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IQAC Newsletter, 2021-22

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Dispatched from the beckoning misty blue hills of the Western Ghats to the camaraderie of intellectuals – a bulletin of scholastic and academic pursuits.

Principal's Message



Post pandemic performances have seen ICT oriented progress and yet a regression in humanitarian interaction over the past two years. Defying all odds the College has moved forward in a positive and constructive path. I appreciate the effort of all the teaching and non-teaching faculty for their tremendous contribution and ability to rise to the occasion bridging the gap between the two years of inaction and the present.

I pen these words to congratulate various committees of the institution which are spearheaded by the IQAC team more effectively and strategically.

God Bless.

Secretary's Message



The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Providence College, Coonoor was instituted in the year 2004, is steadily progressing with its focus on quality management. The IQAC, rightly referred as The 'Epicentre' and 'Think Tank' of the College is responsible for initiating, implementing and sustaining quality measures.

I am pleased to note that during this academic year the IQAC team under the leadership of Dr. Savidha R., the coordinator, is publishing the newsletter 'Provi Gazette' that showcases the improvement and progress made by the College in its academic programmes as well as in all the aspects of a student's life within the campus, in the society and the effective leadership of the faculty as a whole.

I wish the team the very best in all their endeavours.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Students' achievements
- Best practices of the year
- To Serve is our Calling

VIP Visits

The institution saw special visits from distinguished personalities who graced over various occasions.



Mr. Ramachandran, Minister for Forests
Mr. Amrith S.P., IAS, Collector of the Nilgiris
Ms. Dheepana Vishveshwari, Sub Collector, The Nilgiris
Mr. Jayaraman, District Rural Development Agency, Coonoor
Ms. Sunitha Nehru, President of the Panchayat Union

Mr. Walter Devaram
Retd. Director General of Police



Mr. Sreedharan
District Court Judge

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use in the world."
- Nelson Mandela*



The noble and great minds who are behind the scene of action are the fulcrum who enable the operations of the College.

COMMISSIONED ON-BOARD TO SERVE



Providence with open arms welcomed the new member Mrs. Sowmiya Raj who joins the faculty of the department of History as Assistant Professor.

VESTED TO ANCHOR



Dr. Savio Sagayamary, the librarian of the College who served the institution for more than three decades retired in May 2022 and Mrs. Reeta who served as the support staff retired as well. They completed many fruitful years of service and moved on to settle for a cosy retirement.



OBITUARY

We grieve the loss of a dear and faithful worker of the institution, Mrs. Saraswathi, who departed from her service and earthly life on 21.06.2021. She will be missed among the birds and flowers of Providence.

IQAC Initiatives

Establishment of “Providence Skill Development Centre”

Providence Skill Development Centre empowers students with the ability to support and sustain themselves and their families. Skill development is the modern way of life. Each one is bestowed with different skills and talents and certificate courses for students in their own field of interest is an added asset to build their future. Providence Skill Development Centre provides various courses to enrich the curriculum (value-added courses) and to enhance self-employment and entrepreneurship skill (certificate courses). Students have to complete one course per year. At the end of the graduate programme each student will pass with a minimum of three certificates in hand. These value-added courses help our women students to become entrepreneurs and start a business for themselves.



WEBSITE RESTRUCTURED

The unexpected pandemic situation adversely affected the regular pace of work in the institution and now as a post-Covid venture, the College website restructuring is completed and effective in use.



NIRF PARTICIPATION

The College attempted to participate for the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) for India 2021 and the required data is submitted in the NIRF portal and registered on the **8th of February 2022** even as we await its ranking.

AQAR DATA SUBMISSION

The AQAR data of the College was submitted in the NAAC portal on the 7th of March 2022 in the order of its qualitative metrics and its criteria.

AISHE SURVEY AND ARIIA SUBMISSION

All India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) was submitted earlier on 15.2.2022 and we received their certificate.

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE INTERNAL AUDIT

Academic and Administrative Internal Audit was conducted for the academic year 2021-22 on 16.06.2022 and 17.06.2022 and the follow up for rectification was done on 22.09.2022.



ONLINE FEEDBACK WAS INITIATED

The IQAC of the College has systemized all online modes of feedback forms to be collected from students, staff, parents and alumni and now all reports, forms and proofs can be consolidated and automated online.

PROFORMA REFORMS

- Student profile for undergraduates and postgraduates redesigned and initiated.
- Best Outgoing Student Award proforma was revised and scrutinized.
- On-Duty form was introduced for the faculty.
- No due form for the faculty was revised and initiated.

