagiri. With the total amount of **Rs. 10,32,000/-** we have given a scholarship of **Rs. 6,000/-** each to 172 students, identified by the student committee.

APPRECIATION

The College extends heartfelt gratitude to the **Redington Foundation** for its enduring association and providing training to our **final-year students**. The Foundation imparted valuable skills in high-end software and additional courses, benefiting a total of 50 students from the Undergraduate final year, representing various Science streams. As the training programme concluded in 2024, we express deep appreciation to the Redington Foundation for its significant donation worth **Rs. 20,00,000/-** which includes desktop computers, projectors, IQ Boards, and renowned digital software and equipment. Their support has undoubtedly enriched the educational experience of our students and enhanced the college's technological capabilities.

COUNSELLING CENTRE

The counselling centre caters to students in order to help them to face their lives with confidence and purpose. **A total of 352 students and 25 past**

pupils in this academic year sought assistance from our specialized counselling centre. The department is headed **by Ms. Latha Munsamy**, our College Counsellor, who attends to the emotional needs of the students on a regular basis. This year the following programmes were conducted:

List of Programmes Conducted

S.No	Topic	Date	Institution	Participants	Department	Shift
In Campus Programmes						
1	Health and Hygiene for Women	26/09/2023	SHC	UG Girls	Department of Commerce	Shift I
2	Fullness of Life Club Introductory Meeting	17-07-2023	SHC	FOLC Members	FOLC members	Shift II
3	FOLC Investors Ceremony and Talk on Understanding Relationship	31-08/2023	SHC	FOLC Members	FOLC members	Shift II
4	Healing the Inner Self (Art Therapy Approach)	24/08/2023	SHC	UG All students	Department of Mathematics	Shift II
5	Goal Setting	13/7/2023	SHC	UG all students	Physics	Shift II
6	Understanding Relationship	26/07/2023	SHC	UG & PG	BCom (CA)	Shift II
7	Psychological Effects of Mobile Addiction	19/07/2023	SHC	UG all students	Department of CS	Shift II
8	Social Responsibility and Well Being of Women Students	25.07.2023	SHC	All UG & PG Girls	Women's Cell	Shift II
Out of Campus Programs						
1	Role of Teachers in Helping Children with Learning Disability	14/10/2023	Auxilium College, Vellore	Salesian Province School Teachers	Department of Psychology	Private Aided College

2	Stress and Its Impact on Health	09/10/2023	Government Arts and Science College for Women, Bargur	UG and PG All Girl students	Department of Mathematics	Government College
3	Stress and Its Impact on Health	02/09/2023	Islamiah Women's Arts and Science College	UG and PG Girl students	PG & Research Department of Commerce	Private Aided College
4	Reproductive Health & Counselling	8/19/2023	Amala Anjali Home for Girls, Yelagiri	Orphan School Girls	-	Home for Orphan girls

PLACEMENTS

This academic year, the placement department at Sacred Heart College has conducted a number of on campus and off campus drives and job fair to help students to achieve their goals. The placement cell organized various training programmes for the benefit of students. This Training helped to learn the career guidance like Employers Qualities, Industries expectations, College vs Corporate, soft skill, public speaking, e-mail etiquette, telephone etiquette, grooming, body language, Group Discussion, Resume Preparation, Personal Interview along with the activities at regular intervals as a key for success. The placement division hosted over **40 companies**, including industrial giants like OLA, TVS, Titan, MRF, TCS, Bharat-FIH, Cognizant, Accenture and others, rolling out **191+ Direct On-Campus Offers**.

The placement opportunities were complemented with lucrative pay packages. I commend and thank Dr.T.Selvam, and the entire team for the placement of **264 students in various organizations**, industries and service sectors. I am happy to state that the Placement Division had organized seven workshops to enhance employability skills of students. The following training programmes were organized:-

- Workshop on Medical Coding for Life Sciences Students of UG and PG final years.

- Employability skill and personality development training by IT Trainers for all UG and PG final year students
- Workshop on Drone by Aero Knots Private Limited for Physics and Economics Department
- Tally Training course for Commerce and B.com (CA) Students
- BEST – (Bosco Employability Skills Training) Programme for all UG final year students
- Aptitude Classes for all UG final year students
- Software Development Training for all final year Computer Science, Mathematics and B.Com (CA) Students.

Every year Placement Cell in collaboration with **Don Bosco Vazhikaatti** – Chennai has periodically organized a Job Fair. This year a mega job fair was scheduled on **24th February 2024**.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

The price of success is dedication, hard work and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen and here are a few significant events that happened in this academic year. The various significant event are displayed for you.

- **Bridge Course (Communicative English and Department Orientation)** for all First Year Undergraduate Students was conducted from **5th June, 2023 to 9th June, 2023**
- **Faculty Development Programme** was conducted from **12th June, 2023 to 15th June 2023**
- **Exposure Visit to Vellore Institute of Technology-VIT**, Vellore for all Heads of Various Departments and Leaders was conducted on **16th June, 2023**.
- **College opened** with Inaugural Holy Mass and Induction on **19th June, 2023**
- **UG Freshers' Day** was conducted on **27th June, 2023**.
- **PG Induction** and Classes began on **3rd July, 2023**.

