

St Thomas College, Kozhencherry

Infrastructure Facilities: Utilisation and Maintenance

St Thomas College, Kozhencherry ensures appropriate and time-bound maintenance of academic and infrastructure facilities by cautious and optimal allocation and utilization of available funds from the Management, PTA and other sources.

The institution is pleased to share its facilities like football ground, basketball and volleyball courts, and auditorium with the public, neighbouring educational institutions, and Panchayat or other government institutions on prior request, subject to the conditions laid down for the same .

The college functions as a venue for conducting University examinations for private students and PSC examinations. The office of the centralised valuation camp of Mahatma Gandhi University is functioning on the campus. The auditorium and classrooms are used as venue for the centralised valuation camps of university examinations.

The institution functions as centre for the collection and distribution of materials and as counting centre at the time of election to Panchayat, State Assembly, and Parliament.

Optimum utilisation of the infrastructure facilities of the college by the faculty and students for academic purposes, research, health and fitness, and community service is promoted.

Any student or staff of the institution may use the sports facilities with the approval of the Department of Physical Education. The gymnasium/physical fitness centre is open to the staff and students for boosting their wellness.

Sports hostel available on the campus can accommodate 20 male students a year.

The utilisation and maintenance of all sports facilities is supervised by the Physical Education Department in consultation with experts and with the approval of the Management.

The laboratories are under the direct supervision of the respective Heads of the Departments and the careful management of the same ensures lab facilities for each class on the basis of the timetable. Standard Operational Procedure for each lab is strictly adhered to. Stock register is regularly updated and verified at the end of each academic year.

The maintenance of the laboratories is carried out by ensuring necessary technical support from authorised agencies. Electrically sensitive equipment are supported with necessary back up to ensure proper functioning. Advanced machinery is maintained by annual maintenance contract. The lab technicians take care of the upkeep of the lab and its equipment under the supervision of the Heads of Departments.

The library is housed in a separate building. Statutory procedure is followed for the purchase of books and maintenance of library facilities. Books are purchased on the recommendations of the Library committee in consultation with the Departments. Any student of the aided sector can avail the facilities offered by the library using their identity card. Proper register of users (students and staff) on a daily basis is maintained in the library. INFLIBNET facility is made available to enhance quality research and education. Students and faculty are motivated and trained to use INFLIBNET. The institution is pleased to extend its library facilities for academic or research purpose for anyone on prior request.

Common Computer Facility Centre, accessible to all the students and staff, is managed in the Golden Jubilee Library Block with the assistance of an instructor appointed for the same under the guidance of a faculty coordinator. In addition to this, computer labs are functioning in the Departments of Physics, Mathematics, Botany, Commerce, Statistics and Computer Science. There is also a DIST-sponsored computer lab in the Life Science Block. Language lab facility is available in the Department of English. Each Department is provided with required computer facilities. Internet facility is ensured in all the Departments.

For the regular maintenance of computers, the service of a technician is available. The services of an electrician and mechanic are also made available.

Solar energy is used as power back-up to meet power requirement in various buildings.

Outsourcing is adopted for the maintenance of furniture, electrification, and plumbing.

Classrooms are allotted as per student strength. The teacher-in-charge of the class or the Head of the Department reports any requirement for maintenance to the Principal.

The institution offers residential facility for female students in the two hostels. The upkeep and maintenance of the hostels are operated by the Management with the support of the hostel warden and the committee of teachers in charge of the hostel.

Canteen and reprographic facilities are also available on the campus. Ample toilet facilities are available for male and female students. Rest room facility is arranged for female students. With the support of the staff appointed for the purpose, cleanliness is ensured.

The Campus beautification committee supervises the beautification of the campus. With the assistance of the two full time sweepers, cleanliness of class rooms and premises is maintained. Regular cleaning of water tanks, proper garbage disposal, pest control, landscaping and maintenance are taken care of. The overall maintenance of hygiene and beautification of the campus is ensured with the cooperation and commitment of the staff, students, and the Management.

The Management funds and operates all major maintenance work and take initiatives to avail of all available government funds.