College Achievements

AUTONOMOUS GOVERNANCE

The College reached this milestone in March 2021 and strides forward to excel in academia and research. This is one of the salient features of the strategic planning of this Institution.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The Academic Council governs the Board of Studies to implement innovative skill-based and locale need-based curriculum and add-on courses. Outcome Based Education (OBE) is adopted by the institution and training in this regard is given to the faculty as well. The College Library and its function also is overseen by the Academic Council and the number of books added to the library during the year 2021 - 22 was 1084.

The CoE Section

The Controller Section sees to the efficient conduct of internal examination, attendance, results and marks sheets which are all automated. The CoE has the credit of announcing the exam results along with the marks within fifteen days after the conduct of the last exam.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION

There are four elected Student Council members and they take up the officiating roles of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Joint Secretary respectively. The office bearers of the Council take the help of select directors and together they are responsible for various duties in the smooth functioning of the College.



FACULTY INDUCTION PROGRAMME

The College assists and aids its staff for various induction programmes with regard to academic grants to fund projects, financial help for the IAE (Hyderabad) seminar and workshops. On-duty privileges and financial assistance are given to benefit from the above said programmes. Self-financing staff who complete their doctoral studies are offered a special incentive along with their salary. The institution helped the staff to attend the NIRF Seminar also.

"The mind once enlightened cannot again become dark."
~ Thomas Paine

CERTIFICATE COURSES

Certificate Courses for all UG students were introduced in 2021-22 under the decentralization scheme called Providence Skill Development Centre. Courses were decided based on employability and financial affordability of our students. The certificate courses were conducted for a minimum of thirty hours over a period of three months. A test is given in the end to ensure that the student qualifies for the certificate along with 75% attendance. Courses offered are as follows.

1. Communicative English
2. Computer Fundamentals and MS Office
3. Computer Operation Skills
4. Hospitality Management
5. Interior Designing
6. Latex
7. Neuro Lingual Programming
8. Organic Farming
9. Silambattam
10. Tailoring
11. Tally
12. Typewriting
13. EDP Baking
14. Beautician
15. Hardware Networking



Research

Every Department in the College is a recognized PG and Research Department. They facilitate scholars of various fields to pursue their research by having access to all the essential resources of the library, computer lab including software as well as science laboratory requirements. The conducive research environment enables scholars to keep abreast with the cutting-edge research scenario.

- Ongoing research project :1 (Funded by ICSSR)
- Total number of research papers :33
- No. of M.Phil. and Ph.D. submitted: M.Phil.:3, Ph.D. :3
- No. of M.Phil. and Ph.D. registered for the year 2021 – 22 : 4 and 9
- Functional MoU :28
- Number of collaboration activities :157
- Number of FDP attended by staff :56

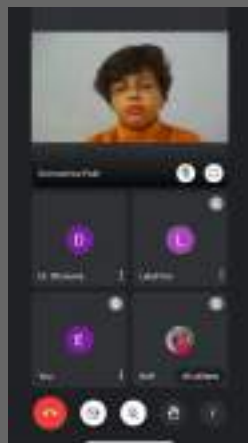
Best Practices of the Year

Providence College can boast of multiple ongoing best practices carried on within its campus involving students in new and creative initiatives. A few handpicked best practices are mentioned here.

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence."
~ Robert Frost

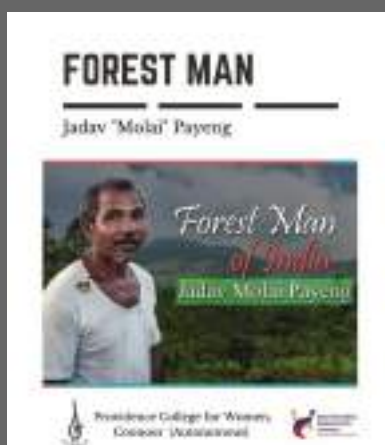
THE READING CLUB BRIDGES GEO-POLITICAL REMOTENESS

The Reading Club is an initiative to introduce students to a wide variety of literature. The Reading Club has to its credit a minimum of 25 sessions during the year sharing the platform with the local and students of other regions and states. Five best speakers are awarded certificates of excellence. It's an enthusiastic group of young students across borders keeping up a vibrant discourse on literature and life.



THE MONDAY MAGAZINE INFORMS ON GLOBAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

The Monday Magazine of the Institution's Innovation Council issues write-ups on various topics which will help not only the College students but the entire society to gain knowledge and information on current global headlines, and social issues. So far 19 editions of the Monday Magazine have been created and uploaded on the Instagram page - @iic_2021_2022 which reflects positively on the society. It is a progressive venture promoted by the Institution's Innovation Council.



VERMICOMPOST PRODUCTION

Vermicomposting has the advantage of clearing garbage from rural regions and helps in the process of cleaning our places. Vermicompost in turn nourishes the soil, which is deficient in phosphorus, nitrogen & sulphur.

