



St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry

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Portray the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust

TITLE: STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)

A sublime venture was realised in 1953 with the founding of St. Thomas College on the lush, hilly terrain of the Kozhencherry region, with the noble vision to foster academic excellence, moral integrity, and social commitment in young men and women. In keeping with this vision statement, the college has an effective **Student Support System (SSS)** in place. A distinctive aspect of our college lies in our approach to students, who are seen as potential human resources participating in and contributing to the overall growth and development of the institution. Students' participation in the quality enhancement is viewed as an opportunity whereby they can participate in its continuous development process. Additionally, this fosters a sense of responsibility for upholding and safeguarding the institution's reputation for excellence in performance.

As a part of the system, our college has started programmes on campus and in the community to provide support to students. Additionally, our college has expanded its support programmes in the areas of **academic, financial, extracurricular, and emotional well-being**. The institution is dedicated to extending its noble idea of student support services through forums like NSS, NCC, Women's Cell, Environment Initiative Clubs, and leadership clubs that organise various programmes within the campus and without, through social outreach programmes like adopting schools and villages, visiting old age homes, planting and distributing saplings, blood donation and anti-drug awareness classes. The institution also educates students about environmentally conscious practices through clubs such as **Go Green Santhome, NSS, and NCC**.

'**Anpu-Oppamundu**' St Thomas, has been conceptualized as a **student welfare scheme** to render financial and material support to students in need. Financial assistance provides learning support to deserving students. The fund is mobilised through voluntary donations from teachers and other well-wishers of the Institution. Monetary and material provision is rendered to the students identified by the Departments.

The "**Ardram**" project is yet another unique initiative of the college to promote community outreach and social responsibility among students. The goal of the AARDRAM project is to completely integrate the community and educational institution to develop a sense of

sense of responsibility toward the unreached community by identifying community needs and then partnering with local organisations and individuals to address them through awareness campaigns, knowledge extension, and other institutional resources.

The Institution has instituted merit-cum means scholarships to support meritorious students grappling with financial limitations. The Institutional Scholarship Committee coordinates the selection and distribution of scholarships, on the recommendations of the Departments, with due consideration of their performances in examinations.

Personal and group counselling services are offered to those in need with the help of a qualified counsellor in order to help our students cope with stress and get over behavioural issues. The sessions enable students to boost their confidence to encounter the challenges of life with a positive attitude.

Mentoring system also extends motivation and support to students for academic as well as emotional well-being. The entire community join hands to extend generous support to any student in distress. **Remedial classes** are arranged for students who are weak in academics.

The **Noon Meal Scheme** is intended to ensure that no student of St Thomas College remains without noon meal on any working day on account of financial constraints. A considerable number of students are benefitted by this magnanimous gesture practised with the support of the PTA. The students in need, identified by the respective Departments, are provided with a coupon which enables them to have free noon-meals from the college canteen. This is done with due discretion to protect the identity of students.

The **Alumni Association** of the college is a key pillar of support for the general growth of the institution and its students. Awards have been established by our Alumni Association for the best outgoing students of each department. Meetings of the Alumni Association are held at the departmental and college levels. Alumni frequently visit the campus to offer financial aid to those in need. Entrepreneurial alumni have been offering advice on how to launch new businesses and transform them into sources of employment. Students are inspired by these activities to pursue their goals towards social progress and become more motivated to do so. Alumni play a large part in providing the facilities and infrastructure needed for a productive learning environment for the students.

Management plays an important role in managing the entire activities of the institution. Special consideration for the economically backward and marginalized students is given priority in the admission process through well-defined norms. Management also ensures adequate infrastructure and financial assistance for a conducive environment beneficial for effective teaching-learning and holistic development of the students.

The excellent rapport between teachers and students and the student support mechanisms distinguishes the institution as a beacon of inspiration, lighting the lives of many and upholding its motto of Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, for the greater glory of God.




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