



PROVI GAZETTE

IQAC Newsletter 2022-2023

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)



Best Practices

The beacon of
the lighthouse.



New Initiatives

The gear to
adapt to the
Times.



Our Mission and Vision

The anchor
that makes us
immovable.



To Serve is Our Calling

Timeless
service against
the clock.

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



**"Education is the
movement from
darkness to light"**
-Allan Bloom



Secretary's Message

I am happy to know that the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of our college is publishing its second issue of "Provi Gazette". It's a matter of joy and satisfaction that this news letter will provide to the readers the information needed about the college and the steady progress the college is making in every aspect, be it in academic performance, cultural and sports activities or social responsibilities.

I am fully confident that the sustained efforts of this IQAC team to make education innovative, creative and relevant will take the institution towards higher levels of excellence.

My appreciation to the IQAC team for their enthusiasm and tireless work. I wish them the very best.

From the Principal's Desk

It has always been a pleasure for me to pen a few words for the IQAC newsletter, because the content of the newsletter condenses all the main events of the year 2022-23 in a nutshell. It throws light on our efforts to succeed and to fulfill our vision and mission. So, I record my appreciation to the IQAC team for the consistent hard work throughout the year. As the saying goes, 'Actions speak louder than words', the newsletter draws attention to the highlights of our institution. I am able to visualise in this work the toil of every staff member of our college who works behind the scene from the beginning of the academic year until its end. Like competing in a race, may we sprint towards excellence, perfection and aspire to fulfill the dreams of every student who study here. Everyone of the staff no doubt works for the wellness of the student's mind, body and soul whose lives are entrusted into our care. Through these few words I assure them of my wholehearted support through my prayers and stand with them in all the embarras that this team takes up during the forth coming year. May God bless all your labour of commitment to reap a worthy harvest.



The Providence Family



Appointment and Retirements

Commissioned Onboard



Dr. P. Selva Mariammal was appointed this year as the new librarian of the College and she took charge of the Library from November 2022.

Vested to Anchor



Dr. Annie Christie served in the Department of Mathematics and completed a fruitful career of 36 years to step out as a senior professor for a well deserved retirement in April 2023.



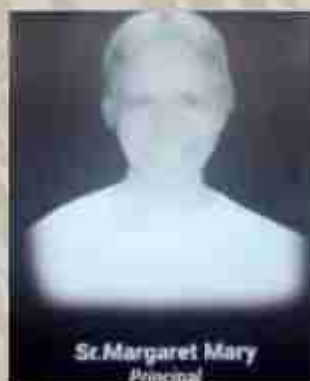
Mrs. Mary served in the administrative section of the College for more than three decades and retired as a Laboratory Assistant in the month of December 2022.

Obituaries

*"She [They] walked in beauty ...
... But tell of days in goodness spent
A mind at peace with all below;
A heart whose love is innocent!"*

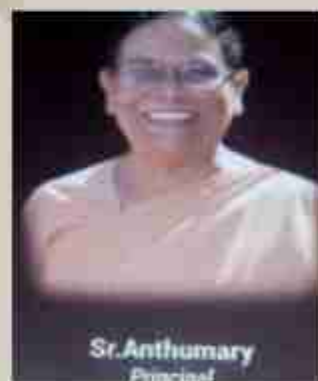
- Lord Byron

True to the above lines, Sr. Margaret Mary who served the institution in the seventies as the first Principal of the college entered her eternal rest on the 7th of November 2022 and Sr. Anthumary, another one of our former Principals, went to her eternal abode in November 2022. Our beloved Principals have a place forever in the Provi Hall of Fame.



Sr. Margaret Mary
Principal

1971-77



Sr. Anthumary
Principal

2004-07

Former Principals

IQAC Practices

Students' Orientation



The Internal Quality Assurance cell (IQAC) organised a Student Orientation on the 18th of July, 2022, as an initiation for the freshers to get acquainted with the goals and objectives of the institution and its functioning mode and what is expected of them and their caregivers. This programme also had medical practitioners as chief guests. Dr. Poornajith M.D. and Dr. Ramesh M.D., who are practising psychiatrists addressed the students and the guests on the challenges of student life and the road that lay ahead of them and the role of parents.



