



Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Nagercoil – 629 004

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2019-2020
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2023-2024

7.1.9 Sensitization of students and employees of the Institution to the constitutional obligations: values, rights, duties and responsibilities of citizens

INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES FOR RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

Commitment to Citizen Responsibilities:

- Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil, emphasizes fostering civic engagement, social awareness, and holistic education through diverse programs organized by various departments and clubs.
- These initiatives aim to develop informed and proactive individuals by focusing on themes such as patriotism, electoral literacy, legal literacy, the constitution, social responsibility, environmental conservation, and mental health.

Civic Duties and Cyber Security:

- A notable event was a talk on “Duties and Responsibilities of Citizens” by Dr. S. Regi from the Department of History, organized by the Mathematics Club on July 11, 2023. This event, attended by 165 students, emphasized the importance of responsible citizenship.
- The Mathematics Club also addressed cyber security with the program "Beyond Firewalls: Advanced Tactics in Cyber Security" on January 3, 2024, highlighting advanced strategies to protect against cyber threats. the intersection of technology and citizen responsibilities.

Environmental Conservation:

- The Botany Club hosted a meeting on "Constitutional Rights" on July 10, 2023, led by Advocate Nanjil Raja Daniel, linking legal principles with environmental protection.
- The English Club, in collaboration with St. Aloysius College, organized "Nature Under Threat" on October 19, 2023, via Google Meet. This event engaged 61 participants in discussions about nature conservation and citizens' responsibilities.
- Students also actively participate in environmental conservation activities, including cleaning plastic waste from rivers, eradicating Parthenium plants, planting tree saplings, maintaining terrace gardens, and converting organic waste into manure.



Patriotism and National Pride:

- The Department of English SF organized "Independence Day Competitions" on August 14, 2023, involving 150 participants.
- The NSS units commemorated Independence Day and Republic Day with large-scale celebrations, emphasizing national history, values, and the responsibilities of citizens in upholding these traditions.

Legal Awareness:

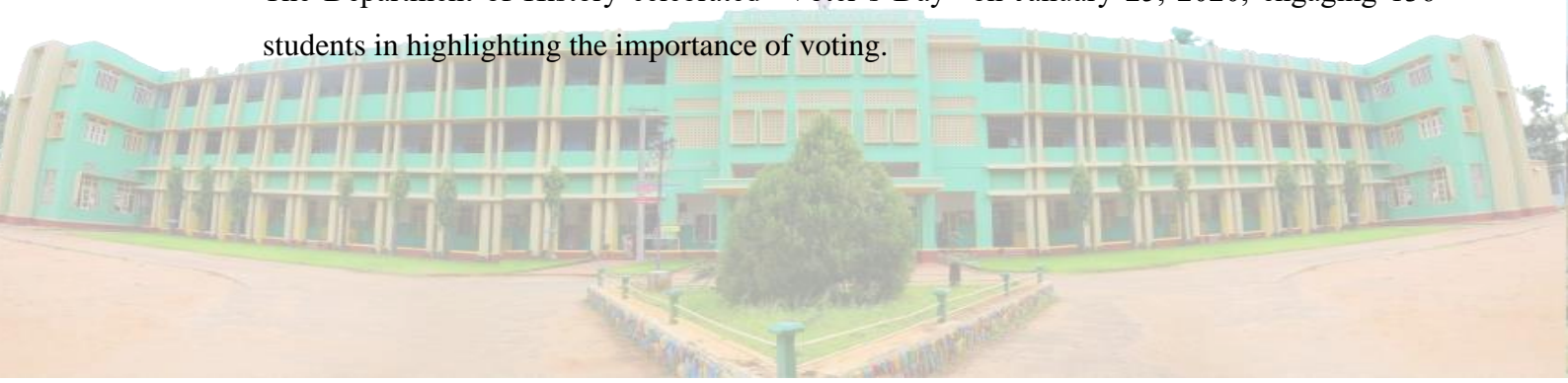
- The Department of History's "Legal Awareness Programme on Women's Rights" on December 11, 2023, empowered 64 students with knowledge about women's legal rights.
- The Legal Literacy Club organized multiple awareness talks on fundamental rights, dowry prohibition, and child rights, engaging students in understanding and advocating for these issues as responsible citizens.
- Additionally, awareness activities focused on legal rights, women's rights, food adulteration, and combating social evils such as dowry, domestic violence, and child labor were also organized.

Mental Health and Well-Being:

- The Department of Social Work, in collaboration with the Counselling Ministry, organized an "Awareness Program on Suicide Prevention" on September 7, 2023, providing essential resources and support to 80 participants, emphasizing the responsibilities of citizens to care for their mental health.
- Additional programs on addiction awareness and health care highlighted the importance of physical and mental health.

