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Annual Report of the Academic year 2020-2021

Honorable Chief Guest **Dr.Mrs P.Subbalakshmi**, Inner Wheel District Chairperson, Former HOD, Department of Physics & **Mr Hanumantha Rao**. Our most esteemed Guest of Honour **Rev.Fr.Ravi Thanaiah Marineni**, Regional Superior of PIME, Eluru. Patron **Dr.Sr.Marietta Pudota**, Correspondent and Superior, **Rev. Fathers, Sisters, Theresian Stalwarts**, other distinguished dignitaries on and off the dais, and all those closely associated with our institution---- a warm good Morning to one and all.

Welcome to **68th college day celebrations** as we the management, staff and students stand composed at the zenith of another wonderful and fruitful academic year that harvested the hall-mark of learning with challenges – especially COVID-19 Pandemic phase. What an opportunity to be able to witness the joy that comes with the understanding or satisfaction of a problem solved, or the wonder of living with new adventures through the world of Education. What made this possible was **six plus decades**-long tradition of intellectual investment gradually but steadily in education, imparting knowledge and designing students with ethics filled character. We have gathered here to encourage and bless our young achievers & staff.

I am fortunate, proud and grateful to stand before you to welcome our dignitaries to share the **academic milestones** of this noble institution established on the notion of holistic education for women making them futuristic ready to meet unforeseen challenges of the 21st century. Robust research into the implementation issues responsible for such discrepancies and addressing them is warranted.

We in our institution with Democratic mission relentlessly strive to educate the children to an integral pedagogy of inter-relatedness to promote harmony in a world of hate. We need to give them an all-round molding so that they face the world bravely. All activities of collegiate education with a paradigm shift from conventional system of education to shifting towards flexible, results oriented curriculum where the students can proudly and confidently face the challenges of the society both personally and professionally.

After a long unexpected summer vacation due to COVID-19 College started on 28^{th} Aug for second and third year and **Dec** 2^{nd} for first years. With plethora of activities that kept

teaching fraternity, students and support staff with significant classes, seminars, webinar, conferences using online platform. Celebrations of the diminutive Holy Mass for the student community ushered in a right spirit of peace and well being by instilling high optimism with the blessing of almighty GOD.

Faculty and Student Development Programmes:

With a noble mission of knowledge sharing in continuing academic professional development even in this Pandemic situation is a notable knowledge charity. A number of training programs, webinars, and conferences were organized to train our faculty and students in the professional, management, emotional and technical quotient to attain diverse skills.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us greatly and has made it difficult for us to adopt and shine through in this time of distress. Teachers all across the globe have been thrown into the deep end and have been navigating as best they can in this new virtual schooling system. We at St.Theresa have noticed the need of the hour and did a complete **360° perspective** to better support students by curating and educating faculty with Technical Education tools. The progress we made with **287 online courses** like SWAYAM, NPTEL etc, attending **743 webinars**, **63 FDP's** and **108 Workshops**.

Infrastructure Up gradation:

- Under the scheme of Rashtriya Utchathar Siksha Abhiyan (RUSA) of MHRD, Govt. of India our College has updated the infrastructure with project compatible equipment, installed new labs, and career hubs.
- A two acre land near Community college was converted into **Organic Kitchen Garden** to promote safe vegetable production and secure food supply, as part of Skill Development Programe under EDC by Department of Botany.

Paramarsh Programme:

As it is a known fact that our College has been selected as a **mentor College** under the Paramarsh programme of the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development. Since then the noble mission to mentor Colleges and Universities in attaining NAAC accreditation to meet quality standards is going on regularly. A 2 day Webinar was organized this year due to COVID on "**Revised Assessment and Accreditation frame work of NAAC**". I congratulate all the members of the IQAC for their active involvement and commitment.

Academics & Student Excellence:

Difficult roads lead to beautiful destinations with everyday, multiple events occur and just as many opportunities to shine. We firmly believe in making our students academically as well as professionally suitable to handle stress. This year students excellence proves that no Pandemic can stop them in achieving their goals.

Out of a total **799** I year U.G students belonging to all groups and disciplines **712** passed, out of **759** II year U.G students **652** passed, and out of **656** III year students **631** passed. The overall pass percentage of U.G is 90.4%

Coming to P.G courses, out of **172** I year students **150** passed, and of **129** II year students **114** passed. The overall pass percentage of P.G is **87.8%**

Launch of New Courses:

"Anything that gives us new knowledge gives us an opportunity to be more rational". This year new courses were sanctioned and started by our College to give students more opportunities.

UG Courses:

- 1. B.Sc. Mass Communication
- 2. B.Voc. Dairing & Animal Husbandry
- 3. B.Voc. IT/ITES/E Commerce & Digital Marketing
- 4. B.Voc. IT/ITES/Software Development and Systems Administration

1 year Diploma Course:

Photography & Videography.

