

SACRED HEART COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), THEVARA
INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

QUALITY INITIATIVES 2016-2017

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| 1. | IQAC Annual Planning for the year 2016-2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Academic annual planning for the year 2016-2017 was held on 20 April, 2016 at Fr. Melesius hall. ❖ 54 Faculty members representing all the departments attended the planning meeting. ❖ Principal, IQAC co-ordinator and all the department heads presented the report of 2015-16 and academic plan of 2016-2017. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Academic planning for the year 2016-2017 ❖ SWOT analysis of the college and departments. ❖ Academic calendar and examination schedule were prepared. ❖ Budget allocation. |
| 2. | Industry Institute Interface | <p>Industry – institute – interface was held on October 27th Thursday, 2016. The interface is meant to serve the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To present the programmes, curricular inputs and student profile before the leading employers of the city • To gather insights regarding attributes the employers expect from the employees as a preparatory input for the next round of curricular revision • To gather inputs regarding industry relevant courses (add-ons) and programmes (New programmes) • To find possible avenues for industry-institute collaboration – e.g., CSR, Research, Internships and Placements. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ It was possible to identify the features, attributes and qualities an employer is looking for. ❖ These characteristics will be considered while redefining the syllabus and will probably be incorporated in it. |

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| 3. | Preparation of Institutional Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the year 2015-16. ❖ The College Annual report for the year 2016-2017. ❖ IQAC Annual Report for the year 2016-2017. ❖ Heartbeats – Official Newsletter of the College | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Compilation of academic achievements, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, faculty & student achievements in academics and research, quality initiatives of IQAC etc. |
| 4. | Preparation of Academic Calendar for the Year 2016-2017 | College Calendar containing the description of courses, examination system, exam calendar, college rules and directory. | Calendar distributed to teachers and students in June 2016. Faculty members and students can gain information about the courses, faculty members, and exam schedule and college rules. |
| 5. | Faculty Quality Enrichment Initiatives | <p>Several faculty quality enrichment initiatives have been taken by IQAC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Faculty Induction Programme for newly recruited teachers during 13-21 June 2016. ❖ Faculty Development / Orientation programmes for teaching staff ❖ Financial assistance to teachers for participation in conferences and presentation of research work in conferences. ❖ Financial assistance towards membership in professional bodies. | <p>IQAC initiatives enriched the quality of faculty members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 19 Newly recruited faculty members participated in the FIP. ❖ 08 Faculty development / Orientation programmes were organized for faculty. ❖ 57 Faculty members were given financial assistance. The total amount provided being Rs. 2.59 Lakhs. ❖ 8 Faculty members were given financial assistance towards membership in professional bodies. |
| 6. | Quality Enhancement Programmes for Nonteaching staff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Training for effective communication skills on 18 November 2016. ❖ Training on admission software on 24 April 2017. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 15 non-teaching staff participated. ❖ 05 non-teaching staff participated |
| 7. | Interaction with Nobel Laureate and other renowned | Faculty and student interaction program with 2010 Chemistry Nobel Laureate Prof. Ei-Ichi Negishi as | Exposure for the faculty and students to globally renowned scientists to widen the horizon of |

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| | academicians and researchers. | part of the International Conference on Negishi Coupling Reactions on 16 February 2017. | knowledge. |
| 8. | Academic exchange programmes | ❖ Juniata College, Pennsylvania, USA | ❖ Dr. K. M. Johnson and 3 students went to Juniata College, Pennsylvania, USA for 3 weeks as part of the academic exchange programme. |
| 9. | Student Enrichment Programmes | Walk with scholar programme for degree students. | Mentoring of advanced learners |
| 10. | Heartian Best Practices | ❖ Hrudyardham 2016 for the UG and PG programmes were held with well-prepared schedule. UG - 15 June 2016 PG - 01 August 2016 | Students were made aware of the CBCSS-Elective system, grading pattern, anti-ragging policies, gender sensitization issues, code of conduct, green protocols, clubs and fora and other important policies |
| | | ❖ Graduation Ceremony 2017 | The graduation ceremony of the final year UG and PG students was held in the college auditorium. |
| | | ❖ College Student's Council (Union) Election 2016 | In order to initiate the student community to the democratic process of electing the representatives to the administration of the nation, the college conducted the college union election process in the parliamentary system following the Lyngdho Committee report. |
| | | ❖ Chavara Lecture Series | Following the legacy of St. Chavara Elias Kuriakose, the founder of CMI congregation and a social reformer of Kerala, the college organized its prestigious Chavara Lecture Series on Excellence for Social Transformation. On 21 March 2017 the Chavara lecture was delivered by Mr. E. Sreedharan. |

