

## Annual Report 2019-20

# Internal Quality Assurance Cell

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#### **INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL 2019-2020**

The IQAC plays a leading role in the college monitoring academic activities and coordinating career development and orientation programmes. The subcommittees coordinate the implementation of programmes and policies. Continuous evaluation and assessment of the programmes are monitored at various levels.

### **Internal Quality Assurance Cell Members**

Principal & Chairman:

Dr. Mathew P. John

Co-ordinator:

Dr. Asha Susan Jacob

**MEMBERS** 

Prof. Maj. M. G. Varghese

Management Representative

Mr. Issac Abraham

Management Representative

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Dr. R.S. Sindhu

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Dr. Lathakumary P.C.

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Mr. Febu George Mathai K.

**Teaching Faculty** 

Dr. George K. Alex

**Teaching Faculty** 

Mr. Abin John

Teaching Faculty

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Library

Mr. C.T.Thomas

Administration

Mr. John Titus

Industry



Mr. George Muthoot

**Local Society** 

Mr. Amit S.

Student

Ms. Alisha Sali

Student

SUBCOMMITTEE CONVENORS

Curricular Aspects:

Ms. Ann Susa Thomas

Teaching Learning and Evaluation:

Mr. Suresh George Mathew

Research Innovations and Extension:

Dr. Leena Abraham

Infrastructure and Learning Resources:

Dr. Jaya Jacob M.

Students Support and Progression:

Mr. Thomas Mathew

Governance Leadership & Management:

Mr. Shinu Koshy

Institutional Values and Best Practices:

Ms. Chinnu Mariam Chacko

Regular meetings of the IQAC held on		
Number of meetings	3	
Date of meetings	01-07-2019	-
	09-10-2019	
	19-12-2019	

Link for NIRF India Rankings 2020: College (Rank-band: 101-150):

https://www.nirfindia.org/2020/CollegeRanking150.html



#### Programmes Conducted by IQAC during 2019-20

A one-day Orientation Programme on the *Revised NAAC Accreditation Framework* was organized under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college on 21 June 2019. Prof. Dr S.V. Sudheer, Director, UGC -HRDC, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, was the Chief Guest of the day. Dr Sudheer detailed on the revamped NAAC Accreditation process and the session was followed by a vibrant discussion.

Induction Programme for first-year degree students was organized by the IQAC on 24 June 2019. Dr Asha Susan Jacob spoke on Graduate Attributes. Dr Mathew P. John, Principal of the College, elaborated on the vision and mission of the institution, and the general rules and regulations. Dr Rosamma Philip, the Principal of Mount Tabore Training College, Pathanapuram, and a seasoned Counsellor reminded the students of their role as responsible individuals. She also spoke on the qualities of a good student of the new era. The students were also exhorted to reach out to the have-nots. Mr Shinu Koshy introduced the students to the clubs, forums and other associations functioning in the college for the holistic development of the students. The session was followed by Orientation Programmes of the respective Departments.

A Hands-on Training on Google Docs, Google Sheets, Google Forms and Google Sites was organized under the aegis of the IQAC for the teaching and non-teaching staff of the college on 7 November 2019. Mr Abin John and Mr Ligin P. Mathew led the sessions.

The IQAC, in association with Tutorial Committee. organized an orientation programme on *Counselling, Mentoring, Tutorial and Life Skills* for the faculty on 12 November 2019. Dr Rosamma Philip, the Principal, Mount Tabore Training College, Pathanapuram, handled the class. Dr Mathew P. John, Principal of the college, presided over the meeting.



Soft skills training programme for all first-year degree students was organized by the IQAC in December 2019 and January 2020. Dr Nelson P. Abraham, LBSNAA (Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration) trained resource person and former faculty of the college, led the sessions.

A seminar on *Intellectual Property Rights* was conducted under the aegis of the IQAC on 27 January 2020 in the college auditorium. Mr Vimal Kumar, Technical Assistant, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, led the session on "Scholarly Publishing." Dr Leena Abraham coordinated the programme.