Electoral Literacy:

- The Electoral Literacy Club held a "Motivational Talk on How to Become an Empowered Voter" on July 19, 2023, educating 53 students on voting rights and the electoral process, emphasizing the responsibilities of citizens to participate in democracy.
- The Department of History celebrated "Voter's Day" on January 25, 2020, engaging 136 students in highlighting the importance of voting.



- NSS Units 76 & 77 organized a "Voter's Day Rally cum Prize Distribution" on January 25, 2020, along with various patriotic events to promote awareness and engagement in the electoral process.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Other Celebrations:

- The college commemorated the 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with events such as the "Har Ghar Tiranga" program and a two-wheeler rally in August 2022, engaging over 150 students in patriotic activities.
- The Department of Physics staged skits on constitutional values and social justice on October 31, 2022, encouraging reflection among 41 participants on the responsibilities of citizens.

Vigilance Awareness Week and Constitution Day:

- Vigilance Awareness Week in November 2022, in collaboration with the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Wing, engaged 500 participants in promoting transparency and integrity.
- Constitution Day was celebrated with events emphasizing the significance of constitutional principles, reaching over 1,500 students and highlighting the responsibilities of citizens to uphold these principles.

Foundation Course in Human Rights Education:

- The College offers a Part IV Foundation Course in Human Rights Education, aimed at helping students understand the constitutional rights of citizens and reinforcing values such as justice, equality, liberty, and fraternity.
- Additionally, sessions and classes on Value Education, Code of Conduct, Ethics, fundamental rights, Voter's Rights, Civil Rights, Child Rights, and Constitution Day are conducted to help students recognize their responsibilities as informed and conscientious citizens.

Service Learning and Community Engagement:

- The college's service learning through extension programs addresses critical issues such as aiding the poor and destitute, ensuring the safety of children and women, and promoting community engagement.
- Students actively participate by sharing their belongings and funds with those in need, visiting orphanages and old age homes, and learning the significance of supporting the disadvantaged through initiatives like H. Share.



- Campaigns organized by the college facilitate voter registration, Aadhar card updates, and passport applications and verification, aiming to promote civic engagement and increase awareness about essential documentation among students and the public.
- Awareness classes on the right to vote are regularly conducted for students and staff, with efforts extended to the neighbourhood to encourage active participation in democratic processes.
- The Students' Council elections are conducted democratically, emphasizing transparency and fairness, with candidates demonstrating a service-oriented mindset to benefit both the institution and the student community.
- Exhibits highlighting constitutional rights and duties of citizens are prominently displayed, fostering awareness and understanding among the college community.

Health and Social Responsibility:

- NSS camps, blood donation drives, medical camps, and rescue-relief operations during events like floods and the COVID-19 pandemic are integral to the college's efforts in nurturing students' sense of responsibility and encouraging active participation in societal improvement.
- Additionally, visits to old-age homes and orphanages further enrich students' understanding of community needs and foster empathy and compassion. These activities not only benefit the recipients but also empower students to make meaningful contributions to society.

National and Cultural Events:

- Holy Cross College, Nagercoil, actively participates in various national events such as Rastriya Ekta Diwas, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Martyr's Day, and Teacher's Day, promoting unity, patriotism, and respect for teachers.
- Initiatives such as the Children's Parliament, women empowerment activities, and the Swachh Bharat cleanliness campaign are prioritized to foster child-friendly communities and raise awareness about broader societal and environmental issues.
- Moreover, Holy Cross College serves as the nodal centre for Childline in Kanyakumari district. It organizes awareness programs for students and the public on Juvenile Justice, child protection, Human Rights, and the POCSO Act, reinforcing the importance of safeguarding children's rights and ensuring their well-being. Act.
- Awareness programs on Child Protection are provided to Anganwadi teachers and MSW students.



Competitions and Discussions:

- Competitions and discussions focusing on themes such as "India before Independence" and patriotic and independence themes are organized to foster a service-oriented mindset and historical awareness among students.
- A collective oath is administered, emphasizing civic responsibilities and principles such as anti-corruption, voting rights, Voter's Day, Untouchability Abolition Day Pledge, Girl Child protection, and consumer awareness.
- The singing of the National Anthem is a regular practice during all common and official programs, symbolizing unity and national pride.
- Association meetings and group activities centre around universal values such as equality, justice, integrity, peace, tolerance, honesty, truthfulness, and responsibility, reinforcing these principles in the college community.