Students Induction Programme

The IQAC organised a week long Induction Programme for the first year students from the 19th of July to the 27th of July, 2022, through the Department of English where the students were introduced to the system of regular functioning of the institution and to have a first hand experience of college life through this interactive and participative program. A couple of salient features of this event were English communication and soft skills.



Guidance and Career Guidance (Institution's Distinctiveness)

The IQAC's new initiative of Guidance and Career Guidance was launched to equip the students to become competent and successful citizens of the future. The initiative was sequenced as Soft skills and Communication for the first year students, Aptitude Skills for second year students and Intensive Placement Training and Job Interviews for the final year students. These sessions are designed to suit the need of the students to assess and diagnose the day to day problems of the youth.



Failure is success in progress
-Albert Einstein



When one teaches, two learn
-Robert Heinlein

In teaching others, we teach ourselves.

Internal Academic Audit for the Departments

The Internal Academic Audit for the year 2021- 2022 was conducted by the IQAC along with the Secretary and Principal of the college on the 16th and 17th of June 2022 for all the departments, clubs and committees. The follow-up audit for rectification was conducted between 22nd and 23rd of September. Internal Audit of the IQAC was conducted on the 7th of October by a panel of four, which included the Secretary, the Principal, the former IQAC Coordinator Dr. Amudha R. and a former member Sister Selvi.



Staff Orientation "Walk the Talk"

During the commencement of the even semester, the IQAC organised a two day Orientation Programme namely, "Walk the Talk" on the 5th and 6th of January 2023, for the faculty for which our Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. Sheela V. J. was the Resource Person. Principal's motivational, self introspective talk was followed by a session addressed by Dr. Savidha R. on the seven criteria of the NAAC manual and its essential requirements titled as "An Outline of NAAC Accreditation Framework".



Provi Gazette - IQAC Newsletter

The IQAC Newsletter, 'Provi Gazette' was completely designed, organised and edited by our students who are also the members of the IQAC, and they prepared this current edition and will be continuing this good effort in the following years. The first edition was published on 20th January 2023.



Twin College Meet

Providence College for Women (Autonomous) and Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous) had a 'Twin College Meet' on the 27th of January 2023 for an academic collaboration. An MoU was signed by the Principals of both Institutions in this regard. A detailed discussion happened between the HoDs and the IQAC members of both the colleges.



Extended IQAC Committee Meeting

The IQAC organised a meeting with its extended members on 2nd February 2023, during which the external members and well wishers shared and discussed their role in the welfare of the institution and the extended committee members had an interaction with a number of students picked at random from different departments in this regard. The main objective was the skill development programmes and the student support provided by the college. The ideas and suggestions shared by the external members were noted for analysis and will be implemented judiciously for further progress.

IQAC Team visited GAC Coimbatore

The IQAC team visited the Government Arts College (Autonomous) Coimbatore on 13th February 2023, and it was a time well spent with Dr. Sudhir Muhammad the IQAC Coordinator of the College who was happy to clarify all the doubts and queries regarding NAAC and NIRF.



Seminar on NIRF Modalities

The IQAC organised a One Day Seminar titled, 'NIRF Goal Post - Methodologies and Attainment' for a selected group of faculty from each department to work towards the NIRF ranking of the institution. Dr. N. Kavitha, Nodal Officer for NIRF of Nehru College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore was the resource person. Dr. Kavitha addressed the parameters used for NIRF Ranking, data analysis, modes of calculation and corresponding formulas followed for this ranking of HEIs which were beneficial.

Department's Academic Audit with External members

As an essential step from the IQAC to maintain academic standard, an Academic Audit was conducted for the four departments namely English, History, Mathematics, and Economics on 19th and 20th of April 2023. Academic audit is a tool to estimate the adequacy of academic inputs and to enhance the quality of each department's programmes. The academic audit has helped improve useful practices such as the upgradation of syllabus, restructuring the website to highlight the accomplishments of the institution and the skill development programmes.