- **Inauguration of Academic Associations, Groups & Movements and Out Reach Programme** was conducted on **14th July, 2023**, the Chief Guest was **Dr. Madhavan**, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Syndicated Member of Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore.
- **Annual Retreat** (For all Catholic & Christian Students) was conducted from **21st July, 2023 to 22nd July, 2023**
- **PG Freshers' Day** was celebrated on **26th July, 2023**.
- **Annual Sports Day** was conducted on **28th July, 2023**, the Chief Guest was **Dr. Jaya Shanti**, Principal, Auxillium College and the Guest of Honour was **Mr. S. Mareeswaren**, Indian Hockey Player, Inspector, of Income Tax, Income Tax Department, Chennai.
- **Drugs & Substance** Awareness Programme – I UG was conducted on **29th July, 2023**
- An International Youth Camp was organized by **YMCA Boys Division** Tirupattur, in association with YMCA-Tai Chung of Taiwan, in collaboration with Sacred Heart College from **8th August, 2023 to 15th August, 2023**. This event took place at Yellagiri and Tirupattur which enabled the youth to showcase their talents. **16 University students from Taiwan and 10 students** from Sacred Heart College participated and benefited from this one of a kind event.
- **Independence Day** was celebrated on **15th August, 2023**, the Chief Guest was **Mr. Gnananraj**, Asst. Office Management – Additional Principals' Office.
- The college has initiated a project to **plant Palmyra trees** in the Tirupattur District, with a goal to plant about **1,00,000 trees by 2025**. The green revolution programme 2023-2024 was inaugurated by our Honorable District Collector, Thiru. Baskar Pandian, along with the Deputy. Superintendent of Police, Thiru. Albert John, IPS and 40,000 palmyra seeds were planted.
- **Teachers' Day** was celebrated on **5th September, 2023**.
- **Breakfast Scheme** for deserving and under-privileged students was introduced on **5th September, 2023**.

- **World Suicide Prevention Day** – Campus Awareness programme was conducted on **12th September 2023**
- **Faculty Development Programme on AI Tools** for Teaching & Learning was organized on **4th October, 2023**. Dr. Arul Kumar and Dr. M. Krishant, Assistant Professors, from the Department of Data Science, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Trichy were the resource persons for this programme.
- **Mental Health Day** – Campus Awareness programme was conducted on **11th October 2023**
- **Muthamizh Vizha**, a cultural fest was organized by the Department of Tamil on **7th and 8th December, 2023**. The Chief Guest was **Dr. Viswanathan**, Founder and Chancellor of VIT-University, Vellore.
- NSS Camp was conducted from **13th November, 2023 to 19th November, 2023** at Koviloor Village, Pudukkottai Panchayat, Tirupattur District to instill community participation and societal upliftment.
- A One Day Orientation Programme on **Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP)** was conducted in Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur on **21st November, 2023**.
- **Institutional Research Day** followed by a Faculty Development Programme was held on **16th December, 2023**. The Chief Guest for the day was **Dr. Appa Rao Podile**, Scientist, Educator and Former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hyderabad.
- **SKILLIOMA** – 21st Century Skills (Course Design, Delivery Modules, Certifications) was organized providing Job Training, Industry Partnership and Placements, SMART Recruitment Platform – Training and Placements. Chief Trainer for this programme was **Mr. Paul Chinnappan**, Chairman & MD, 4KF Integro Pvt. Ltd. Bangalore.
- **Sharing Day** at villages was held on **18th December 2023**
- **Christmas & Community Day Celebrations around Rev. Fr. Rector** were organized on **22nd December, 2023**

- **Pongal Celebrations** to instill the cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu among students, faculty and staff was conducted on **13th January, 2024**.
- **BEST** - Employability Training Programme and Invited talk on placement in the industry was conducted from **18th January, 2024 to 20th January, 2024**
- In the fight against the usage of plastic, our college coordinated with **Iyarkai Charitable** and **Social Trust NGO** in the promotion of yellow cloth bags. This programme saw the participation of our Honorable District Collector, Thiru. Baskara Pandian, along with the Deputy. Superintendent of Police, Thiru. Albert John, IPS. The programme was ably coordinated by **Dr. A. Prabu**, Asst. Professor, Department of Tamil.
- **Awareness Programme** on Health and Nutrition for Girls was held on **24th January, 2024**
- **Republic Day** was celebrated on **26th January, 2024**. The Chief Guests were **Dr. A. Albert Irudayraj**, Vice-Principal (Students Affairs) Shift-I, Department of Physics and **Dr. D. Leslin**, Head, Department of History.
- **Annual Past Pupils Meeting** (Alumni Meet) was held on **28th January, 2024**
- **Feast of Don Bosco** was celebrated on **31st January, 2024**
- **Retirement Function** was organized on **1st February, 2024**, to recognize the hard work, dedication and commitment of **Dr. A. Albert Irudayraj**, Vice-Principal (Students Affairs) Shift-I, Department of Physics, **Dr. D. Leslin**, Head, Department of History and **Mr. Gnananraj**, Asst. Office Management – Additional Principals Office.
- **Valedictory of Academic Associations, Groups & Movements and Out Reach** Programme was held on **5th February 2024**.
- Orientation Programme on **Constitutional Values and Social Responsibility** was organized by Sacred Heart College in collaboration with Social Dimension of Chennai Province, IIPA on **17th February, 2024**.

