

ETHIRAJ COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS)

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“Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skilful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives.” ~William A. Foster

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the college has been playing an active role since its inception to ensure that the College forges new paths of excellence. The IQAC provides helpful recommendations and establishes quality standards for the efficient operation of the College's various units. The following activities were carried out by the IQAC through the 2021- 22.

The IQAC, in collaboration with the Department of Microbiology, organized a week-long Orientation in August 2021 for the first-year students. The online Orientation gave the students the closest experience to an onsite one.

The IQAC organised an Academic Audit on 27th October 2021. The Principal in-charge, Dr D.B Usharani, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Economics, welcomed and briefed the external auditors setting the tone of the academic exercise. The academic audit was organised for the period 2017-2021. 96 external auditors, forming a three-member team of a Chairperson and two subject experts visited 32 departments. A questionnaire, prepared by the IQAC and the COE, covering all aspects of academics— Curriculum Design and Development, Teaching and Evaluation, and Student Performance and Support— was used to assess each department. The team of experts verified documents, assessed performance, interacted with faculty and students, inspected the infrastructure and presented a consolidated report for each department. Based on their observations, the external auditors have offered suggestions and recommendations for the enhancement of the activities of the respective departments. Three auditors representing science, humanities and business studies audited the library.



Principal in-charge, Dr D.B Usharani, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Economics, welcomes the External Academic auditors



External Auditors Interaction with Students



ORIENTATION FOR NEWLY APPOINTED FACULTY MEMBERS

IQAC organized a Faculty Development Programme for the newly appointed faculty members of the college on December 09, 2021, in the auditorium. The programme's objective was to orient the newly recruited faculty members on the various aspects of the institution. 75 faculty members from both Aided and Self Supporting benefited from the Orientation.

Dr.D.B.Usharani, Principal In-charge introduced the Deans and Directors of the various offices of the college. Mrs.ChandradeviThanikachalam, Chairperson, Ethiraj College Trust, welcomed the faculty members and in her special address emphasised the culture and fame of the institution. After a round of self-introduction, presentations were made by the office holders.

Mrs.PremilaTaiman, Chief Librarian highlighted the rich holdings of books, journals, and other allied services available in the library. **Dr.N.Thenmozhi**, the general physician on campus, assured teachers of her availability and that she could be reached in an emergency. **Dr.R.K.Maya**, Controller of Examinations briefed on the various facets of continuous assessment and end-semester examinations. **Dr.J.Mangayarkarasi**, Dean of Academics and **Dr.T.Punithavathy**, Dean of Students highlighted the roles and responsibilities and the activities undertaken by them respectively. **Dr.S.Uma Gowrie**, Dean of Research stressed the importance of a research culture and explained the research facilities and funds provided by ECRIC in order to nurture research. **Dr.P.Padmini**, the Director, briefed on the activities of the Centre for Women Studies. **Dr.G.Gohulavani**, Member, IQAC, presented the activities of the IQAC and stressed the importance of documentation of each and every activity undertaken by the faculty. **Dr.Jayanthi Rani**, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology organized an ice-breaker game. **Mrs.C.Jayashree**, Member, IQAC proposed the vote of thanks.





IQAC Team- Coordinators of the Orientation



Participants enjoying the Ice breaker game



Chairperson addressing the Newly appointed Faculty members.

Medical Camp for Non-Teaching Staff

As a part of ESIC Special Service Fortnight Celebrations, a Special Health Check-Up was organised at Ethiraj College for Women on 28.02.2022. 127 of the Insured Persons benefited. Medical Officers from the specialities of General Medicine, Community Medicine, Ayurveda, Pulmonology, Dermatology, ENT, Ophthalmology, OBG, Density, ECG, BP, and Eyes were available for screening and consultation at the camp. Sample Ayurveda medicines for aches and pains and general wellbeing were given free of cost to the insured persons and other faculty of the college. The members who visited the camp gave very positive feedback on the services and facilities that ESIC offers. They were very appreciative of the visiting Doctors and the team for their professionalism and caring nature.

Organising Secretary :Dr.LathaKumari, Coordinator IQAC,
Assistant Professor, Department of English

Organising Members : Mr. S. Baskaran, Manager, Administration
Mrs. R. Divya, Jr. Assistant, Trust Office







ESIC Insured member undergoes an Eye-check up.