St Thomas College, Kozhencherry organized a one-day National Seminar on "Futuristic Approach to Climate Change" under the aegis of REYONO journal of interdisciplinary studies and IQAC on 31 January 2020. Prof. Dr C. T. Aravindakumar, Pro- Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, inaugurated the event. Technical sessions were handled by Ms Aleena Elsa Mathew, Project Scientist, National Centre for Coastal Research, Ministry of Earth Science, Govt. of India, Chennai (Topic: Flood Warning System and Costal Resilience) and Dr Abhilash S., Associate Director, Advanced Centre for Atmospheric Radar Research, CUSAT (Topic: Accelerated Global Warning and Sixth Extinction Threat). Dr Jinsu Varghese served as the Convenor and Dr Praveen S. S. and Ms. Ann Susa Thomas served as the Coordinators of the seminar.

A talk on "Career and Service Matters" was conducted on 12 February 2020, in Association with the Staff Association, for the teachers of the college. Prof. Joji Alex, Associate Professor, St Thomas College, Pala was the Resource Person. The talk was greatly informative and was attended by over sixty teachers.



IQAC responded to the challenges of the educational sector during Covid pandemic and organized an Online Tutorial for the teachers on *The Basics of Google Classroom* on 2 May 2020. Dr Asha Susan Jacob coordinated the programme.

The IQAC organized a "Rebuilding Kerala: Re-envisioning Landscape Management" webinar on 12 May 2020. Mr Robin Abraham, Department of Ecology and Environmental Biology, University of Kansas, USA, was the resource person. In his presentation, he evaluated the current predicaments faced by the population of Kerala, given the circumstances of human-induced global warming, myopic landscape management and incursions on remaining scarce wilderness. Dr Jaya Jacob coordinated the programme.

An International Webinar on "COVID World, COVID Mind: Toward a New Consciousness in the Ongoing COVID Reality" was organised by the IQAC on 29 May 2020. Prof. Dr. Scott Slovic, University Distinguished Professor of Environmental Humanities, University of Idaho, was the Chief Guest of the day. He remarked that at a time when corporate and political forces are pressing desperately for a "return to normal," one should use whatever social support systems available to stabilise those in society who are most economically and medically at risk. Dr Jaya Jacob coordinated the webinar.

The Brains Trust in association with IQAC, St Thomas College, Kozhencherry organised a programme, Sancharapadhangalilude-2020 to create an opportunity for students to interact with our alumnus and renowned media person Mr. P. G Suresh Kumar, Senior Co-ordinating Editor, Asianet News, at the Dr Juhanon Mar Thoma Hall on 19 February 2020. The meeting was presided over by Principal, Dr. Mathew P. John. Mr. P. G. Sureshkumar shared about the joyful days he spent in the campus and his experience and journey to become a successful media person. The interaction was really motivating to the students. Dr. Asha Susan Jacob, IQAC Coordinator offered felicitations and a memento of appreciation was handed over by the Principal. Mr. Shinu Koshy served as Convenor.



Academic audits of the year 2019-20 (External and Internal) were conducted under the aegis of the IQAC. Dr Icy K John, former Principal, Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla, was the Expert Member.

Our College conducted various activities during the academic year 2019-2020. A one-day regional workshop on "Historical Ecology: A Concise Study on Pamba River Basin" was conducted by the History Department in association with Pamba Parirakshana Samiti and Department of Archaeology, University of Kerala on 26 July, 2019. Dr. Jose Parakkadavil, former Principal BAM College, Thuruthicadu, inaugurated the workshop. While Mr. Mathew Sam, Assistant Professor, Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla spoke on "Ecology and History," Dr. George K. Alex, HoD in charge, spoke on "Understanding Social Ecology" and environmental activist Mr. N. K. Sukumaran Nair spoke about "The River Pamba and Ecology." Dr. Rajesh S.V., Assistant Professor, Department of Archaeology, University of Kerala, delivered a lecture on "An Introduction to Archaeological Methods and Practices" and Dr. Abhayan G. S., Assistant Professor, Department of Archaeology, University of Kerala enlightened the audience on "Zoo-archaeology." A decision was taken to undertake a cluster-based study along with Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla and BAM College, Thuruthicadu to investigate the historical ecology of Pamba river basin. Dr. Martiz Kurian served as Coordinator.

A seminar on **Wetland Conservation & Wise Management** was conducted on 4 July 2019 by the Department of Zoology, in association with Pampa Parirakshana Samithi (PPS) Kerala. The seminar was supported by the State Wetland Authority Kerala (SWAK), Thiruvananthapuram.

Dr Asha Susan Jacob

**IQAC** Coordinator

Dr Mathew P. John

Principal