- Women Cell of Sacred Heart College celebrated **Women's Day on 8th March, 2024.**
- **Extraordinary Visit by Rev. Fr. Gianni Rolandi, General Councillor of Rome** to meet and greet the staff and students of Sacred Heart College was made on **3rd March, 2024.**

Outreach Programme – LAB TO LAND

The college motivates second-year undergraduate students across departments to engage in extension activities through the Lab to Land outreach programme. Aimed at sharing departmental knowledge with the community, students participate in social analysis input sessions and two days of outreach programmes, covering 21 villages. Over the year a total of 1,515 students has actively contributed to these initiatives

ESTABLISHMENT OF HEALTH CENTRE

Embracing the vision of a healthy and thriving academic community, on December 2023, the St. Zatti Health Station was established. Managed by Mrs. T Sugirtha, a dedicated healthcare nursing professional, the centre has provided essential health services. In these two months, a total of 550 students, including women, benefited from general health check-ups. Additionally, 110 faculty and staff members received healthcare and first-aid services through this centre.

HIGHER EDUCATION MEETINGS

Higher education leaders meetings serve as invaluable forums where educators, administrators, and stakeholders come together to discuss and strategize the future of academia. These gatherings play a pivotal role in fostering collaboration, sharing innovative ideas, and addressing the evolving challenges within the educational landscape. Here is the list of higher education meetings attended by different leader representatives during this academic year.

1. An Exposure Programme was conducted in Sacred Heart College on 11th June, 2023 that facilitated the Meeting of the College Managers and Principals of Bangalore Province.
2. Dr. Albert, Dr. L. Ravi, Dr. Jeyabalan, Dr. Kalaiarasi, Dr. Anbalagan and Mrs. Savitha the vice principals and Deans of Sacred Heart College attended the Higher Education Meeting in Chennai on 1st July, 2023.
3. Xavier Board of Higher Education Conference was organized in Sacred Heart College on 10th August 2023.
4. Rev. Dr. Praveen Peter, Rev. Dr. Maria Antony Raj, Rev. Dr. Maria Arockia Raj and Rev. Dr. Theophil Anadh attended Don Bosco Higher Education Institutions Annual Conference & General Body Meeting at Bangalore from 10th November to 12th November, 2023.

PARENTS' MEETING

Parents' meetings serve as crucial avenues for communication and collaboration between parents and educators, playing an important role in student's educational journey. At Sacred Heart College we had organised parent Teachers meeting on several occasions where parents and teachers had open and constructive discussions, parents gained a deeper understanding of the curriculum, teaching methodologies, and college policies.

Course	Dates
Under Graduate	1 st July 2023 (First Years), 15 th July 2023 (Second Years), 2 nd September 2023 (Final Year)
Post-Graduates	On various dates as per the departments

GRADUATION DAY

Graduation day marks a significant milestone in the academic journey of students, symbolizing the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. It is a momentous occasion filled with a mix of emotions, from the joy of achievement to the bittersweet farewells to classmates,

teachers, and the familiar campus environment. After the COVID crisis, in Sacred Heart College the 46th and 47th Graduation Day were organized.

- Dr. T. Arumugam Vice Chancellor of Thiruvalluvar University honoured **1688** graduates on 46th Graduation Day on 5th August, 2023.
- Dr. Srinivasan, Secretary TNSE honoured **1742** graduates on 47th Graduation Day on 26th August, 2023.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

At Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), we believe in creating an educational environment that extends beyond textbooks, embracing experiences that shape global citizens. The following noteworthy events highlight our commitment to holistic education, where thoughtful initiatives, commendations, and community engagement are integral to our ethos.

- **Revising the Syllabus for TANSCH** (Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education) involves a thoughtful and inclusive process to ensure that it aligns with contemporary educational needs, industry demands, and academic advancements. Sacred Heart College has started the revision of syllabus and it will be implemented for the students from next academic year 2024-2025.
- **Lt. Dr. K. Sivakumar** NCC officer was issued the **DG NCC** Commendation Card along with Batch for the year 2023.
- **On July 7, 2023**, the entire college—faculty and students, showed our support to the people of Manipur who were the victims of human rights violations. Fostering awareness, education, and advocacy to address the unique challenges faced by victims of Manipur our college donated **Rs. 2,00,000/-** in solidarity.
- In a series of impactful blood donation drives, various departments at our college showcased their commitment to community well-being. The **MSW and NSS initiatives on September 13, 2023**, contributed 86 units of blood, followed by the MBA department on **August 1, 2023**, with a generous donation of 120 units. The **NCC**

continued this spirit on **November 27, 2023**, contributing 80 units, and the Red Ribbon Club stepped up on **August 21, 2023**, with an admirable donation of 100 units. In total, these initiatives resulted in a collective donation of **386 units of blood**, highlighting our shared dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

- The Chennai province organized a one of a time event - “**Celebrating Life**” on **3rd December, 2023** in Sacred Heart College involving the youth from different regions such as Yelagiri, Jolarpet, Dharmapuri, Tirupattur, Krishnagiri, Vellore to bring in the Cultural Harmony, Unity and Oneness.
- As part of Christmas celebration in Sacred Heart College, “**Carnival of Kindness**”- an initiative of collecting used clothes, stationery items, books and other materials was organized by the students of P.G. Department of Social Work (HRM). Collected items were distributed to the college students, inmates of Karunai Illam, SRDPS and to the night school children of Hayath Nagar.
- As part of the **ISR (Institutional Social Responsibility)**, the faculty, staff, and students of Sacred Heart College united to support a unique cause—the **Idaya Nagar Gypsy Community**. A collective donation of **Rs. 4,60,000/-** was contributed towards this meaningful initiative.