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| | | ❖ <i>Sargapatham 2016</i> | The unique literary pentathlon – Sargapatham was organized by the college on 17-18 November 2016. The special introductory panel discussion was on the contemporary topic “ <i>Uniform Civil Code</i> ”. |
| | | ❖ <i>Heartian Harvest</i> | A market place where students and staff can sell and buy organically produced vegetables, fruits and snacks. The biomarket was inaugurated on 22 August 2016. |
| 11. | Question bank | Introduction of question bank for PG examinations. A training for question bank setting software for faculty members was given on 27 March 2017. | Question banks were prepared for all the PG courses. It leads to the creation of question papers with less mistakes and repetitions. |
| 12. | Curriculum Revision | PG Curriculum was revised. Different BoS and Academic Council approved the syllabus and curriculum. | Revised PG Syllabus and Curriculum was introduced in the academic year 2016-2017. |
| 13. | Promotion of research and publication. | ❖ Research Meet ❖ Dan Thottakkara Endowment Best Researcher Award | ❖ Research meet was held on 28 January 2017. ❖ Dr. Sumod S G of Department of Physics (Science) & Dr. K. V. Raju of Department of Economics (Arts) won the best research publisher award for the year 2016-17. |
| 14. | Participation in National level Rankings | IQAC documents the academic achievements and prepares the report to submit before various ranking institutions like MHRD – NIRF, India Today, The Week etc. | The college ranked high in all the rankings. ❖ NIRF 2017 – Rank 28 ❖ India Today Ranking Arts - 27 Commerce - 26 ❖ The Week Ranking Arts - 39 Science - 22 Commerce - 25 |

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| 15. | Service-Learning Course | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A platform called HEAL (<i>Heartian Extended Arm for Life</i>) is created for extending the teaching learning process into everyday life and communities around. A trained social worker is made in-charge as Student Development Officer (SDO) to identify avenues for departments and students to extend their learning to real life situation, and lend service to the campus, or community. The office of SDO functions for the overall development of the students especially from the angle of promoting service orientation and community engagement among the students. ❖ The one credit compulsory students service learning course constitutes the academic component of HEAL. The programme is meticulously guided and monitored by the SDO. ❖ The SDO office liaises with various communities, local self-government institutions and prepares projects and programmes for meaningful community engagement of the campus. | <p>Organized several programmes as part of service-learning course. Some of them are listed below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Campus cleaning – Every Monday ❖ Seven Day Flood relief mission with Anpodu Kochi – 18 to 27 August 2018. ❖ Flood relief activities by college ❖ Blood donation camp – 03 August 2018 ❖ Challenge Cancer programme – 24 June 2018 ❖ Fort Kochi beach cleaning – Every Saturday ❖ Road safety week - 04 January 2019 ❖ Cycle rally for environmental protection – 21 November 2018 ❖ Eye camp – 26 November 2018 ❖ Energy conservation programme – 18 December 2018 ❖ Paddy cultivation ❖ Say no to plastic campaign – 15 September 2017 ❖ World environment day – 05 June 2017 ❖ Service learning camp at Thenmala – 13 January 2018 |
| 16. | Faculty evaluation by students | After every semester the students evaluate teachers based on a five-point criteria. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Faculty get a feedback of their teaching. Any improvement in the teaching methodology can be achieved on the basis of the report. ❖ Principal interacts with faculty provide suggestions based on their student evaluation data. |

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| 17. | Energy Audit | Energy audit of Sacred Heart College, Thevara was carried out by Renq Kochi, a certified energy auditor. | The energy audit conducted at Sacred Heart College, Thevara indicates the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ There is scope for reducing energy consumption by means of changing light loads as well as there is scope for improvement by changing the air-conditioners and other equipment to more energy efficient inverter type.❖ The implementation of APFC can improve power factor.❖ The process will also enable the students to appreciate the practices of sustainable practices and initiatives towards green energy, which is critical for a global citizen. |
| 18. | Biodiversity Award | Sacred Heart College Thevara won the Kerala State Biodiversity Award -2017, Government of Kerala for the Best Institution for Biodiversity Conservation. | Recognition of biodiversity conservation activities of the college. |


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