IQAC 2016-17

The IQAC develops quality benchmarks for academic and administrative activities of the institution. By giving constructive suggestions regarding the functioning of various units of the College, the IQAC strives hard to keep up the motto of the College “To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield”.

Various Activities of the IQAC for the year 2016-17

Orientation Programme

The IQAC, in collaboration with the Department of Physics organized the Orientation programme in the month of June. Feed Back regarding the Orientation Programme and the speakers, were collected from the students and analyzed by the IQAC.

Feed back on Admission procedures

The IQAC collected feedback from the parents during the UG admission for 2016-17 regarding the effectiveness of the Public Relation Team, performance of the Non Teaching staff at the registration desk and the overall admission process at the college. 85% of the parents highly appreciated the admission procedure of the college, rated highly the efforts of the PR team and lauded the performance of the non teaching staff. A few suggestions were given by the parents to improve the admission process.

The National Symposium on 18th - 19th July 2016

The IQAC of our College organized a National Symposium on the topic From Potential for Excellence to Excellence in Higher Educational Institutions with two major objectives – i) to sensitize the academic institutions to the need and scope for reinventing themselves to cope with the challenges in the global scenario and ii) to sensitize the various stakeholders to the vital role they play towards moving from ‘Potential for Excellence to Excellence in Higher Educational Institutions’. Eminent speakers drawn from a wide spectrum of Academic and Corporate spheres delivered special addresses and lectures. The Symposium was inaugurated by Dr. P. David Jawahar, Registrar, University of Madras.
Inauguration of the National Symposium on “From Potential for Excellence to Excellence in Higher Educational Institutions”

Guest speakers for the first day of the symposium were

- Prof. Bhoomittra Dev, Former Vice Chancellor, Mangalayatan University, DDGU.
- Dr. V.S. Prasad, Former Director NAAC,
- Mr. Priyesh Mandowara, Deloitte & Touche AERS India Pvt. Ltd,
- Prof. Sunney Tharappan, Director, College for Leadership and Human Resource Development, Mangalore and
- Dr. Viji George, Chairman, Concordia University, New York.

Eminent speakers who addressed the gathering on the second day were:

- Dr. G.Viswanathan, Founder & Chancellor, Vellore Institute of Technology
- Prof. S.P.Thyagarajan, Professor of Eminence and Dean (Research) Sri Ramachandra University, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Madras.
- Mr. Emmanuel Samson, Attaché for Cooperation in French in India, Embassy of France
- Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath, Former Principal, Lady Sriram College for Women, New Delhi
• Dr. Kalyani Mathivanan, Former Vice Chancellor, Madurai Kamarajar University

The two-day symposium provided a forum for the academicians, administrators and industrialists to share their expertise and knowledge with each other and created the necessary platform to explore the possibilities of attaining Excellence in Higher Educational Institutions.

Welcome Address - Principal, Dr. A. Nirmala

Chief Guest Address
Dr. David Jawahar, Registrar, University of Madras

Keynote Address

Prof. Bhoomitra Dev,
Former Vice Chancellor, Mangalayatan University
Rohilkhand & Agra University

Dr. V.S. Prasad, Former Director NAAC
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Sharing of Best Practices - I

Dr. Viji George, Chairman, Concordia University, New York.
Second Day

Welcome Address - Chairman, Mr. V. L. Muralidaran

Keynote Address

Dr. G. Viswanathan, Founder & Chancellor, Vellore Institute of Technology

Keynote Address

Sharing of Best Practices - II

Prof. S. P. Thyagarajan, Professor of Eminence and Dean (Research) Sri Ramachandra University, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Madras.

Mr. Emmanuel Samson, Attache for Cooperation in French in India Embassy of France
Health Cards

The IQAC introduced Health Cards for the Non Teaching staff and to the first year students. A medical checkup was done by the College Doctor.

Concept level testing

From 07.08.2016 to 18.08.2016 the IQAC also conducted an online test for the First year UG students from both the Aided and the Self supporting streams to assess their General Knowledge, Aptitude and Conceptual knowledge in their respective subjects and the marks were consolidated Department wise.

Free Medical Camp

The IQAC organized a free Medical Camp for Non Teaching staff on 27th October 2016. This camp was organized in association with Madras ENT Research Foundation (P) Ltd., Chennai. In this Medical Camp the following tests were done.