IQAC

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell has initiated a number of strategies for quality sustainability which have scaled up the growth of the college. The following are the significant contributions made by the IQAC during the academic year 2023-2024:-

- **A Faculty Development Programme** was conducted for entry-level, middle-level and the entire faculty from **June 12 to 15, 2023**.
- In alignment with the evolving educational landscape, an **academic exposure programme to Vellore Institute of Technology**, Vellore, was organized on **June 16, 2023**, with participation from Deans, Heads of Departments, and personnel holding key responsibilities.

- The IQAC Year Plan for the academic year 2023-2024 was meticulously devised, and responsibilities were assigned to its members.
- **The Principals and Administrators meeting of Don Bosco Colleges of Bangalore Province was held on June 11, 2023.**
- The teaching plans for both semesters across all faculties are now accessible to students through the college portal.
- **The Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR)** for the year 2021-2022 was submitted on July 30, 2023.
- Collaborative efforts between the **IQAC** and **NIRF** team led to the institution **achieving the 42nd Rank in NIRF 2023.**
- **Result analysis** meetings were conducted from **20th to 27th , September 2023.**
- The **IQAC** formulated and is set to implement the **Outcome-Based Education (OBE) Framework** across departments.
- A **360-degree** performance appraisal system was introduced and put into practice for evaluating faculty, peers, and management.
- Revision and updating of policies in areas such as examinations, scrutiny, and student support were successfully undertaken.
- The **IQAC** has reached a significant milestone by successfully submitting the **Self-Study Report (SSR) for the 5th Cycle of NAAC on January 13, 2023.**

IPR CELL ACTIVITIES

Patents are the spark that ignites the fire of innovation, it is the best evidence that college with nation overall is thriving economically. I am proud to announce the patents received by the following faculty members:

Dr. A. George Maria Selvam, Associate Professor & Head, Dept. of Mathematics has secured the following patents.

- Automated bone age assessment design system with medical image registration.
- Fuzzy logic-based artificial intelligence with inclusion of blockchain data.

- Real-time multi-feature crime suspect analysis model for efficient cyber forensics using machine learning.
- IOT driven real-time patient monitoring with edge computing using machine learning.
- Design system of privacy and data protection in IOT-driven mobile internet of system for healthcare.

Mr. R. Veerappan, Assistant Professor & Head of BBA has secured the following patents,

- Artificial Intelligence based technique for Evaluating The Role of Wireless Sensor Networks in Enterprise Management
- The Role of Machine Learning in Assessing Potential and Identifying Talent in Organization.

Dr. Niyas Ahmed, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry has secured the following patents,

- Polyherbal Formulations for Upper Gastrointestinal Cancer.
- Novel Advancement of Healthcare Management Using IOT.
- Indian Polyherbal Medicine in the Treatment of Upper Gastrointestinal Cancer.

Dr. Jeyabalan Thavasikani, Associate Professor of Chemistry, **Dr. Bharath Samanan, Rev. Dr. Praveen Peter, Mr. Yi-Li Lin and Mr. Alphonse Lazer** have secured the following patent:

- Synthesize of Silverton-Type Anion-Curcumin Conjugated S-Triazine Hybrids: Anticancer (In Vitro) Studies and TFN FO Membrane Separation Performances.

Dr. Antony Arockiasamy, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, has secured the following patent:

- A Comparative Study on the Impact of Nullity and Self – Loops on the Energies of Simple and Multi Graphs

RESULTS

At Sacred Heart College, we commit ourselves to achieving the outcomes that show us how well our students have performed academically as part of

our pursuit of excellence. Presenting our exam results for this academic year fills me with great pleasure.

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NOVEMBER 2023 SEMESTER EXAMINATION

NUMBER OF STUDENTS PASSED IN ALL SUBJECT (CLASS WISE)

