

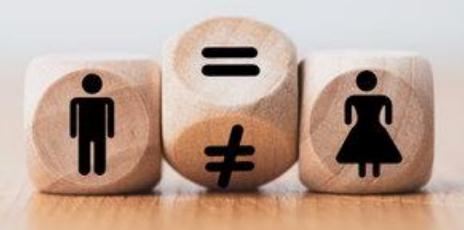
Holy Cross College (Autonomous)

Nagercoil-629004

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GENDER AUDIT REPORT



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PREFACE

Gender equity, conversely, entails fair treatment for men and women based on their individual needs. This might involve providing equal treatment in terms of rights, benefits, obligations and opportunities.

Gender equity is a worldwide concern, with women's liberation and rights as the central topics in numerous global campaigns. This enhanced awareness enables women to transcend traditional gender stereotypes, taking action against oppression and exploitation.

Gender Audit in educational institutions serves as a comprehensive organizational evaluation and planning tool, aimed at promoting gender inclusivity. This process rigorously examines the institution's ability to provide a safe and secure environment for female students, faculty and administrative staff. Through a participatory approach, the audit identifies both strengths and challenges in incorporating gender considerations and achieving gender equity across the institution's policies, operations, programmes and activities.

Gender Audit fosters open dialogues among stakeholders in educational institutions, encouraging reflection on the system's effectiveness and shortcomings regarding gender issues. It directs the institution to focus on the following pertinent areas:

- Integrating gender as a fundamental aspect within the institution's goals and programmes.
- Assessing current gender expertise and capabilities.
- Managing information and knowledge pertinent to gender issues.
- Establishing systems and tools for accountability, evaluation and monitoring of gender equality.
- Ensuring human resources, alongside implementing gender-sensitive policies.
- Evaluating the organizational culture and its influence on gender equity.

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), NAGERCOIL

Holy Cross College (Autonomous) was established in 1965 - the first women's college in Kanyakumari District. With a strong determination, the college empowers women personally and professionally. The students can pursue their dreams and move ahead in their life with perseverance, respect, love and faith. Under the efficient and committed management of the sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, the college continues to sow the seeds of education to women, thereby, nourishing them physically, emotionally, intellectually, spiritually and socially. A comfortable ambience is fashioned for them to outshine in curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Students are proffered a stimulating learning environment where they experiment and innovate new things exploring their true potential freely without any hindrances towards the unexplored path. The college's motto is to focus on quality education, innovation, entrepreneurship and universal values for

which we are blessed with committed faculty, dedicated non-teaching staff and vibrant students. The college offers customised curriculum-based courses taking into consideration of global, national, regional and local needs. Holy Cross Innovation and Incubation Centre (HCIIC) promotes innovation and entrepreneurship to both faculty and students. The students are kept abreast of numerous career opportunities which help them to hold their head high in the society as successful employees or entrepreneurs. The college takes pride in providing an equal platform to all the students. It guides students to attain a positive outlook by inculcating confidence, team spirit and apposite skills.

The college unlocks all the hidden potentials of the students and hone them as women leaders with holistic formation. Staff members and students are undergoing diverse opportunities through which they are exploring, excelling and empowering themselves with universal values by recomposing their corporate responsibilities. Advanced learners are challenged with ample opportunities which make them think critically. Slow learners are given special attention by the staff members. Parents are encouraged to become active participants to build up a strong parent-teacher relationship. The students actively participate in various competitions, showcase their talents and become globally competent. The students are exposed to the essence of various festivities to develop a sense of togetherness. The college shapes them as a good citizen in the society by extending their helping hands to the distressed people through H.Share. Commitment with compassion as its core value, Crossian Model encompasses inclusion, professionalism, efficiency, time management, innovation, capacity building, accountability and transparency, relationship management and eco-friendly campus culture.

POLICY ON GENDER EQUITY

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Introduction

This policy dwells on our unwavering commitment to the principles of equity, validation of human rights and eradication of gender discrimination at all levels. Gender equity strategies are used to attain, resolve and improve the overall productivity and efficiency of young women on campus. Removal of discrimination in the treatment of the female within the family and outside, and the projection of a positive image of the girl child is actively fostered. Special attention is drawn towards their needs, and earmarking of substantial investments is done in the areas relating to food, nutrition, health education, and in vocational capacity building.

Vision

Fair distribution of benefits, power, resources and responsibilities among the inmates in order to exercise the rights and contribute the potentials for the greater good of the society.