Student Feedback through Website

This is yet another initiation of the IQAC, the Student Satisfaction Survey (SSS) carried out through the college website for the first time. This enables a constant monitor on the feedback received from the students, invariably both their commendations as well as critical assessments which serve as a spur to growth.

Regular Practices of the College

NIRF 2022 Participation

The College participated in the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) of India and the required data was submitted in the NIRF portal during December 2022 and the report of the same is published in the college website.

AISHE Survey Submission

All India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) was uploaded in February 2023 and we have received the certificate which is printed herewith for reference.

AQAR Data Submission

The AQAR data for the academic year 2021-2022 was submitted in December 2022.



Programmes Organised by the Academic Council

Blossom

The Academic Council of the institution organised a three day transformation workshop, 'Blossom - Breaking Barriers,' from the 16th to 18th of November 2022, for all the department heads and IQAC members. Mr. Ram Ganesan, CEO and Founder of Sim Arahita, was the trainer and resource person for the programme. He specialises in organisational exuberance initiative in training and creating a G20 team of leaders to formulate the Roles and Responsibilities designated for each one with the objective to promote the institution to a corporate level of functionality.



Curriculum Enhancement Programme

The Academic Council of the College organised a Curriculum Enhancement and Outcome Based Education (OBE) for all faculty members on the 21st of February, 2023. The resource persons were Dr. N. Muthulakshmi Andal and Dr. C. Gomathi, Assistant Professors in Chemistry and Commerce respectively, from PSGR Krishnammal College, Coimbatore. The Resource Persons explained in detail about OBE pattern, syllabus framing followed by a lively discussion and clarification of doubts from the faculty members.

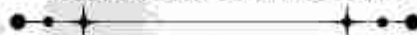
The Controller of Examination Section



The Controller of Examination Section has New Initiatives as improvisation for the conduct of Semester Examinations.

- Online fee remittance for Examination was initiated and executed. The online financial transactions was upgraded through an integrated software with the Bank of Baroda.
- Result Analysis for each department was generated through the technical expertise of the Controller Section.
- Outcome Based Education (OBE) pattern of evaluation was initiated for the I PG and I UG, including preparation of question papers for both internal and the end semester exams. Through the training given to the Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) committee, marks were entered based on OBE pattern, and a cumulative attainment calculation was done. The same will be adopted full fledged for the I UG and I PG during the academic year 2023-24.
- Revaluation application forms are made available online.
- Hall tickets were issued online to the students.

Best Practices of the Year



Academic Audit

The objective of the academic audit is to encourage departments to evaluate their quality of academic processes in order to improve the quality of teaching and learning. The Vision, Mission and action plan of the departments are assessed as a very important facet of the audit system. It emphasises the faculty members to examine and improvise the academic goal of the departments. Academic Audit helps to interact with the faculty members regarding strengths, weaknesses, challenges and achievements of the department and to ensure academic accountability, opportunities for academic reforms, and examination reforms. Academic audit has helped to improve and accomplish useful practices such as upgradation of syllabus, website, skill development etc.



College Achievements

- The Institution's Innovation Council of the College received a 3 Star Rating from the Ministry of Education, Government of India for excellence in innovative initiatives organised by the college for the academic year 2021 to 2022. The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) promotes activities related to innovation, IPR, start-ups and entrepreneurship. This Council aims to establish innovation in the campus by identifying, mentoring, nurturing the entrepreneurial potential of students by providing means for funding, investments and networking support to make their maiden ventures successful.
- Under the Naan Mudhalvan Training Scheme organised by the Government, 35 of our NSS volunteers were given intensive training to reach out to school students and give them career guidance in the month of May.



Success is when your signature turns to autograph

- A.J.J. Abdul Kalam



Research and Publications

The infrastructural facilities are provided to promote research activity on the campus. Staff are encouraged to apply for projects through various funding agencies and publish papers in high indexed journals. Research is promoted at the department level through curriculum-based undergraduate and postgraduate research projects.

The ongoing ICSSR research project is a funded one, on The Role of Tribals in Forest Conservation and Environmental Sustainability with special reference to the Nilgiris District - Issues and Challenges.