S.N	NAME OF THE PROGRAM	SENTUP	PASSED	% OF PASS
1	I M.Sc. Mathematics	32	21	65.63
2	II M.Sc. Mathematics	29	20	68.97
3	I M.Sc. Physics	19	15	78.95
4	II M.Sc. Physics	28	21	75.00
5	I M.Sc. Chemistry	27	22	81.48
6	II M.Sc. Chemistry	28	22	78.57
7	I M.Sc. Computer Science	17	17	100.00
8	II M.Sc. Computer Science	16	16	100.00
9	I MSW (HRM)	44	39	88.64
10	II MSW (HRM)	37	30	81.08
11	I M.Sc. Bio Chemistry	25	23	92.00
12	II M.Sc. Bio Chemistry	26	23	88.46
13	I PGDMLT.	16	16	100.00
14	I MCA (LATERAL ENTRY)	60	45	75.00
15	II MCA (LATERAL ENTRY)	58	52	89.66
16	I PGDDS (Data Science)	30	28	93.33
17	I PGDCS (Cyber Security)	27	19	70.37
18	I M.Sc. Counselling Psychology	26	25	96.15
19	II M.Sc. Counselling Psychology	13	12	92.31
20	I M.Sc. Applied Microbiology	29	27	93.10
21	II M.Sc. Applied Microbiology	26	22	84.62
22	I M.A. Economics	13	08	61.54
23	II M.A. Economics	15	12	80.00
24	I M.Com	13	08	61.54
25	II M.Com	09	06	66.67
26	I MSW	32	27	84.38
27	II MSW	32	24	75.00
28	I MBA.	59	31	52.54
29	II MBA.	60	39	65.00
30	I PGDIEM.	22	18	81.82
31	I PGDLM.	26	23	88.46
32	I PGDHRM.	22	21	95.45
33	I M.A. Tamil	20	17	85.00
34	II M.A. Tamil	14	11	78.57
35	I M.A. English	31	17	54.84
36	II M.A. English	22	15	68.18
Total		1003	792	78.96

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NUMBER OF STUDENTS PASSED IN ALL SUBJECT (CLASS WISE)

S.N	NAME OF THE PROGRAM	SENTUP	PASSED	% OF PASS
1	I B.Sc. Mathematics	94	34	36.17
2	II B.Sc. Mathematics	115	57	49.57
3	III B.Sc. Mathematics	105	48	45.71
4	I B.Sc. Physics	87	27	31.03
5	II B.Sc. Physics	94	40	42.55
6	III B.Sc. Physics	97	53	54.64
7	I B.Sc. Chemistry	108	35	32.41
8	II B.Sc. Chemistry	101	57	56.44
9	III B.Sc. Chemistry	96	61	63.54
10	I B.Sc. Computer Science	109	62	56.88
11	II B.Sc. Computer Science	108	59	54.63
12	III B.Sc. Computer Science	103	75	72.82
13	I B.Sc. Bio Chemistry	53	22	41.51
14	II B.Sc. Bio Chemistry	52	26	50.00
15	III B.Sc. Bio Chemistry	50	40	80.00
16	I BCA.	55	27	49.09
17	II BCA.	53	41	77.36
18	III BCA.	55	51	92.73
19	I B.Sc. Psychology	52	21	40.38
20	II B.Sc. Psychology	41	22	53.66
21	III B.Sc. Psychology	44	31	70.45
22	I B.Sc. Microbiology	55	37	67.27
23	II B.Sc. Microbiology	54	37	68.52
24	III B.Sc. Microbiology	50	29	58.00
25	I B.A. History.	48	11	22.92
26	II B.A. History.	54	12	22.22
27	III B.A. History.	35	16	45.71
28	I B.Sc. Data Science	50	20	40.00
29	I B.Sc. Zoology	46	12	26.09
30	I B.A. Economics	72	11	15.28
31	II B.A. Economics	57	12	21.05
32	III B.A. Economics	54	35	64.81
33	I B.Com	152	65	42.76
34	II B.Com	145	56	38.62
35	III B.Com	134	70	52.24
36	I BBA.	74	15	20.27
37	II BBA.	69	41	59.42
38	III BBA.	59	31	52.54
39	I B.A. Tamil	72	15	20.83
40	II B.A. Tamil	69	42	60.87
41	III B.A. Tamil	52	44	84.62
42	I B.A. English	92	44	47.83
43	II B.A. English	104	38	36.54
44	III B.A. English	81	49	60.49
45	I B.Com (CA)	77	37	48.05
46	II B.Com (CA)	71	31	43.66
47	III B.Com (CA)	66	40	60.61
Total		3564	1739	48.79

NCC - NATIONAL CADET CORPS

The NCC unit at Sacred Heart College plays a crucial role in nurturing the holistic development of our youth, instilling values of duty, commitment, dedication, discipline, and morality. It aims at moulding individuals into capable leaders and responsible citizens. I am delighted to highlight the commendable achievements of our NCC students:

- **CUO. G. MADHAVAN, III. B. Sc Mathematics (Shift – I):** Participated in the TSC – Inter Group Competition Camp (IGC) at Dhanalakshmi Engineering College, Tambaram, Chennai, from 16th to 25th July, 2023. Selected after successful completion of 05 various training camps, he represented our college alongside 80 NCC Cadets, showcasing the prestigious NCC tradition.
- **CDT. A. LINGESHWARAN, II. B. Sc Physics (Shift – II) & CDT. V. SIVAGNANAM, II. B. Sc Mathematics (Shift – I):** Participated in EBSB – II Camp at NCC Training Area (NTA), Iddayapatti, Madurai, from 03rd to 14th August, 2023. Their remarkable talents and skills in Drill and Cultural Competition at the All India level were commendable, contributing to the excellence of our NCC Unit.
- **SGT. MAJ. K. VETRIVELAN & CQMS. A. THIRUPATHI, III. B.A Economics (Shift – I):** Joined the All India Trekking Expedition 2023 Kerala Trek I at JNV Kulamavu, Kerala, from 22nd to 29th Dec, 2023. As two among 180 NCC Cadets, they represented our college admirably in this prestigious trekking camp.
- **CPL. S. JOTHIKA, III. B. Sc Mathematics (Shift – I):** Participated in the SHIVAJI TRAIL TREK at Kolhapur from 21st to 27th Nov 2023, organized by Maharashtra Directorate. As one of 150 NCC Girl Cadets from across India, she brought honour to our college at this distinguished NCC Camp.
- **SGT. M. MOHAN, III. B. Sc (Physics):** Selected for EBSB – I Camp at NCC Training Area (NTA), Iddayapatti, Madurai, from 18th to 29th Jan, 2024. His outstanding talents and skills in Drill and Cultural

