

Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Thevara, Kochi - 682013

**Report of the
NAAC sponsored National Seminar on
Autonomy for colleges – A Means to Quality Enhancement in Higher Education
organised on 8-9, January, 2015**



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The two day NAAC sponsored National Seminar on “Autonomy for Colleges – A Means to Quality Enhancement in Higher Education” was organised by IQAC of the college on 8-9, January, 2015. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Achutsankar S Nair, a known educationalist and the Head of the Department of Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram on 8 January, 2015. The inaugural meeting presided over by Dr. Johnson X Palackappillil CMI, Principal, Sacred Heart College, Thevara. Rev. Dr. Jose John CMI, Vice Principal welcome the delegates. Dr. Benny Cherian, Principal, U.C. College, Aluva and Dr Joe M Jesudurai, Dean of Science, Loyola College, Chennai and Prof. Alphonse Ligori, Staff Secretary, SH College Thevara felicitated the programme.

108 delegates from various colleges in Kerala, Tamilnadu and Karnataka participated in the two day national seminar.

The first day of the seminar began with the session by Dr. Joe G. M. Jesudurai, Dean of Science, Loyola College, Chennai on the theme “Autonomous Colleges and Role of Teachers”. In the afternoon Dr. Achuthsankar S. Nair, Head, Department of Computational biology and Bioinformatics, University of Kerala took a session on “Examinations: Techniques, Technology and Quality.

The second day’s programme started with the session on “Curriculum Development for Quality Enhancement in Autonomous Colleges” by Dr. Bernard D’ Sami, Loyola college, Chennai. The second technical session of the second day was on “Quality Benchmarks in Autonomy – The Role of IQAC” handled by Sri. B S Ponmudirj, Assistant Advisor, NAAC, Bangalore. The first session in the afternoon was led by Dr. P K Velaudhan, Kerala State Coordinator, RUSA and he spoke on “Academic Audit: A Means to Improve the Quality of Administration and Planning of Autonomous Colleges” and the second session by Dr. Joseph I Injodey, Principal, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Kochi on “Social Audit of Centres of Higher Education”.

Four papers were also presented in the seminar as well. First one was on the theme “Equity and Excellence in Autonomous Colleges” by Dr. George Joseph, Head of the Department of Botany, Sacred Heart College, Thevara. Second paper was presented by Fr. Joby Xavier CMI (Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Christ University, Bangalore) and Dr. Tomy K. Kallarackal (HoD, Department of Tourism, Christ University) on “Question Paper Setting and Conduct of Examinations. A paper on “IQAC initiatives for Quality Enhancement in Different Colleges” was presented by Dr. C M Joy, Associate Professor, Department of Botany, Sacred Heart College, Thevara. Dr. P Muhammad, Director, Self-Financing Division, Farook College, Kozhikode presented a paper on “Faculty – The Crucial Stakeholder in Autonomous Colleges”

Rev. Dr. Jose Kuriedath, the Manager of Sacred Heart College was the guest of honour in the valedictory function. Dr. K M Johnson welcomed the valedictory meeting. Dr. Sibichan M Thomas, Principal, St. Joseph’s College, Calicut and Dr. Regimol Cherian, Assumption College, Changanassery shared their reflections about the seminar. The seminar came to an end with the vote of thanks by Dr. Joseph T Moolayil, IQAC Coordinator, Sacred Heart College, Thevara.

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Inaugural Ceremony of the Workshop (08/01/2015)



Sri. B S Ponnudiraj Delivering Session on the Role of IQAC (09/01/2015)