• Total number of research papers	: 36
• No. of M.Phil. and Ph.D. submitted	: 24
• No. of Ph. D. registered for the year 2022 – 23	: 09
• Seminars / Conferences / Workshops organised	: 22
• Functional MoU	: 24
• No. of MoU registered in 2022 - 23	: 33
• No. of collaboration activities	: 80



Staff Achievements



Dr. Jyothi M., Assistant Professor of Zoology visited the *Center for Cell Dynamics (CCD), Institute of Basic Biomedical Sciences (IBBS) at John Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, USA* on 17th November 2022.

Lt. Cynthia George, Assistant Professor in French received a scholarship of 5000 Euros from the Parish of Guingamp, Sarthe, France towards the academic, cultural and religious exchange programs between 1st and 31st May 2023 at various educational and religious institutions across Europe. During her month-long stay in France, Lt. Cynthia George delivered lectures on the "*Culture of India and France*". Her cultural visits were to France, Spain, Germany, Brussels and Luxembourg.



Dr. Malarvizhi, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Languages, published a book entitled, *Purananoorum Poriliyal Vaazhvum*.

Dr. Rose de Leema, Associate Professor of Botany was honoured by the Bharathiar University for her dedicated service as the *NSS Programme Officer in organising the National Level NSS Camp for the Nation's NSS Students Wing*.



Staff Achievements

Mr. Sivalingan, Assistant Professor of Computer Science received the *National Builder's Award 2022*, awarded by the Rotary Club Ooty, on 15th September 2022.



Dr. Shani Ruskin, Assistant Professor of History, was honoured with 8 different awards including the *'Pride of India Award'* for her various achievements.



Lt. Cynthia George, Associate NCC Officer was commended by Mr. Ramachandran, Minister for Forests, Tamil Nadu on 2nd December 2022 for excellence in organising the 75th NCC Day Celebrations.



Dr. Amudha, Assistant Professor of Tamil was awarded *"Menmathi Thaimozhi Kavalur Award"* by Menmathi Kovai Tamizh Mandram and Annai Saradamani Trust, Nilgiris on 19th February 2023.



Dr. Santhosh Kumar, Assistant Professor of Computer Science received the *"Young Achiever Award"* by Inspire Softech Solutions on 2nd April 2023.



Dr. Danish Fathima, Assistant Professor in History was awarded the *'Star of India Award'* by the *'Nerpadapesu'* monthly magazine for her contributions.



Student Achievements

Academic Achievements

The institution boasts of innumerable student achievements this year as every other year.

Ms. Bhavatharani was the best out-going student in Undergraduate Students category for the academic year 2021-2022.

Ms. Daania Akil Sait of II MA English Literature has passed her NET Examination this year and she was the best out-going student among the Postgraduate Students, for the academic year 2021-2022.



Our students topped the University in academics by being the pride of the institution, securing 20 University Ranks this academic year.

Four of our students graduated summa cum laude from Bharathiar University this academic year. Sixteen of our students graduated magna cum laude from Bharathiar University this academic year.



Savitha A
M. Sc Botany
1st Rank



K Saranya
MA Economics
1st Rank



Iqfathul Farshana
MA History
1st Rank



Keerthana G
BA History
1st Rank



Athira R
M. Sc Botany
2nd Rank



Sowmya C
MA Economics
2nd Rank



Keerthana p
B. Sc Botany
2nd Rank



Nava Bhageya Bharathi G
BA History
2nd Rank



Nivetha R
MA Economics
3rd Rank



Shoba R. Naik
B. Sc Botany
3rd Rank



Sneha G
MA History
3rd Rank



Sanghavi G
BA History
3rd Rank



Janani D
B. Com
4th Rank



Aysha Rali G
BA Economics
4th Rank



Krishna Priya
MA Economics
5th Rank



Vidhya K
B. Sc Botany
5th Rank



Kuzhalvizhi N
BA History
5th Rank



Sakila S
B. Sc Botany
7th rank



Ruba K
BA History
8th Rank



Nisha K
BA History
10th Rank

Co-curricular Achievements

NSS

The NSS has two units headed by the NSS programme officers, Dr. Rose de Leema and Dr. Karuppayi K. True to its motto, "Not me but You", the twin NSS units have been actively functioning, organising all the activities directed by the Tamilnadu State Government such as Voters' Day Rally, Drug Free Campaign, Social Justice Day. The hat-trick of the NSS are Fit India Freedom Run 3.0, Clean India 2.0 and a lecture on "Gender Sensitization".