Competition at the all India level exhibited the high standards of our NCC Unit.

We extend our gratitude to the Commanding Officer of 12 (TN) BN NCC, Salem, and the Army Staff for their unwavering support and encouragement towards the success of our NCC Cadets.

SPORTS

Sports play a pivotal role in fostering leadership skills and instilling goal-setting abilities while building character in students. It is with great honour that I share the numerous achievements of our athletes:

- I am thrilled to announce that our college emerged champions at the overall University Athletics Championship at SDAT - Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu on December 19, 2023, organized by Thiruvalluvar University.
- **Mr. Gurubaskara Sethupathi**, II-MA Economics, represented Tamilnadu in the KHELO INDIA PARA GAMES 2023 (Athletics) Championship held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi, from December 10th to 17th, 2023. I take pride in stating that he secured the silver medal in the javelin throw event.
- **Mr. Gurubaskara Sethupathi** represented Tamilnadu in the 22nd National Para Athletics Championship held in Panaji, Goa, from January 9th to 13th, 2024, and won the Bronze medal in the javelin throw event.
- In addition to these accomplishments, **Mr. A. Mugesh**, B.A. History, clinched the Gold medal in High Jump at the State Level CM Trophy Athletic Championships in Chennai. He also secured the silver medal in High Jump at the 37th Tamil Nadu Inert District Junior Athletic Championships in Namakkal.
- **Mr. S. Navaneethan**, B.A. History, achieved the Bronze medal in Decathlon, championships in Namakkal.

- **Mr. M.Suresh Kumar**, II B.A. History, won the Bronze medal in the 4X100M Relay at the 37th Tamil Nadu Inert District Junior Athletic Championships in Namakkal.
- **Mr. V. Arun Kumar**, II B.A. Economics, represented the Puducherry State Team in the Beach Volleyball National Championship held at Daman & Diu from January 5th to 11th, 2024.
- Our college's prowess extends beyond individual achievements. We have triumphed in Thiruvalluvar University Inter-Division sports events in Volleyball, Basketball, Hockey, Tennis and Badminton.
- Total 38 students from our college have proudly represented Thiruvalluvar University in diverse sports and games.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to **Dr. A. Bento Devaraj**, and **Mr. Kaviarasu**, the Directors of Physical Education, and their dedicated team for their hard work and exemplary training provided to our students

WOMEN'S CELL

The women's cell of SHC serves as a support system for female students, as well as a place for them to express their voice and empower themselves through various programmes and events.

This year the following activities were conducted:

Date	Title of the Programme
5th July 2023	Motivational talk on Women's safety – Special awareness by Police Inspector
23rd August 2023	Awareness Programme on "Social Media and its impact on youth"
9th September 2023	Women's Meet 2022 - Focusing on Women's Health in the families.
6th December 2023	Women Entrepreneurial Challenges – Invited Talk
24th January 2024	National food and Healthy diet being affordable to all – Inter-departmental competitions for UG Girls

FOSS – FOREIGN AND OTHER STATE STUDENTS

"Embracing diversity, we weave a tapestry of connections that enrich the vibrant culture of Sacred Heart Campus. In the academic year 2023-2024, our Foreign and Other State Students (FOSS) community thrived, fostering cultural exchange and a strong sense of belonging."

The year commenced with the election of FOSS office bearers, drawing 60 enthusiastic participants. The FOSS Fresher's Day, Krishnagiri trip, and an annual retreat led by Fr. Ruban SDB saw active participation, setting the tone for a vibrant year.

The FOSS community, representing diverse regions such as Zambia, Assam, West Bengal, Kerala, Andaman, Odisha, Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh, showcased a rich tapestry of 60 students actively contributing to the cultural fabric at Sacred Heart Campus.

OBITUARY

With deep sadness and heavy hearts we remember the passing away of the soul of, former Principal and Head of the Department of Social Work, **Rev. Dr. Stanislaus Swaminathan SDB**, who departed from this world **on 17th May 2023**. He was an erudite scholar, revolutionary thinker, qualitative researcher and was instrumental in getting the status of doctoral recognition for the Department of Social Work.

With profound grief we also remember the sad demise **of Mr. Shankaran**, Assistant Professor of Economics on **31st May 2023**. He was a remarkable individual whose presence illuminated the lives of those fortunate enough to know him. His kindness, generosity, unwavering compassion and memory will forever be cherished by family, friends, and colleagues.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTENSION EDUCATION AND SERVICES (DEEDS)

"Empowering communities through education and sustainable development is not just a mission; it is a commitment to shaping a future where every individual has the opportunity to thrive."

