

An appeal for help for revamping Sacred Heart College, Chalakudy, Kerala which was severely damaged by the flood of August 2018

Dear Madam / Sir,

Sacred Heart College, Chalakudy, is an institution affiliated to the University of Calicut and aided by the Kerala government. The College, established in 1980 is presently offering eight Under Graduate and six Post Graduate courses. The academic excellence of the college is evident from the fact that the college is re-accredited by NAAC with A+ grade (CGPA 3.55) in 2017 in the third round of accreditation. Please note that there are only a limited number of institutions in India that are accredited with A+ grade. This is a women's college managed by the Alvernia province of Franciscan Clarist Congregation. The college caters to the higher educational needs of young girls from the rural areas surrounding Chalakudy town. Most of the students studying in the college belong to families of basic sections of society like agricultural labourers, casual workers, small traders etc.

We are at present disconsolate over the devastation incurred by our college due to torrential rains which lashed across the State of Kerala recently and subsequent flooding which has left its permanent scar in our hearts too. The flood due to incessant rain and overflowing of the Chalakudy river has left us in a state of shock from which we need to come out as quickly as possible to continue with our professed aim of moulding young women as lamps burning with thirst for knowledge, love, peace, harmony and service to humanity.

Water started to seep into the campus during the early morning hours of Wednesday 15th August 2018 and thereafter the water level rose up to 9 feet submerging the whole of the ground floors of all buildings on the campus and also destructing the lush green landscape of the campus.

The spate has left behind damaged furniture, laboratory equipment, laboratory chemicals, books, documents, computers, electrical wiring, plumbing lines, sanitation facility, floor tiles, walls and allied objects. It is a heart-rending sight to see dirt, grime and clay accumulated on all possible surface which was submerged for a period of three days. The stain on the walls is proof of the height to which the flood water rose. It is nothing but a herculean task to replenish the land back to its fertility. Every green element on the land has been swept away and what remains in place of the garden and orchard are rotten stubs, uprooted trees, garbage and mounds of mud from which emanates foul smell.

The amount of agony suffered by the Management, Staff and Students is inexpressible. The wholehearted support of well-wishers keeps us going. Restoration of all facilities to their previous glory is a huge task ahead of us and we are alarmed at the magnitude of man power and monetary resources required for the purpose.

Students, especially those of Physics, Chemistry and Computer Science departments are anxiously concerned about fulfilling the academic requirements of Practical experiments as the laboratories are in a dilapidated condition. The toxic/pollution hazard posed by the chemicals that have seeped out of their containers in the laboratories is a serious concern which needs to be addressed promptly. Security issues related to electrical wiring and strength of the buildings is a major concern along with purchase of materials and objects to replace the damaged ones.

The following facilities on the campus have suffered huge damage. Following are the properties affected.

A. Ground floor of college building comprising:

1. MSc Organic Chemistry lab
2. MSc Physical Chemistry lab
3. MSc Inorganic Chemistry lab
4. MSc Lab Store
5. Chemistry Department Library
6. B.Sc Chemistry lab
7. Chemistry Department Store Room
8. Physics Department
9. Physics Computer Room
10. BSc Physics lab
11. MSc electronics lab
12. Physics Department Store
13. MSc Physics general lab
14. MSc Optic lab
15. Physics Research lab
16. BSc Computer Science lab
17. UGC Computer Network Resource Centre
18. Bursar Office
19. College Office
20. University exam store room
21. Conference hall
22. Principal's office
23. Reception
24. Security staff room

25. Electrical switch room
26. Dining area
27. Visitor's area
28. Guest room
29. II MSc Computer Science Class room
30. MSc Computer Science lab
31. Computer Science Department staff room
32. I MSc Computer Science Class Room
33. I MSc Chemistry Class Room
34. IQAC office

B. College Library

1. Reference books
2. Reading area
3. Inflibnet Facility Area
4. Student computer facility
5. Librarian's office
6. Library login counter

C. Other facilities

1. Students amenity centre
2. Canteen and store
3. Equipment Store Room
4. Generator room
5. Fitness centre
6. Physical Education Department
7. UG Students' Hostel
8. PG Students' hostel
9. College auditorium
10. College ground and 400*8-meter lane athletics track
11. Physical Education Department Pavilion cum storing area
12. NSS Room
13. College well (3 numbers)
14. College chapel
15. Animal house
16. Parking Lot
17. Landscaping, garden, garden seats/benches and decorative lights
18. Pump houses and irrigation facility
19. Flowering/Fruit bearing shrubs and trees
20. Compound wall
21. New block of the college under construction

The total loss to the college is estimated to be Rs. 5,08,12,190. Details are provided in the Appendix.

The loss occurred to the institution is enormous and cannot be met by us in anyway. We look forward to support from the government and other organisations to compensate our loss. Your support could be to reinstate our laboratories (BSc Physics, MSc Physics, BSc Chemistry, MSc Chemistry, BSc Computer Science, MSc Computer Science), students' common computer facilities, reference section of the library, INFLIBNET/e-resource access facility etc. I appeal to you to kindly support us to revamp the college.

Our immediate requirements

We request you to kindly consider to support our endeavour to revamp Sacred Heart College. You may consider helping us in the restoration of the following facilities which are our immediate requirement.

1. Physics B.Sc and M.Sc laboratories
2. Chemistry B.Sc and M.Sc laboratories
3. Computer Science B.Sc and M.Sc laboratories
4. Students Common Computer facility
5. Reference Section of the College library
6. Inflibnet (net surfing facility) Area in college library
7. Computers, printers, photocopiers, scanners of the college administrative section

You may also support us by means of financial assistance. You may kindly do so by remitting to the following account.

