



St Thomas College, Kozhencherry

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Skill Development Centre

Report

As part of its continued commitment to empowering youth through skill-based education, **St Thomas College, Kozhencherry** has initiated Skill Development Centre during the academic year 2024-25. Dr Jyothis T. and Dr Ann Susa Thomas serve as the coordinators of the centre.

- Skill Development Centre, St Thomas College Kozhencherry signed MoU with **Youth Employability Skill Training (YEST)**, and launched a new initiative of Add-on Courses certified by the **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)**. The event took place on 11th November 2024 at 2:15 p.m. in the Commerce Seminar Hall of the college. The event was presided over by Dr George K. Alex, Principal, emphasizing the need to develop skills in the competitive world. The inaugural address was delivered by Dr. Sarath S. Nair, Additional Director of YEST. This was followed by an orientation session led by Mr. Sreejith J., State Programme Officer (YEST), who emphasized the importance of skill enhancement and encouraged students to seize this opportunity.

These skill development courses are designed to enhance the employability of students by equipping them with practical and in-demand competencies. The initiative is open to all UG and PG students and includes both Certificate and Diploma courses.

Offered Courses

30 Hours Certificate Courses in:

- Python Programming
- MS Office
- Mushroom Cultivation (Designed by the Department of Botany)
- Ornamental Fish Culture and Aquarium Management (Designed by the Department of Zoology)
- Disaster Management (Designed by the Department of Physics)
- Food Science and Quality Control (Designed by the Department of Chemistry)

Diploma Course in:

- Company Accounting and Tally

The event successfully marked the beginning of a promising skill development journey, fostering a future-ready student community. The certificate courses designed by the departments were successfully completed on time and certificates issued from NSDC were handed over to students who completed their exam. With the tagline “**Unlock Your Potential,**

Master New Skills!”, the initiative is expected to have a positive impact on student employability and career readiness.



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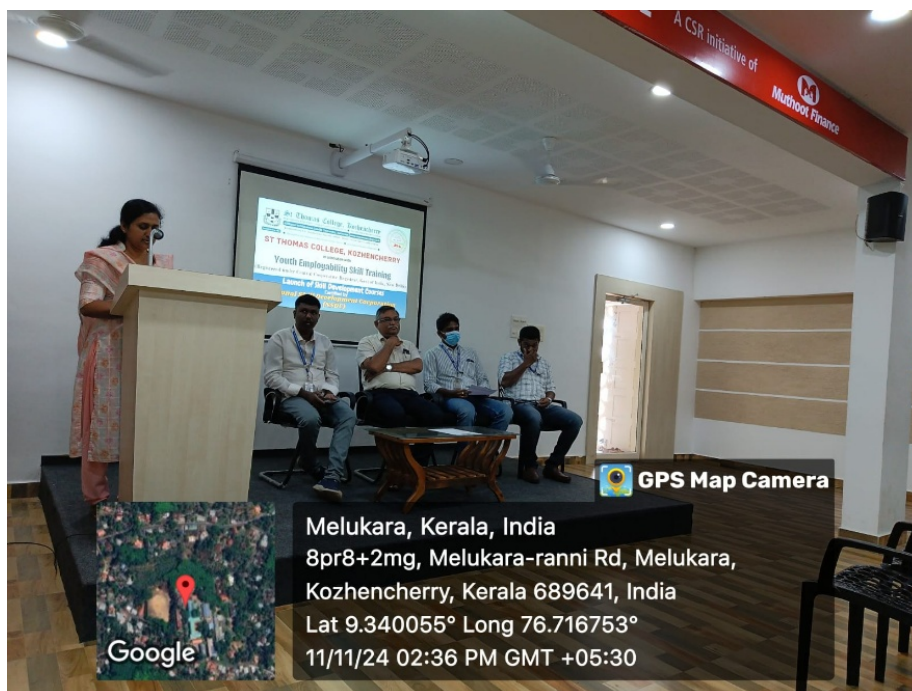
INAUGURAL ADDRESS
Dr Sarath S. Nair
Additional Director (YEST)

ORIENTATION
Mr Sreejith J.
State Programme Officer (YEST)

11/11/2024
2:15 p.m.
Commerce Seminar Hall

Organizing Committee
Dr George K. Alex
Principal
Dr Jyothis T.
Ms Ann Susa Thomas
Coordinators

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Courses certified by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) operates under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in India, ensuring government backing and credibility for its certifications. NSDC certificates are widely recognized by employers, including leading companies and government organizations, boosting credibility and career prospects.

A total of 51 students have completed the courses and attained their certificates from NSDC.