In the heart of Tirupattur Town, the Sacred Heart College Extension Centre stands as a beacon of hope and empowerment since its establishment in 1973. As a legally registered Non-Governmental Organization, its commitment to sustainable development strategies for the youth and the impoverished has been unwavering. This report sheds light on the myriad initiatives undertaken by the Department of Extension Education and Services, showcasing the society's dedication to fostering positive change in the community.

Women's Empowerment

The Sacred Heart College Society's initiative for women's empowerment is centered around fostering a sense of unity and support among women. In collaboration with the Indian Bank, Nationalized Banks, and NABFINS, have empowered **20,332 women**, fostering entrepreneurship in diverse sectors such as coir production, millet processing, and cleaning supplies. Notably, the Women Empowerment Loan programme has disbursed a total amount of **Rs. 15,24,70,000 across 217 groups** from April 2023 to December 2023 with the help of NABFINS, Indian Bank, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, Cooperative Bank, supporting various economic endeavours and fostering financial independence among women.

Women Skill Training Programme

The Sacred Heart College Society has been proactive in women's skill development, offering Aari Work and Tailoring classes. **112 students mastered various Aari embroidery techniques under dedicated guidance and the Tailoring class benefitted 110 candidates.** Additionally, an awareness programme was conducted to educate the students about women's issues and welfare schemes available to them.

Skill Training for Underprivileged Youth

The Ministry of Rural Development introduced Antyodaya Diwas for **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)** in 2014, part of the National Rural Livelihood Mission. An MOU signed between TNSRLM

and Sacred Heart College Society in 2019 led to significant benefits for students. At the recent Alumni Meet in Chennai, the Hon'ble Minister distributed **1000 placement orders** to DDU-GKY trained candidates, with **37 Sacred Heart College Society students** sharing insights into their work experiences and providing positive feedback. Currently, **130 students are undergoing assessments.**

MSME Entrepreneurship Training for Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste SHG Members

The MSME Development and Facilitation Office in Chennai conducted a ground breaking Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme on November 23, 2023, benefiting **110 Scheduled Tribe women** from SHGs in Tirupattur. The programme covered DIC Subsidy Schemes, TAHDCO Support Schemes, Banking Support, Handholding, MSME Schemes, and SEEDS Trust, offering comprehensive insights for aspiring entrepreneurs. Additionally, the **Six Weeks Entrepreneurship Development Programme** held from December 8, 2023, to January 23, 2024, provided a holistic learning experience, bringing together key stakeholders and experts to inspire and empower ST & SC entrepreneurs in Tirupattur. After the Six weeks of Training programme Extension Service will receive **Rs.1,25,000 from MSME Chennai.**

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

Guided by the adept leadership of Director and Vice-Principal (Shift-II) Rev. Dr. D. Shanmugam, the Department of Extension Education and Services (DEEDS) at Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur, joined hands with NABARD for a One-Day Training Programme on January 4, 2024. Approximately **10 NGO Field Workers** attended the session, focusing on essential skills and roles. The training covered key topics, including SHG/JLG lending, essential skills for field workers, women's protection, child rights, and the current status of NGOs in promoting SHGs.

TAHDCO Tractor Survey

TAHDCO funded a survey to evaluate the successful distribution of loans in economic development programmes. Social Work students conducted a comprehensive study across **2 districts (Dharmapuri and Tiruvallur)**, specifically focusing on individuals who accessed tractors through the TADCO entrepreneurship programme in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. The grant received for this survey is **Rs. 1,91,350/-** is aimed at assessing the economic status of the programme beneficiaries.

Family Counselling Centre

The Family Counselling Centre by the Don Bosco Institute serves approximately **450 families** annually. Recently recognized as a State Service Provider by the Tamil Nadu State Government, the centre, evaluated by TISS, received the highest rank among all centres in the state. With a focus on family well-being, the centre addresses issues like separation, marital problems, alcoholism, and economic challenges, catering to diverse needs with qualified counsellors.

Evening Study Centre

The 10 evening study centres managed by the Sacred Heart College Society in slum settlements significantly contribute to boosting pass percentages, especially in 10th-std government examinations. These centres play a crucial role in preventing dropouts by providing individual attention and addressing community-specific challenges for **262 benefiting students**. A heart-warming Christmas Celebration was organized on 17th December, 2023 at the DEEDS Evening Study Centre in Tirupattur.

Scholarships for Gypsy Students who are pursuing Higher Education

Sacred Heart College, with DBSARC and SURABI, organized a Scholarship Distribution on August 17, 2023. Led by the Department of Extension Education and Services, it granted **Rs.3,25,000/-** in cheques to 21 deserving students from marginalized communities (Gypsy). Rev. Fr. Leo (SURABI) and Rev. Fr. Christopher (DBSARC) and Rev.Dr.Samson

Shanmugam were central to the programme, empowering students through vital financial aid for education.