Team of Doctors and the IQAC

National Webinar

The Department of Hindi in association with IQAC organised a National Webinar on 27th December 2021 virtually on the topic of “Usage of Technology in the Hindi Language”. Resource Person, Mrs. Vadlamani Aruna, Hindi Officer, Central Inland Water Transport Corporation, Kolkata spoke on the

various tools involved in Hindi Language typing., usage of fonts like Arial Unicode MS, Mangal, Krutidev and she introduced the availability of Hindi language software. 115 participants - Faculty, Research Scholars, Translators Students benefitted from the webinar.



Gender Sensitization Workshop for Non-Teaching Staff

The Centre for Women's Studies and the IQAC organised a Gender Sensitization Programme for the non-teaching staff of the College on 11/12/2021 between 10.00 am & 12.45 pm in the Mini Auditorium.

Dr. P. Padmini, Director, Centre for Women's Studies welcomed the gathering. **Dr. D. B. Usha Rani, Principal (in-charge)** delivered the Presidential Address.

The first speaker of the day, **Mr. Arasu Devaneyan, Director, Thozhamai (NGO) and a Child Rights activist** spoke on "Gender Issues and Sensitization". **Dr. Millie Nihila Associate Professor and Head, Dept of Economics, Stella Maris College** spoke on "Gender Equality". The programme was conducted to educate the non-teaching staff to become more aware of and sensitive to gender in their lives and workplaces. Around 100 non-teaching staff of the college attended the programme.





An attentive audience listening to Dr. Millie Nihila



Dr. D. B. Usha Rani, Principal in charge honouring the Resource Persons.





Medical Camp Holistic Wellbeing - League

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Students Forum with Students Union (Venue – Auditorium)

Learning Management System

The IQAC is instrumental in establishing a Moodle-based Learning Management System for the college. Six batches of faculty have been trained to use the LMS. An exclusive consultant has been appointed to manage the LMS.

Ethiraj College for Women has left a digital footprint in the area of open educational resources by participating in the Open Education Week organized by Open Education Global on March 11, 2022. Our college was one among the ONLY THREE institutions from India to participate in the OE Week 2022 along with renowned institutions like MIT, University of Windsor, Canada, Portland State University, Oregon, US, Victoria University of Wellington, NZ, Concordia University, University of Alberta, Canada, and so on. As part of this, 27 open resources developed and remixed by our faculty members were published in the Open Resource Catalogue.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, a presentation slide titled "Understanding learning outcomes" is displayed. The slide content includes:

- What should students be able to do at the end of the course and unit(s)?
 - Not what you are going to do
- Statements indicating what a student will be able to do after successfully completing a course or unit or lesson
- Having an organized set of outcomes helps teachers to:
 - "plan and deliver appropriate instruction"
 - "design valid assessment tasks and teaching-learning strategies"
 - "ensure that instruction and assessment are aligned with the outcomes"
 - constructively align activities and assessments in a blended course design

At the bottom of the slide, it says "Anderson & Krathwohl, 2001". The Zoom interface includes a "Teacher Video" window on the right showing a woman in a red shirt. The bottom toolbar contains icons for Wi-Fi, a pencil, a red flag, a red flag, a blue bookmark, a video camera, a group of people, a chat bubble, a help icon, and a document icon. The "Powered by CONGREA" logo is visible at the bottom center of the slide area.

**LMS Advisor Sushumna Rao Tadinada during the training session
"WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DAY"**

1. Date: 26.04.2022
2. Timings: 10 AM
3. Venue: PG & Research Department of Zoology
4. Department: PG & Research Department of Zoology
5. Name of the Agency involved: ECRIC & IQAC, Ethiraj College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai.
6. Number of participants/beneficiaries: 150
7. Description of the event:

We the Department of Zoology organized "Innovative best idea contest" in commemoration of "World Intellectual Property Day" on April 26 2022. Various events such as Poster presentation, slogan writing, Article writing and E-Quiz were conducted at the inter collegiate level and the students benefited in large numbers. Judges for the event were Dr.

M. Mahendrakumar Assistant Professor Department of Biotechnology & Co-ordinator, IQAC, Guru Nanak College (Autonomous) Chennai and Dr. P. Priya, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Pachaiyappa College Chennai. This programme was organized by Dr. K. Navaneethalakshmi, Assistant Professor, and Dr. S. Deepa Rani, Assistant Professor, PG and Research Department of Zoology.