Bank: Federal Bank, Chalakudy	Type of Account: Savings
Account Number: 10050100457715	IFSC: FDRL0001005
Name: Sr. Reena Ittyachan	Swift code: FDRLINBBIBD

After remitting, kindly inform us the same by email to sacredheartcollege2018@gmail.com, so that we can keep track of the same.

Chalakudy
23.08.2018

Dr. Sr. Reena Ittyachan
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Please find appended the following.

- (1) Appendix 1 – Estimate of total loss to the college
- (2) Appendix 2 – Photographic evidence of total loss to the college.

Appendix 1 : Attachment 1: Estimate of loss at Sacred Heart College, Chalakudy due to flooding of the college in the floods occurred in August 2018.

Item	Cost
IQAC Room	1,80,000
Computer Science Staff Room	1,21,000
MSc. Lab Computer Science	61,03,000
PG Class room	75,000
B.Sc. Lab Computer Science	35,05,000
UGC Network Centre	6,00,000
College office	30,69,000
Principal's office	17,68,000
College Reception	5,85,000
Guest Room	5,30,000
Library	75,22,000
Auditorium	1,50,000
Generator (2Nos), Cooler	21,10,500
Department of Physics	64,56,000
Department of Chemistry	79,30,000
Students amenity center	15,000
Canteen and store	1,25,000
Equipment Store Room	1,78,000
Fitness center	62,000
Physical Education Department	1,20,000
UG Students' Hostel	5,00,000
PG Students' Hostel	5,00,000
Biogas plant	4,00,000
College ground (Clearing mud)	1,00,000
Physical Education Department Pavilion cum storing area	10,00,000
NSS Room	1,40,000

College well (Cleaning)	25,000
Animal house	65,000
Parking Lot	1,25,000
Pump houses and irrigation facility	3,00,000
Cost of General Civil and Electrical Work Loss	60,92,690
Transformer reinstallation	1,00,000
Chapel	60,000
Miscellaneous / unforeseen	2,00,000
Total	5,08,12,190

Appendix 2: Attachment 2: Photographic Evidence of loss at Sacred Heart College, Chalakudy due to flooding of the college in the floods occurred in August 2018.



Front Lobby and Reception



Principal's Office



Conference Hall



Bursar's Room



College Office



UGC Computer Network Centre



BSc Computer Science Lab



Chemistry Dept. Store



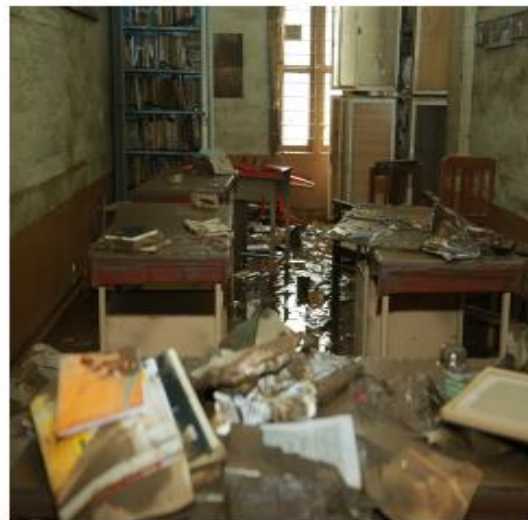
BSc Chemistry Lab



MSc Chemistry Labs



Department of Physics



BSc Physice Lab



MSc Electronics Lab



Physics Research Lab



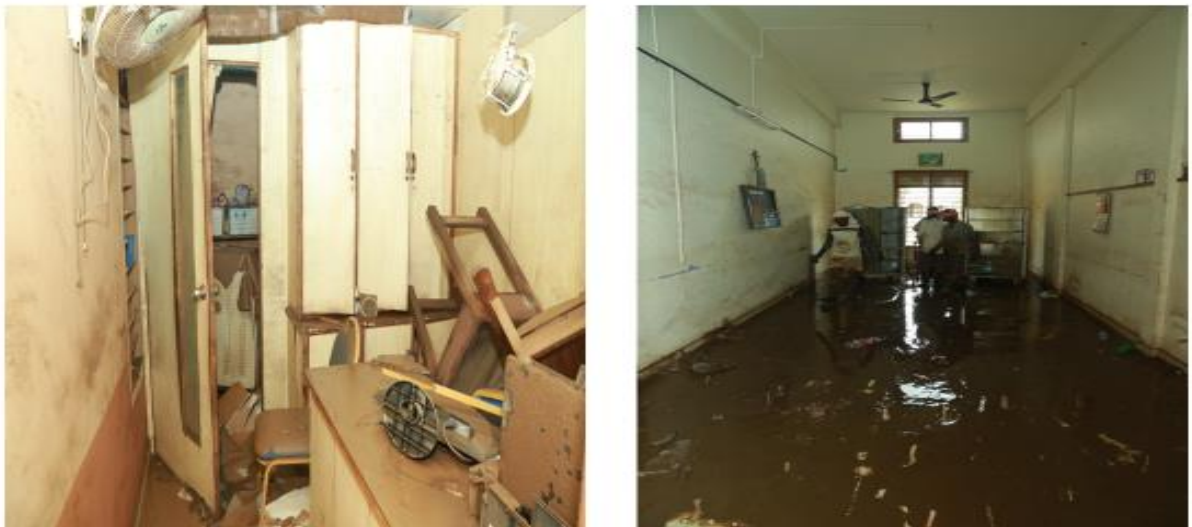
Guest Room



MSc Computer Science Lab



Department of Computer Science



College Library



College Auditorium



Department of Physical Education



Fitness Centre