Empowerment of Gypsy Community

The Gypsy Development Programme by the Department of Extension Education and Services supports **45 families in Idhaya Nagar**, emphasizing education. It enrolled **41 students from schools, and 9 from college**, and facilitated community certificates to **70 applicants**. A study centre aids **45 students**, and financial assistance, including ISR loans, was provided, with three recipients receiving **3,00,000 and one receiving 1,00,000**. The programme also organized meetings, granting **Rs. 15,000 scholarships** to each candidate for initiatives like the Brave Project and the Surabi Scholarship.

- **Loan Disbursement to Gypsies**

To uplift **4 Gypsy families**, a significant initiative granted each family a **Rs. 4,00,000 loan**. This financial support aims at promoting economic empowerment, improving overall well-being, addressing unique challenges in the Gypsy communities, fostering inclusivity, and creating opportunities for socio-economic advancement.

Livestock Grant to Gypsies

On September 14, 2023, Sacred Heart College, in collaboration with SURABI and DBSARC, distributed a Livestock Support Grant of **Rs. 90,000 to nine Gypsy women in Idaya Nagar, Pachal Village**. Led by Rev. Dr. Praveen Peter and Rev. Dr. Maria Antony Raj, each beneficiary received **Rs. 10,000 to initiate their enterprises**, marking a meaningful step towards economic empowerment for these women.

- **Workshop on Menstrual Hygiene for Gypsy Women**

Workshop was organised at DB Centre covering menstrual hygiene, sexual and reproductive health, gender equality, and prevention of reproductive tract infections for Gypsy women. The Guest of Honour, Mr.

Arul Doss, along with Mr. Moses and the DBSARC team, participated. Sessions by Mrs. Sandhiya and Ms. Anthonyammal from Sacred Heart College provided insightful talks, specifically addressing the sexual and reproductive health needs of Gypsy, Irular, and Thurumbar community women.

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)

Sacred Heart College Society, in collaboration with **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)**, conducted awareness meetings in Mookanur and A.K. Mottur Villages to empower rural communities. In Mookanur, a session focused on schemes for below-poverty-line individuals, covering housing programmes, free sewing machines, and the One Stop Centre for counselling and medical aid. In A.K. Mottur, a meeting emphasized skill training and entrepreneurship for women, featuring an awareness talk by Mr. Arul Doss. These initiatives aim to enhance the quality of life in rural areas.

Creche for underprivileged Children at Sivarajpettai and Sagayanagar

Since 1986, the Sacred Heart College Society has operated two crèche centres in Sivarajpet and Sagaya Nagar, funded by the Central Social Welfare Board. Catering to over **80 underprivileged children** annually, these centres provide nutritious meals, emergency medications, and educational resources. The programme has benefited a **total of 688 children**, ensuring their well-being and early childhood development.

In the tapestry of education, partnerships are the threads that weave together diverse experiences, knowledge, and opportunities. **Sacred Heart College embraces a network of esteemed partners to enrich the educational journey for our students.** The following are the list of our partners:

- Central Social Welfare Board, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- State Social Welfare Board, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

- MSME (Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises), Chennai
- Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)
- NABARD, Chennai.
- Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmadabad
- Department of Science and Technology
- National Commission for Women
- IIT, Delhi
- IIT, Madras
- NABFINS, Vellore.
- Tamil Nadu Corporation for Women Development, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
- Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation Limited (TADHCO)
- Indian Bank Zonal Office, Vellore
- Vellore District Central Cooperative Bank, Vellore.
- Don Bosco Foundation, Chennai.
- SURABI-Chennai.
- DBSARC- Don Bosco Social Action and Research Centre
- Vazhikatti, Chennai.
- ManithaNeyaMaiyam, Tirupattur.
- Integrated Village Development Project (IVDP)
- SCHAEFFLER INDIA LIMITED
- School Education Departments of Thirupathur, Krishnagiri Districts.

CONCLUSION

I am filled with a profound sense of pride and gratitude to share that, we have witnessed not just a display of activities, but a manifestation of the vibrant spirit that defines our college community. In conclusion, as we reflect on the highlights and achievements of this year, it is evident that the collective efforts, dedication, and enthusiasm of each and everyone has once again made this academic year a resounding successful year.

I also extend my heartfelt appreciation to every individual who has put his/her mind and energy in making this college day a memorable one.

Celebrating the **200th Year of Don Bosco's Dream**, I reflect on a vision that transcends time, reminding us that at the age of 9, Johnny Bosco envisioned a haven for youth through transformative education. His dream, rooted in kindness and guidance from Jesus and the Blessed Mother Mary, emphasized that education, grounded in love and morality, is the key to empowering individuals and building a better society. This dream, at the heart of the Salesian mission, has become a reality among youth in more than 135 countries globally, and it is now our turn to keep alive the dream of Don Bosco — **"The dream that makes you dream,"** a heart that transforms **"wolves into lambs."**

I would like to conclude my report with a message inspired by the values associated with St. John Bosco. ***"Dear friends, let us walk together on the path of love and understanding. In the spirit of compassion, let us guide and support one another, especially the young, with patience and care"***. Remember, it is through education and the nurturing of the heart that we can build a better tomorrow. May God's grace be with you always, and may we strive to create a world filled with love, joy, and solidarity.

God bless you all and long live the spirit of Don Bosco.