Since the College campus has an indoor vermicompost unit, the teaching and learning process in this unit was very successful. Once every three months the final product is processed for sale. The sales and accounts are efficiently managed. Although the course is taught and coordinated by the professors of the respective departments, the actual achievement is the result of the effort of students and their dedication towards vermicomposting. The sale amount till date includes consultancy too.



"I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know, I do better."
~ Maya Angelou

Staff Achievements

The achievements of staff adds a special laurel to the institution. Many faculty members were invited to other institutions as resource persons to lecture and others as consultants to share their academic knowledge.

1. **Dr. Santhosh Kumar** was granted a **patent** for "A frame work of sensors to identify the nutritional value of mushroom based on their structure".
- **Dr. Santhosh Kumar** received the **Best Young Faculty Award** from Novel Research Academy on 24th July 2021.
- **Dr. Santhosh Kumar** received the **Best Researcher Award** from Cognizance Academia.
2. **Ms. Cynthia George** received the **Best Environmentalist Award** from Junior Chamber International, Coonoor on 1st July 2021.
- **Lieutenant Cynthia George** received the **Certificate of Excellence** in camp planning and Lecture IP from **Brigadier VM Sharma, Commandant OTA Gwalior** on 30th March 2022.
3. **Dr. R Sharmila Banu** received the **International Researcher Award** from I2OR.
4. **Dr. K Deepa** received the **International Researcher Award** from I2OR.
5. **Dr. T Preethi** received the **International Young Researcher Award** from I2OR.
6. **Dr. Gunaseeli J** received a **Certificate of Appreciation** from the **Collector, The Nilgiris** on 15th August 2021.

*"Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever."
~ Mahatma Gandhi*

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Student Achievements

First Rank Holders



Nithyasree (B.A. History), and Soumiya C. (B.A. Economics) graduated summa cum 'laude from Bharathiar University this academic year.

Rank Holders



Kasthuri M.R.

Rank 2 - B.A. Economics



Monisha

Rank 3 - B.A. Economics



Sindhu C.

Rank 7 - B.A. Economics



Kousalya B.

Rank 9 - B.A. Economics



Nivetha

Rank 7 - B.A. History



Kavya K.

B.Sc. Computer Science



Edal Marcia

Rank 3 - B.A. History



Raxana A.R.

Rank 2 - M.Sc. Botany



Pooja Kanwar

Rank 6 - B.Sc. Botany



Srimathi R.

Rank 5 - B.A. History



Manesha M.

Rank 2 - B.Sc. Botany



Sneha R.

Rank 4 - B.Sc. Botany

12 of our students graduated magna cum 'laude from Bharathiar University this academic year.

Academic Achievements

The institution can boast of innumerable student achievements this year as every other year and a select few are present here.

- Ms. Sony of the department of History was the best outgoing student for the year 2021-22.
- Ms. Lakshmi, a full-time research scholar of the Department of English, has passed her NET and JRF Examination.



Co-curricular Achievements

Students' achievements in NCC, NSS and Sports add a feather to the cap of the respective staff as well as it is a credit to the institution. The following students achieved victories in NCC, NSS and in Sports.





"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."
~ St. Augustine



Institution Social Responsibilities

To Serve is Our Calling

The institution organizes extension activities to sensitize students to offer social service. The NSS units and NCC organize activities to serve the society like Clean India and Swachh Bharath programmes as well as programmes that create awareness among the public. The Providence Health Care team visited the tribal villages to promote health care and inform about tribal welfare schemes. The College Rotaract Club initiated the project “Clean Coonoor” with the Rotaract Club of Coonoor. The Peace Club visited the home for the visually challenged. Students involved directly in relief work and in other social welfare measures in the villages selected under the UBA.



Student Council Activities

The student council of the College is actively involved in organizing events and competitions to commemorate special days.



Almost every day of the year Providence College appears on social media and makes its presence very much alive among the public through the media frontline, either by creating awareness or by being actively involved in the welfare of society at large. The following media documentation attests the above.



From the IQAC team

The initial year of the new IQAC team was a challenging year, although the transition of responsibility was smooth from the outgoing team to the new IQAC team. Picking up momentum following the pandemic and its aftermath is indeed an uphill task. To manoeuvre the institution as a consortium one of its kind in academia in the global front lies before us. We hope to attain this summit through steady forward thinking steps and the College motto, *Faith is the Sun of Life* to inspire us within.

Dr. Savidha Ranjith
IQAC Coordinator

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(Research Scholar)



Ms. Adarsh M.
(Research Scholar)

"Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught."
~ Oscar Wilde