

Christian College, Chengannur

Report of the Academic Audit

June 2013- May 2014

Christian College, Chengannur, established in 1964 is affiliated to the University of Kerala. The College is managed by the Mar Thoma Syrian Church. The College offers eight Under Graduate courses and five Post Graduate courses in Arts and Science through eight departments. There are altogether 917 students (798 for UG and 119 for PG courses) of which 80 % are girls. The institution was first accredited by the National Assessment Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2005 with B+ Grade and was re-accredited with A Grade in 2012.

As part of its efforts towards quality enhancement, the College started conducting an annual Academic Audit since 2013. During 2014, the Management constituted a Committee with Dr. Abraham George (Former Principal, Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla & NAAC Peer Team Member) and Dr. Antony Joseph (Associate Professor & IQAC Co-ordinator, St. Berchman's College, Changanasserry) as members to conduct the academic audit of the College with special emphasis on the performance of each department of the institution during the period June 2013 - May 2014. Accordingly, the Committee visited the College on 31st July 2014 and held interactions with the Principal and with the faculty members of each department separately. The major observations of the Committee are given below.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

- The department has five ongoing research projects including two major projects.
- Faculty members have published several research papers in reputed journals.
- Good results, particularly at the PG level.
- Commendable research output. But, more teachers could be involved in research activities.
- The department may start an Add-on course.
- Needs to initiate extension activities.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

- Faculty members have three minor research projects and several research publications.
- Should apply for major research projects.
- Strengthen remedial classes to improve results.
- The Department has set up 'Amelioration Centre' housing a seminar hall and computer lab by mobilising funds from alumni, parents and faculty. Other departments could emulate the model.
- Commendable initiative by raising funds to rebuild the house of a needy student.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

- Good results, particularly at the PG level.
- Has three minor research projects and several research paper publications.
- Research output could be improved.
- Successfully co-ordinated the skill development programme- ASAP and stood first among all colleges in Kerala in its implementation.
- Should make greater use of the language laboratory by imparting training to more students in Communicative English.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

- Should improve research activities of the faculty.
- Apply for research projects.
- Need to strengthen remedial classes to improve results.
- Try to acquire more computers for the benefit of students.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

- The Department has two ongoing minor research projects.
- Needs to improve overall results by organizing remedial classes especially for subsidiary subjects.
- Has set up a Museum with a good collection of various items of historical importance.

WEAKNESSES

- Relatively poor results at the UG level.
- Potential of faculty members in research activities not fully realized.
- Science laboratories yet to get uninterrupted power supply.
- More teaching and non-teaching staff requires training in ICT.
- Performance of subject associations of different departments needs improvement.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Possibility to obtain more funds from the UGC and other funding agencies.
- Faculty with potential for more research projects and publications.
- Possibility to start an inter-disciplinary research journal.
- Scope for improving both sports and cultural activities.
- Opportunity for raising funds from the supportive alumni for development projects.
- Scope for starting rainwater harvesting.

CHALLENGES

- Starting more PG courses and Add-on programmes.
- Improving overall research output and starting new research centres.
- Strengthening remedial/ tutorial classes to improve results at the UG level.
- Expanding infrastructure to accommodate more courses/ research centres in the future.
- Establishing academic collaborations with institutions/ industries.



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