Mission

• To address and rectify the imbalance between the sexes

- To empower women individually and socially
- To mainstream a gender perspective in the development process
- To root out all forms of discrimination against all women
- To devise specific measures to eliminate gender inequities
- To enable young women towards self-development and empowerment
- To improve nutrition and health, hygiene essentials of young women
- To upgrade the learning-skills, life skills, soft skills and vocational skills of young women

Objective

The aim of this policy is to bring about the intended advancement, development and empowerment of women through curriculum, research, extension activities and cultural programmes which give due attention to gender differences promoting gender equality. The wide dissemination of this policy encourages active participation of all stakeholders towards achieving its goals.

Policy Prescriptions

The agenda incorporates gender education and human rights with key focus is more on the following measures:

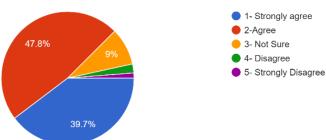
- Providing need-based courses
- Offering special training programmes
- Providing tailor-made courses as per industry's demand
- Putting an end to all harmful practices such as early and forced marriages, foeticide, female infanticide, child marriage, child abuse and child prostitution
- Paving way for effective participation of women at all levels of decision- making in both private and public life
- Creating equal provision for accessibility to women in healthcare, quality education at all
 levels, career and vocational guidance, employment, equal remuneration, occupational health
 and safety, social security and public office
- Changing the societal attitudes and community practices by active participation and
- Eliminating of all forms of violence against women and girls in the private and public sectors including human trafficking and sexual exploitation through awareness programmes.
- Providing safe drinking water, sewage disposal and toilet facilities, and sanitation within acceptable reach

- Promoting and empowering women to be emotionally strong and economically independent
- Recognizing that women and men have different needs, access to, and control over resources
 - Providing safe accommodation in hostels for students, including day-care facilities for the staff members and their children.
 - Imparting knowledge of legal systems and human rights aimed at the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women

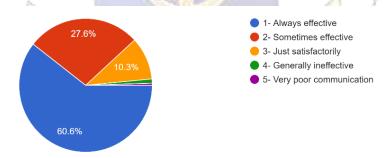
GENDER AUDIT SURVEY

Is your college a Gender-Friendly place?

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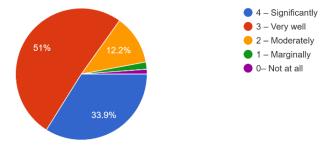


2. How well are the teachers able to contribute for gender equality?

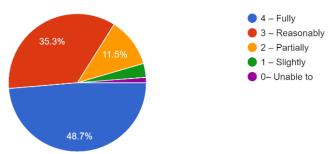


3. The mentoring process in our college facilitates cognitive, social and emotional growth.

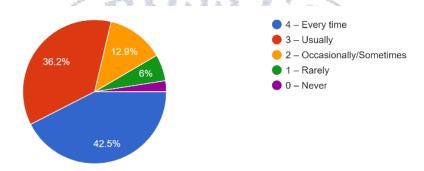
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4. The teachers identify your strengths and encourage you with providing right level of challenges.

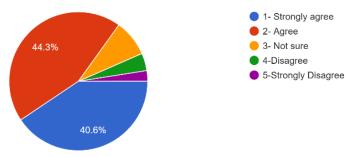


5. Teachers are able to identify your weakness and help you to overcome them.

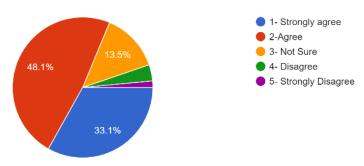


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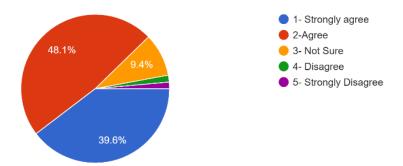
6. Toilets and washrooms are cleaned properly and maintained.



7. Students' grievance is redressed and solved well on time.



8. The functioning of the placement cell in the college is satisfactory.



Activities

The institution has keen awareness and shows sensitivity towards gender-related issues. It prioritizes understanding and addressing these concerns, ensuring that policies and practices are inclusive and equitable. This commitment is reflected in its efforts to create a supportive environment where gender diversity is respected and promoted. By actively engaging with these issues, the institution strives to foster a culture of inclusivity and equity.

• Physical Fitness of the students and staff:

College has a course 'Meditation and Exercise' / 'Fitness for Well-being', separate classes for YOGA, Zumba. It also has Gym facility, relaxing point to make the students more self-dependent and confident with good health.