NSS Achievements

National Integration Camp Certificate was received by Sanjuna A. and Charunethra from III B. Com.



NCC

The NCC battalion V of the Tamil Nadu Girls Battalion, Coimbatore, is commanded by the NCC officer Lt. Cynthia George. The National Cadet Corps organises programmes such as Yoga Day, Kargil Day, International Tiger's Day, International Heart Day, Puneet Sagar Abhiyan, Suicide Prevention Day, Relay Rally etc.

NCC Achievements

Sergeant Eleesha Majitha Joseph of 3rd BA English Literature was commended by Mr. Ramachandran, Minister for Forests, Tamil Nadu on 2nd December 2022 for excellence in piloting of Captain Rakesh Sharma, the only Indian on space at the All India Girls Trekking Camp on 1st November 2022 at MRC Wellington.

Sports Achievements

The sports victories add credit to the untiring efforts of our Physical Director Dr. Kavitha Kumaran.

- In the National level Kickboxing Championship at Chennai, the students bagged many prizes along with the gold, silver and bronze medals by performing extremely well.
- The South Indian Invitation Boxing Championship 2022 was organised by the Chennai Corporation Boxing Club and Challenge Boxing Academy on the 14th, 15th and 16th of October 2022, at Nehru Stadium, and eight of our players came out with flying colours.
- Similarly our students participated in multiple events such as marathon and basketball matches and earned spectacular victories along with cash prizes too.



Institution's Social Responsibilities

To Serve is Our Calling

- Under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Scheme, five villages namely Amman Nagar, Solada Mattam, Emagundu, Bellaty Mattam and Shanmuga Nagar were selected. As an extension and outreach activity, students took tuitions for school children on subjects like Science, Mathematics and English. Hands-on training to use the computers was given to the school students in the college campus. Many Awareness Programmes were organised in villages. Students also educated the people on how to pay electricity bills online.
- The Banna Kappā Habba was a noteworthy programme exclusively initiated and organised by the students of the college. This event had a sensational reception among the tribal communities creating a lasting ripple effect for many social welfare opportunities for the college to be involved in the future.



Student Council

With the objective of inculcating the qualities of leadership, organisational nuances, and responsibility in students, an active Student Council is in place along with a strong representation of students in the academic and administrative bodies / committees. Student Council elections are conducted every year. The third year students alone contest in the election. All the students franchise their ballots in electing the student council and the elected members form the Student Council. The rest of the student election contestants are the directors of various committees.

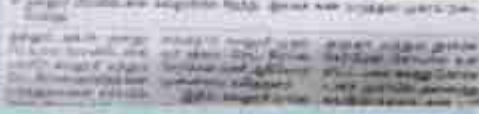
The Student Council of the College actively commemorates special days and their significance is celebrated through various programmes and competitions. One such mega event of this year is the Swarna, an evening gig of happy music, fun and dance. The other major events are Onam, Pongal and Atrangi.



All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.

-Walt Disney

All around the year Providence College has a special permanent place on social media in appreciation of its involvement towards the welfare of the society at large. The College is very much alive among the public through the media frontline and the following media documentation proves the above.



From the IQAC

The IQAC of Providence College can be alluded to the brightest lighthouse, with oneness of mind and calling, to be anchored to the bedrock of the institution's vision and mission. At the same time we are geared to the changing Times, to adapt and adopt different means to function earnestly with our objective of guiding each and every student who steps into the portals of this college. We constantly seek to steer our students towards a well chartered course which can lead them to a brighter and safer haven.

The team strives to plant the name of this institution in its native milieu of the Nilgiri shola, a rich biosphere to house diversity in order to reap a richer harvest.



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