The Women's Cell of St Thomas College, Kozhencherry, in collaboration with Khadhi Gramoday Vidhyalaya, Mallappally, has organized a series of skill development courses aimed at empowering women students through practical and employment oriented training. These courses are designed to enhance self-employment opportunities, foster entrepreneurship, and equip participants with valuable life skills.

- The Women's Cell, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), and Postgraduate & Research Department of Zoology in collaboration with Khadi Gramodyog Vidyalaya, Mallappally organized a three-day Skill Development Programme -“Certificate Course in **Beekeeping**” from 14th–16thOctober 2024. The program aimed to familiarize students with the fundamentals and practical aspects of beekeeping, highlighting its significance and ease of practice.





- Women's Cell offered two months tailoring course that provided comprehensive training in basic and advanced tailoring techniques, including cutting, stitching, and designing garments. The curriculum was structured to help students gain hands on experience using sewing machines and other tailoring tools. Participants successfully completed various tailoring projects, including making dresses, blouses, and children's wear. Many students expressed confidence in starting their own tailoring units or working from home. A total of 7 students enrolled in the Tailoring Course.

Demonstration of the Fashion Maker Sewing Machine was conducted from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM. This demonstration was organized by Khadi Gramodyog Vidyalaya, Mallappally, in collaboration with the Skill Development Centre, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry. The session aimed to introduce women to practical skills that could contribute to their financial independence and entrepreneurship. Participants had the opportunity to learn about sewing machine operations, garment making, and the potential for small scale businesses in the fashion and textile industry. This demonstration effectively showcased essential skill development opportunities for women and actively promoted self reliance.

- Women's Cell offered two months beautician course covering essential beauty and grooming skills such as skincare, hair care, makeup, and bridal makeovers. The training was delivered by experienced professionals, with practical sessions on live models. Students learned the latest beauty trends and techniques, enabling them to seek employment in beauty parlors or start their own home based beauty services. A total of 3 students enrolled in the Beautician Course.

Upon successful completion of the respective courses, all participating students received a certificate of completion from Khadi Gramodyog Vidyalaya, Mallappally, validating their newly acquired skills.



- The Women's Cell of St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry, organized a comprehensive driving course for two-wheelers and four-wheelers, exclusively for the students and staff of the college. The initiative aimed to empower participants with essential driving skills, instill confidence, and promote road safety awareness. The course was inaugurated on 23-10-2024 at 3.30 p.m. in the College Ground by the principal-in-charge of the day, Dr. Saramma Varghese, who flagged off the first training session. In the inaugural address, the Principal emphasized the importance of self-reliance and skill development for personal and professional growth. The training program was conducted in collaboration with Bethel Driving School, Kozhencherry, a reputed driving institute known for its experienced trainers and hands-on learning approach. The sessions included both theoretical and practical components, covering traffic rules, vehicle maintenance, defensive driving techniques, and hands-on driving practice. A total of 20 participants enthusiastically joined the course, comprising both students and staff members.



- Dr Jyothis T., Ms Ann Susa Thomas, Mr Thomas Mathew attended 'Ente Vidyarthi Ente Abhimaanam' an orientation workshop on **Skilling and Re-skilling: New Avenues and Employment Prospects for Students of Higher Education Institutions** organised by Vijnana Pathanamathitta on 31 December 2024 at Catholicate College Pathanamthitta.



- As a consequence, Mr Abin John, Ms Ann Susa Thomas, Dr Arthur Varghese, Dr Mathews John and Ms Jinsa Joy attended the one day workshop for mentors scheduled at John Cox Memorial CSI Institute of Technology, Thiruvananthapuram on 7 January 2025. The programme aimed to introduce Coursera and LinkeIn Courses available through DWMS platform. As a continuation Dr Anju V. Jalaj attended the class at Alappuzha.



DUTY CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that (Name) Dr. Mathews John.....
 (Designation) Assistant Professor.....(Department) Commerce.....
(College Name) St. Thomas College, Kozhikode.....
 has attended **Talent Accelerator Programme – Mentor Regional Workshop** held
 at (Place) John Cox Memorial CSI Institute of Technology, Kananayyur, Thiruvananthapuram on (Date) 07/01/2025.....organized by
 Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council.

Date: 07/01/2025
 Place: Thiruvananthapuram

Mr. P M Riyas
 Executive Director
 Skills, Employment and Entrepreneurship
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- The Institution has signed an MoU with Additional Skill Acquisition Programme (ASAP Kerala) to provide skill training services to the trainees including students in the Institution and the general public in ASAP courses.