• Special Measures:

College has following cells for safeguarding students as well as the staff

- 1) Crossian Centre for Women Empowerment
- 2) Crossian Centre for Human Rights Education
- 3) Crossian Centre for Skill Development
- 4) Student Grievance Cell
- 5) Internal Complaint Committee
- 6) Anti-Eve Teasing Committee
- 7) Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee
- 8) Guidance and Counselling Committee
- 9) Health and Hygiene Committee

Awareness Programmes/ Workshop/ Seminar

1. **Title of the Programme**: Talk on Sensitizing Other Gender

Date : 08-09-2023

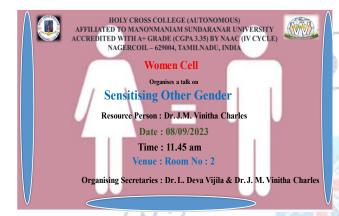
Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

Theme/ Objective : To sensitize other gender

Outcome of the Activity : Experience the power within a person Impact of the activity : Realized the real power within oneself

Number of the Beneficiaries: 69

Venue : Room No : 2, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil





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Talk on "Sensitizing Other Gender"

2. Title of the Programme : Lecture on Mental Health and Media"

Date : 09-01-2024

Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

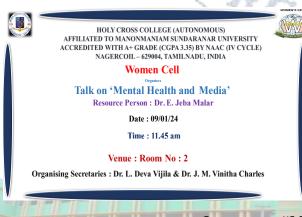
Theme/ Objective : To have good mental health

Outcome of the Activity : Realised the importance of maintaining good mental health

Impact of the activity : Students became discrete users of mass media

Number of the Beneficiaries: 74

Venue : Room No 2, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil





Lecture on "Mental Health and Media"

3. Title of the Programme : Skit on 'Women-the power within you"

Date : 20-01-2024

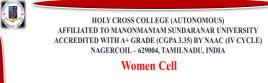
Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

Theme/ Objective : To make realize the power within them
Outcome : Understood the real power within women

Impact of the activity : Showcased the empowered self

Beneficiaries: 71

Venue : Room No: 2, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil



Skit on: 'Women-The Power Within You'

Date: 20/01/2024

Time: 11.45 am

Venue: Room No: 2

Organising Secretaries: Dr. L. Deva Vijila & Dr. J. M. Vinitha Charles



Skit on 'Women the power within you"

4. Title of the Programme : International Women's Day Celebration

Date : 07-03-2024

Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

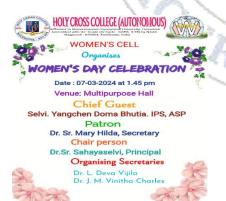
Theme/ Objective : To empower women

Outcome : Exhibited the power of women through cultural programmes

Impact of the activity: Differently abled students performed on-spot

Number of the Beneficiaries: 1926

Venue : Multipurpose Hall, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil





Women's Day Celebration

5. Title of the Programme : Nari Sakthi Fitness Runs

eate : 13-03-2024

Organized by : Women's Cell in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra and

Department of Physical Education, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

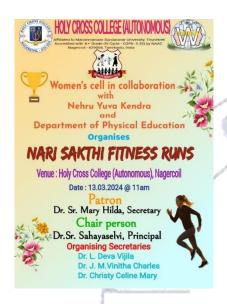
Theme/ Objective: To promote physical and mental health in women

Activity : Brought out the hidden talents in women

Impact of the activity : Started practising simple physical and mental exercises

Number of the Beneficiaries: 84

Venue : College playground, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil





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Nari Sakthi Fitness Runs

6. Title of the Programme : Women Safety Act for employees

Date : 19.12.2022

Organized by: Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

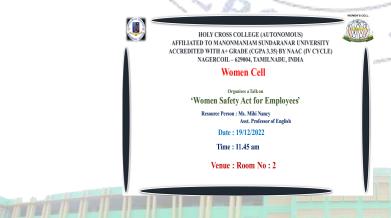
Theme/ Objective : To understand the Acts related to women safety.

