A REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF

SCHOLAR SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2018-‘19

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, CHALAKUDY

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Report of Activities of Scholar Support Programme in 2018-19

About SSP:

Scholar Support Programme (SSP) is launched by the Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Kerala under the "New Initiatives in Higher Education". The SSP Programme aims at extending personalized additional support to students in the subjects included in the curriculum through tutorials, study materials, additional lectures, question banks and interactive sessions.

Activities of 2018-19:

College council appointed Ms. Fency K F, Assistant Professor of Physics as the coordinator of SSP for the year 2018-2019. Ms. Fency K F attended coordinators meeting on 13-09-2018 at Loyola College Thiruvanathapuram. Forty students of first year Degree courses were selected as mentees. Five internal mentors were appointed for the internal mentoring of the selected students. The faculties giving internal mentoring classes are

1) Ms. Amala Mary George, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mathematics
2) Ms. Neenu Joy, Guest Lecturer, Dept. of Zoology
3) Ms. Jini Thomas, Guest Lecturer, Dept. of Economics
4) Dr. Jisha Jose Panackal, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Computer Science
5) Ms. Dhanisha K S, Guest Lecturer, Dept. of English

External mentoring sessions were organized and the resource persons were selected from the list of trainers given by DCE.

College Level Monitoring Committee:

As per the directions from New Initiatives - WWS & SSP, the college council constituted a college level monitoring committee for the monitoring of SSP activities in the college. The committee members are Principal, IQAC Coordinator, Staff Secretary, WWS Coordinator, SSP Coordinator, and the student representatives of WWS and SSP programmes. The committee members have been a constant source of inspiration by providing healthy suggestions for the smooth functioning of the programme.

External mentoring:

External mentoring sessions are divided into three categories:

a) Learning Skills
b) Life Skills
c) IT Skills

a) Learning Skills

Four sessions are allotted to take classes on Learning skills. These classes were handled by Ms. Juliet George, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Sacred Heart College, Chalakudy. She had taken classes on effective learning skills, study habit and academic achievement. The sessions were very interesting and useful to students. The feedbacks were collected from both mentor and mentees after 4 sessions.

External Mentor: Mrs. Juliet George

b) Life skills

Life skills with 32 sessions were divided into two modules which was handled by two asap trainers. Mr. George C V, SDE, ASAP had taken 11 sessions in the first module of personal skills. The second module of social skills was taken by Mr. Jerry Johny, ASAP trainer and faculty of commerce, Prajyoti Niketan College, Pudukad. He had taken remaining 21 sessions. The classes were very resourceful and energetic with hand full of activities for students. All sessions were completed in the stipulated time. Public speaking session was very useful for many students especially for students with stage fear. The feedbacks were collected from each external mentor and all mentees who had attended the session.

External Mentor: Mr. George C V

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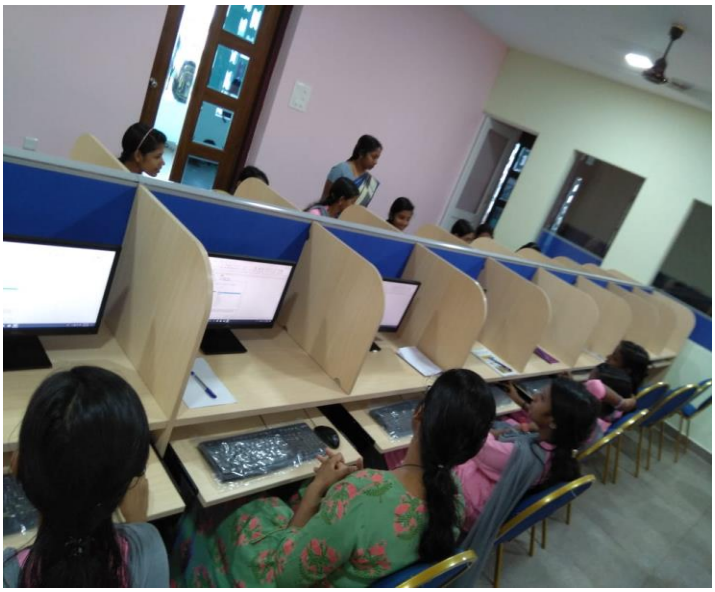
c) IT Skills

The classes for IT skills include 24 sessions. Due to the unavailability of IT trainers from the list given from DCE, the sessions were taken by two faculties from our computer science department after taking prior permission from the state coordinator. IT skill classes were arranged in the BSc Computer Science Lab. Out of 24 sessions, 14 sessions were handled by Ms. Bindya K K, Guest Lecturer, Dept. of Computer Science. The remaining sessions were taken by Dr. Jisha Jose Panackal, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Computer Science. The IT classes

were beneficial to students especially from Economics and History. For all other students, they are studying Computer Science as Complementary Subject during first four semesters. The sessions include Database basics, Office Automation skills like word processing, electronic spreadsheets, Presentation skills, image editing etc. The classes are interesting to all students since all classes are practical sessions arranged in the Computer Lab. The feedbacks were collected from the mentors and mentees after the sessions.



Stationery kit to students:

A stationery kit containing a note book, pen and file was given to all mentees.

Employability Enhancement Programme:

One SSP student, Aswathy Kannan of I DC Physics attended the Employability Enhancement Programme, Thrissur district held at St. Thomas' College (Autonomous), Thrissur. The programme helped her to improve her skills and identify her weakness.

Internal Mentoring:

College Council identified five subjects for internal mentoring and allotted internal mentors for each subject. A faculty diary was maintained by each internal mentor which was a record of all activities of the faculty/students and submitted to the SSP coordinator at the end of the academic year. The subjects selected for the internal mentoring are English (Common Course), Zoology (Core), Economics (Complementary), Mathematics (Complementary) and Computer Science

(Complementary). Fourteen hours of internal mentoring were conducted for the mentees by the respective internal mentors during the academic year 2018-19. Mentees were thus given individualized and personalized attention to improve their academic skills. The progress of the students was evaluated by the internal mentors and necessary corrective measures were taken. Feedbacks were collected from the students. Students showed more interest to attend internal mentoring sessions than external mentoring sessions.