



MAR THOMA COLLEGE, TIRUVALLA

Education par Excellence and Educated for the Society

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Unique Student Support Schemes

Education par Excellence and Educated for the Society: Since its inception in 1952, the institution always stands committed to bring about the benefits of higher education within the reach of the less fortunate segments of the society. True the core meaning of our vision statement i.e Education par Excellence and Educated for the Society, we have always strived hard to impart quality education based on core values and to make it affordable to all sections of the society. Mar Thoma College focuses keenly on the holistic development of students from every sector of the society and provides them with equal opportunities and resources in order to facilitate their career development. In continuation of our moral commitments and responsibilities towards the underprivileged students during the past 70 years the institution was able to distribute a substantial amount of Rs. 342,592/- as **scholarships and endowments** to the bright and needy students during the last academic year. Moreover, **text books** and other **study materials** for competitive examinations were also given to deserving students. The **noon meal scheme, student aid fund** etc. exemplifies our commitment to provide quality education to poor and needy students.

Student centric approaches such as **experiential learning, participative learning** and **problem solving methodologies** are implemented in teaching learning and evaluation methodologies. **Experiential learning methods** like **peer teaching, knowledge partnership programmes, excursions** and **nature camps** are conducted consistently in each department. Various **Orientation/induction programmes** organised at the beginning of each academic year helps the students from diverse backgrounds to adapt to the new academic environment of the

institution. **Remedial coaching sessions** helps academic slow learners so as to catch up with difficult topics and turn their weaknesses to strengths. Students were sent for **internships and on-job training** in **industries** and **research centres** so as to prepare them for the practical aspects of working in specific industries. This is achieved by **research collaborations, MOUs** and **tie-ups** with **various external institutes**. The **college career guidance** and **placement cell** offers training, placement drives, and collaborations with industry, that promote employment likelihoods of the students. **The UGC/JRF guidance cell** and **college civil service academy** arranges coaching and orientation for students to prepare for competitive examinations. Former students who have cleared these competitive exams were engaged as mentors for existing students. Additionally, various **Skill development programmes, EDPs, hands-on training** on LED bulbs and paper/cloth bag making etc. were also organised by each department. The focus is to **enhance student employability** by providing need based **trainings and additional skill development programmes** based on the employer requirements. The students were given **sufficient opportunities** and **guidance to publish their scholastic and literary works** in publications and manuscript magazines. Regular **Academic Enrichment Programmes** were conducted with external experts as resource persons.

Mar Thoma College rightly recognizes that the students need platforms to nurture their physical, social and cultural skills, along with their academic competences. The institute provides a range of sports amenities and infrastructure facilities like **residential sports coaching facilities**. The students are also given ample opportunities to participate in various cultural events and activities at District, State and University levels. **The Best Arts forum** of the college provides special training to talented students to improve their skills in singing, dancing, acting, painting, writing etc. **The Photography and Artistry club** of the college provides great opportunities for students to enhance their creativity through painting, photography, craft, sketching and much more. The students were given sufficient exposure during various programmes organised by the college. As a testimony to its extra-curricular excellence the students from the institution have secured several accolades during the year.

The college has also implemented various extension activities with an objective to inculcate social and entrepreneurial skills in students. These activities include **community service**

projects by NSS, NCC, CSA, SCM, MTSA etc. in addition to volunteering services and social awareness campaigns.

The emotional wellbeing of the students is considered as one of the major areas requires special attention. The **student mentoring system** in the institution provides students with emotional support, guidance, encouragement and a better environment which is simulative for learning. The **counselling centres** of the college functions very effectively and guides the students to cope with various problems faced by them.

Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla has played a pivotal role in providing equal educational opportunities to the urban and rural students surrounding it. By stimulating academic excellence, social skills development, and value based education the students were equipped to become responsible citizens who could make a positive impact in their communities and the world at large. During the past 70 years, the institution has made its indelible mark as a committed minority institution of highest standard which made quality education accessible to everyone.