Outcome of the Activity : Understood the Acts related to women safety

Impact of the activity : Shared their knowledge with the peers

Number of the Beneficiaries: 83

Venue : Room No : 2, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil



7. Title of the Programme : Talk on "Emotional Intelligence for Enigmatic Women" : 20-03-2023

Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

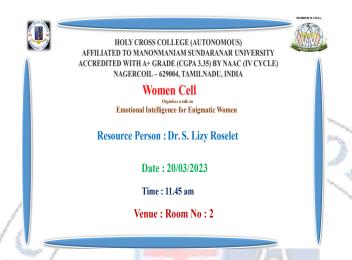
Theme/ Objective: To create emotional stability

Outcome of the Activity : Realised the importance of Emotional Intelligence

Impact of the activity : Brought awareness about the importance of Emotional Maturity

Number of the Beneficiaries: 74

Venue : Room No : 2, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil



8. Title of the Programme : Cyber Safety for Women

Date : 12-10-2021

Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

Theme/ Objective : To impart the manifold issues pertaining to cybercrime

Outcome of the Activity : Became aware of the issues pertaining to cybercrime

Impact of the Activity : Got idea about the methods to face cybercrime issues

Number of the Beneficiaries: 105

Platform : Google-meet



9. Title of the Programme : Women – God's Gift to mankind

Date : 30-10-2021

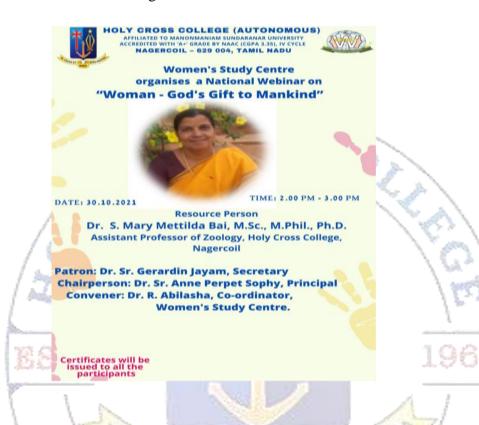
Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

Theme/ Objective : To promote familial and social values
Outcome of the Activity : Realised the greatness of being a woman

Impact of the activity : Cherished being a woman

Number of the Beneficiaries: 115

Platform : Google-meet



10. Title of the Programme : Journey of women towards Scientific innovation

Date : 11-02-2022

Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

Theme/ Objective : To bring innovative attitude among women
Outcome of the Activity : Made to think in an innovative manner
Impact of the activity : Able to think differently from others

Number of the Beneficiaries: 110

Venue : Google - meet





11.Title of the Programme : Naallai Namate

Date : 05-03-2022

Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

Theme/ Objective: To honour the empowered women

Outcome of the Activity: Understood the role of RISE foundation in uplifting women

Empowered women and created a helping mentality in women

Number of the Beneficiaries: 240

Venue : Joseph's Hall, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil





Naallai Namate

12. Title of the Programme : International Webinar on "Women Empowerment"

Date : 20-07-2020

Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

Theme/ Objective : To realize the strength of women

Outcome of the Activity : Highlighted the talents of women

Impact of the activity: Motivated to create a good community

Number of the Beneficiaries: 171 members
Platform : Google Meet





International Webinar on "Women Empowerment

13. Title of the Programme : Demo on Paper Bag Making

Date : 20-08-2019

Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

Theme/ Objective : To make the students understand the method of making paper bags

Outcome of the Activity : Students made paper bags for their need Impact of the activity : Created confidence in making paper bags

Number of the Beneficiaries: 100

Venue : Cecile Hall, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil



Demo on Paper Bag Making

14. Title of the Programme : Awareness programme on Breast Feeding

Date : 26-08-2019

Organized by: Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

Theme/ Objective : To create awareness about breast feeding

Outcome of the Activity : Made aware of the benefits of breast feeding

Impact of the activity: Realised the importance of breast feeding

Number of the Beneficiaries: 120

Venue : Cecile Hall, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil





Awareness programme on Breast Feeding

15.Title of the Programme : Celebration of World Women's Health Week – Awareness Rally

Date : 04-09-2019

Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

Theme/ Objective : To create an awareness among the local women folk in maintaining

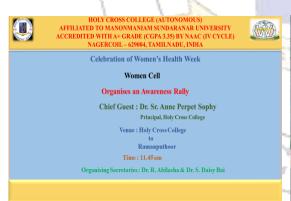
their personal health and hygiene

Outcome of the Activity : Created awareness in maintaining personal health among women

Impact of the activity : Realised the importance of maintaining health

Number of the Beneficiaries: 500

Venue : College to Ramanputhoor





Women's Health Week - Awareness Rally

16.Title of the Programme : Orientation Programme on "How to be a Successful Woman?"

Date : 12-09-2019

Organized by: Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

Theme/ Objective : To empower young women
Outcome of the Activity : Motivated to achieve in life

Impact of the activity : Realised the blockades in the path of women towards success

Number of the Beneficiaries: 105

Venue : Cecile Hall, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil



Orientation Programme on "How to be a Successful Woman?"