Character and Ethical Development:

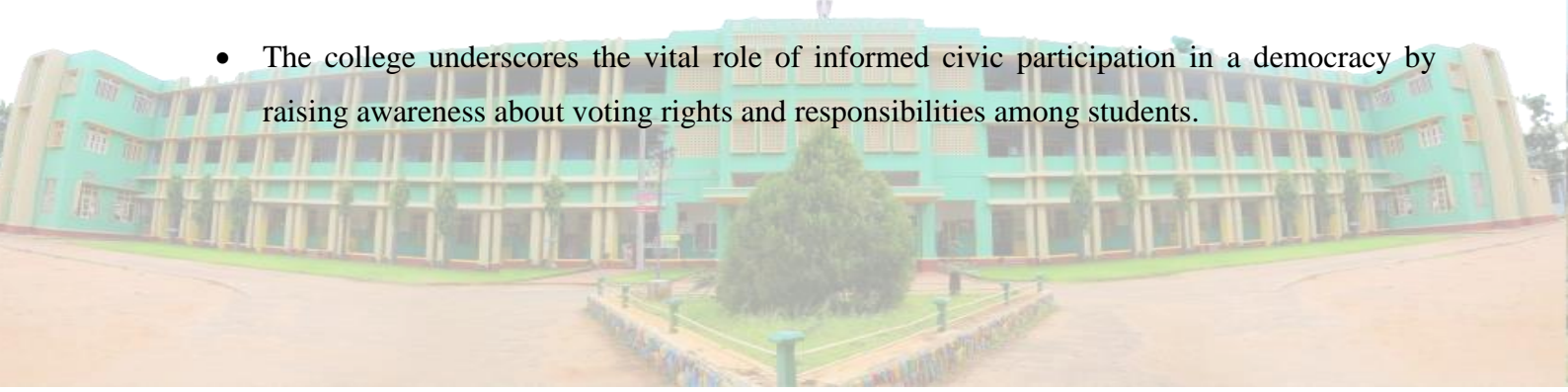
- The Honesty Emporium aims to cultivate self-discipline, integrity, and honesty among students through its initiatives.
- In collaboration with KDM as part of the Naksha Muthu Abhiyan scheme, the college raises awareness on critical topics such as drug usage, parenting, and responsible social media usage, promoting informed and responsible behavior among students and the community.

Aimperum Vizha:

- The college celebrates cultural diversity and promotes unity among various religious and communal groups.
- It instils civic responsibilities among participants through engaging discussions and activities aimed at fostering a sense of duty towards society.
- By promoting a cohesive and inclusive environment, the college encourages active civic engagement and participation, nurturing a community dedicated to collective welfare and social responsibility.

Historia- Intercollegiate Competitions on My Right, My Vote, My Identity:

- The college underscores the vital role of informed civic participation in a democracy by raising awareness about voting rights and responsibilities among students.



- Through educational initiatives and awareness campaigns, the college empowers students to actively engage in democratic processes. This fosters a generation of informed and engaged citizens who are committed to fulfilling their civic responsibilities and contributing positively to society.

One-day Election Awareness Programme:

- The college extends its commitment beyond electoral processes by addressing broader human rights issues and promoting public safety.
- In addition to promoting voting rights and responsibilities, the college reinforces civic responsibilities that extend beyond the ballot box. It encourages participants to become agents of positive change in their communities, advocating for human rights, promoting public safety measures, and actively engaging in initiatives that contribute to the well-being and development of society as a whole.

Child Protection Rights Campaign:

- The institution highlights its dedication to safeguarding the rights and well-being of vulnerable members of society, particularly focusing on children and other vulnerable groups.
- It actively instils civic responsibilities among its students and community members, emphasizing the importance of contributing to societal welfare through various initiatives and activities.
- By creating a safer and more inclusive environment for children and fulfilling its civic responsibility towards the younger generation, the college plays a crucial role in fostering a community that values and protects the rights and well-being of all its members.

Skit on Honesty, Responsibility, and Helping Others and Talk on Indian Constitution and Women Rights:

- The college fosters values of integrity, responsibility, and gender equality among students through its educational programs and activities.
- It cultivates civic responsibilities from a young age by instilling moral principles and critical awareness in students, preparing students to become socially responsible individuals capable of upholding their civic responsibilities.



Street Play on Indian Constitution and Seminar on Constitution, Polity, and Law:

- The college serves as educational platforms for promoting civic education and political literacy among students.
- It encourages critical thinking and active participation in democratic processes, empowering students to understand their roles and responsibilities as citizens.
- By fostering a generation of informed and engaged citizens, the college aims to cultivate individuals who are capable of effecting positive change in society through active civic engagement and fulfilling their civic responsibilities effectively.
- Through its diverse and impactful activities, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil, has made substantial contributions to the personal and civic development of its students. These initiatives empower students to become informed, responsible, and proactive members of society.
- By enriching the educational experience and fostering a culture of empathy, unity, and active engagement in societal development, the college demonstrates its dedication to holistic education and community involvement. This approach not only prepares students for academic success but also equips them with the values and skills needed to make meaningful contributions to their communities and beyond.