- Dental check up by Dr. Karthik Venkatachalam (Evident Dental Health Care)
- Eye check up by Dr. Senthil (Vasan Eye Care Hospital)
• ENT checkup by Madras ENT Research Foundation

Around 130 Non Teaching staff benefited from this Medical Camp. Reports and reviews were given to them. A Chart was provided along with the reports. A feedback was collected from the Non Teaching staff regarding the usefulness of the programme.

AQAR

The IQAC consolidated the Academic and Extension activities of all the departments in the college and submitted the Annual Quality Assurance Report.

Go green Campaign

As part of the Go Green Campaign to create environmental awareness among the students, the IQAC and Environmental Club of the College jointly organized the competitions. An Interdepartmental model-making competition was organized in association with IQAC on the theme “Eco friendly Ethiraj” for the students to create awareness on keeping the environment clean and green. The students of various departments enthusiastically participated and displayed their talents in creating models for creating an eco-friendly campus. The models were focused on concepts like organic composting, vermicomposting, rain water harvest, percolation pits, judicial use of water and energy resources etc. which can be used for maintaining and conserving the environment.

An awareness talk was organized on behalf of the Enviro Club to promote various ideas for utilizing the waste generated in our daily life. Mr. Indira Kumar, President, Home EXNORA was invited to enlighten the students with his innovative ideas for minimizing the waste generated at smaller as well as on a large scale.

The competitions were judged by the staff of the college and prizes were awarded to the winners.

Rankings:

NIRF - National Institutional Ranking Frame Work

In November 2016, the IQAC collated all data about the college as requested by the MHRD department, Government of India, and applied for the National Ranking, through the National Institutional Ranking Frame Work (NIRF). The results were announced on 3rd April 2017. The College was ranked as the 16th Best College at the all India level.
Nielson India Today 2016

The IQAC consolidated the activities of all the departments in the college and sent the data to Nielson India Today Magazine and Hansa Research The Week Magazine for the ranking of the best colleges in India. The results are expected in the second week of June 2017.

Visit of Dignitaries from The Heritage Institution - Kanya Maha Vidyalaya (KMV) Jalandhar:

The Principal, IQAC Coordinator and a few other senior faculty of Kanya Maha Vidyalaya, Jallandar, visited our college as part of their effort to learn about the best practices and general functioning of the well known colleges in Chennai. They visited the IQAC and collected information about the activities of the IQAC.

Workshop for Teaching staff - Faculty Development Programme

A Workshop for the Teaching staff on “Performance Enhancement” was organized by the IQAC on the 9th of March 2017.

The workshop was inaugurated by the Principal Dr. A. Nirmala and two faculty representatives from each Department of the College participated in the Workshop.

The following resource persons spoke on various aspects of Performance Enhancement:

**The Dr. Rita John,** Professor and Head Department of Theoretical Physics, University of Madras, spoke on the topic Goal setting in Research and Academics. She encouraged the faculty to set responsible goals that can lead them to achieve their targets.

*Dr. Rita John, Professor and Head Department of Theoretical Physics, University of Madras*
• **Mr Ajay**, Project Manager, Wipro gave a talk on People Management. He threw light on effective communication and the importance of being a good listener and a speaker in order to manage Human Resource. He differentiated the types of challenges we face in handling human resource. He spoke on the technical challenges and adaptive challenges. He finally compared Emotions and Behavior and gave inputs on how behavior has to be preserved, analysed and empathized.

*Mr. Ajay, Project Manager, Wipro*

• The last session on Performance Motivation was conducted by **Mr. J. S. Anbu.**, former Executive Director, Christian Institute of Management. He encouraged the faculty to constantly make efforts to better their own achievements by setting newer targets. The Programme sensitized the participants towards the need for enhancement of their performance. Participants were encouraged to be more innovative and creative in their course delivery and the participants were exposed to different aspects of technology updation in teaching.

*Mr. J.S. Anbu, Former Executive Director, Christian Institute of Management*

**Workshop for Non Teaching staff**
The IQAC in association with the Student Counsellor conducted a one day workshop on Performance Motivation on 1st April 2017 at 9.30am. The resource persons were:

**Mr. J.S. Anbu**, Former Executive Director, Christian Institute of Management, spoke on how every employee must strive to give the best back to the institution that was providing them a livelihood, security and sense of identity.

**Mr. Veerapandian**, Consultant Psychologist & Psychotherapist, gave a talk about encourage ourselves with positive thinking in our working area.

The IQAC was coordinated by Dr. **Rennet Samson**, ably supported by Dr. Adeline Albert, Dr. A. Jhone Verjhula, Dr.V. Malathi, Dr. Anusha Balasingh and Ms Preethi Raj.