17. Title of the Programme : One Day National Seminar on "Trials and Triumphs-

A Feministic Perspective"

Date : 23-09-2019

Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

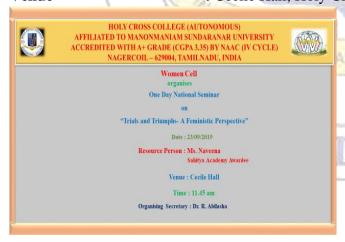
Theme/ Objective : To help students overcome the trials and triumphs in life.

Outcome of the Activity : Understood the legal help that they can opt for at times of emergency

Impact of the activity : Got appraised of the challenges of modern women

Number of the Beneficiaries: 125

Venue : Cecile Hall, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil





National Seminar on "Trials and Triumphs- A Feministic Perspective"

18. Title of the Programme : Talk on "Gender Sensitization"

Date : 26-09-2019

Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

Theme/ Objective : To realize the gender discrimination prevalent in the society and the

measures to overcome them

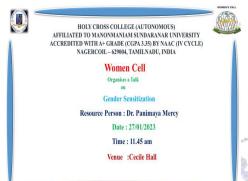
Outcome of the Activity : Understood the ways to overcome problems related to gender

discrimination

Impact of the activity : Realized the importance of equality in society

Number of the Beneficiaries: 102

Venue : Cecile Hall, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil





Talk on "Gender Sensitization"

19. Title of the Programme : Celebration of National Girl Child Day

Date : 24-01-2020

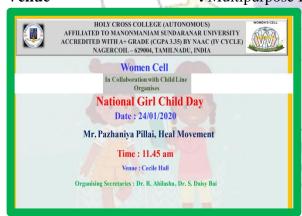
Organized by : Women's Cell, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil

Theme/ Objective : To understand the importance of girl child

Outcome of the Activity : Realised the worth of girl child Impact of the activity : Empowered to be successful in life

Number of the Beneficiaries: 123

Venue : Multipurpose Hall, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil





Celebration of National Girl Child Day

20. Title of the Programme : Two Days National Seminar on "Cybercrime and

Preventive Measures"

Date : 10-02-2020 & 11-02-2020

Organized by : Women's Cell-Sponsored by National Commission for

Women, New Delhi

Theme/ Objective: To empower women

Outcome of the Activity : Created awareness and empowered women Impact of the activity : Motivated to be strong and confident in life

Number of the Beneficiaries: 486

Venue : Multipurpose Hall, Holy Cross college (Autonomous), Nagercoil





Undertaking from the Students as per the provisions of Anti - Ragging verdict by the Hon'ble Supreme Court

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	Cross College, Roch Nagar, Nagercoil - 629 004 daughter of
	Dhanam, Azhakiapandiapuram residing at district
(permanent hom	ne address with Land line / Mobile Number) do hereby undertake on this month year year the following with respect
	t and Office Order.

- That I understand the meaning of Ragging and know that the ragging in any form is a punishable offence and the same is banned by the Court of Law.
- That I have not been found or charged for my involvement in any kind of ragging in the past. However, I undertake to face disciplinary action / legal proceedings including expulsion from the Institute if the above statement is found to be untrue or the facts are concealed, at any stage in future.
- That I shall not resort to ragging in any form at any place and shall abide by the rules / laws prescribed by the Courts, Govt. of India and the institute authorities for the purpose from time to time.

Incy Signature of the Student

Undertaking by the Parent / Guardian

I assure that I shall take necessary measures so that my daughter will not indulge in ragging in any manner and I am aware of the punishments in Prohibitions of Ragging Act. I Shall not appeal against any punishment imposed by the college on my daughter for violation of norms of conduct and discipline that are adopted by the college from time to time.

> \$2001 TO. Signature of the Parent

Witness Signature :

Name

: Mary Pearly Sumouthi : Dopt of Commerce, HCC, Ngl. Address

- More female students be encouraged to participate in sports and use gym facility
- More awareness programmes on legal rights may be carried out
- Conduct more skill enhancement programmes for girls

Conclusion

The analysis reveals that the college's policies and programmes include equity goals and objectives. Students and staff members alike reported no issues related to gender. Women's Cell of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil exclusively pays attention to the physical and mental health of students, scholars and staff members. The Gender Audit team observed that the inmates foster an environment of gender equity and sensitivity, demonstrating unbiased behaviour. While the college exhibits notable strengths in this area, it also demonstrates commendable progress towards fostering gender equity and inclusivity.

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