With these courses Theresian crown is filled with 50 jewels to enrich our students as frontiers of knowledge. The APPSSDC in collaboration with Community College of

St.Theresa has offered and offering **Beautician** and Wellness Course for basic general category, **Tailoring** and **Fashion Designing** courses.

Escalated the learning experience of our students with online classes, internships, webinars and online Certificate courses like SWAYAM, NPTEL - to provide the ultimate learning experience. Our responsibility to make our students fit for unexpected challenges and converting those challenges into learning celebrations. Best part in this pandemic phase which is commendable is even with justifiable workload of online sessions our teaching fraternity competed with our students in learning process by attending multi-disciplinary courses. I appreciate them for being perfect role models.

Field Trips:

Department of Botany organized a Botanical trip to acquire knowledge on medicinal plants and their uses in medicine preparation and **Department of Management Studies** organized Industrial visit to gain insights into how things are carried out in an organization.

Extra Curricular Activities:

Our students have displayed remarkable passion and zeal in participation of various events which enabled them to express themselves freely, thereby inculcating the values of co-operation and augment educational experience. Due to COVID students used virtual media for participating- competitions like essay writing competition, poster presentation, elocution, quizzes, creating slogans and taglines etc.

The Theresian in house competitions provided scope for students to participate in power point presentations, poster presentation, elocution, essay writing, to highlight their talents. **80** % students of UG & PG won prizes and certificates in the competitions.

NSS Activities:

With 5 Units and 5 Programme Officers, the NSS Units carry out remarkable rehabilitator work in building society and removing social evils. This year observation of NSS conducted meaningful and successfully competitions like poster presentation, organized 71st Constitution day and "**Healthy December**" to create health pneuma in Theresians.

Student Internships:

Different **customized online internships** due to COVID were organized to meet the corporate requirement as well as enhance the student knowledge.

Training Programs:

- The department of social sciences organized a **Two day Leadership Training camp** sponsored by M.R.Pai foundation and forum of free enterprise, Mumbai.70 Students of BA and BBA Participated and were awarded e-certificates
- Trained the students in designing & making LED bulbs. Altogether 50 M.Sc. Physics & B.Sc. Electronics students along with 8 faculty attended and manufactured Led Bulbs.

Research activities of students:

Research Initiative By Adikavi Nannya University In Collaboration With St. Theresa's to inquire about the mysterious sickness in and around Eluru town. Professor Y. Srinivasa Rao, Dean, Academic affairs and Prof.Jagan Mohan Reddy from the Department of Chemistry of AKNUR interacted with the staff and students and briefed them about how to collect samples and preserve them for further research.

Observation of Significant days:

Creating awareness about significant day of cultural, historical, political, social relevance empowers young learners to become open, rational and thinking individuals with emotional balance. This academic year meaningful and thought provoking talks, skits, sensitization programs, marked important annual days of national and international significance.

Celebrations like Hindi Diwas, Telugu Bhasha Dinotsavam, Ozone Day, NSS Day, COVID-19 awareness camps were marked with necessary solemnity and were observed with necessary gaiety to ignite inspiration, creativity in our student body.

Celebrations of festivals and feasts of Saints have enabled students to usher in Divine harmony and oneness with God and Nature. The **Christmas celebrations** were blended with the qualities of love, peace and vibrant display of talent of universal qualities.

The Joy of Giving programme marked the true spirit of Christmas and humanity, an overflow of generosity in helping the poor, needy, old and abandoned living in slum through donation from our students and faculty. Around 50 children from Yanadigudem were adopted and brought to the campus. New clothes and food were distributed to keep up the spirit of JOY OF GIVING.

"Sankranthi Sambaralu" a colourful conglomeration of gobbermalu, harvest songs, folk dances, Haridaasulu and mouth watering Pongal sweets shared by Management ushed the joyous symphony of celebration.

Student & Support staff Welfare Programs:

This academic year around 100 students received scholarships to pursue their studies due to the generosity of our benevolent benefactors, donors, former faculty and current faculty who have instituted them. Other than this the Alumnae association of the college has supported 72 deserving students through Snehitha Scholarships and 60 students benefited from the Sneaahaar, the free mid day meal scheme. The Physical well-being of our students and Faculty has been taken care of this year by a Mega Health check-up camp organized meticulously and efficiently in collaboration with ASRAM medical college and Medall diagnostics, Chennai. These health camps were of great support to all the inmates of the college, young & old.

Opportunity to be socially responsible.

Purpose of humanity is to make an impact that matter for people, students, community and our planet. At a time like this St.Theresa in collaboration with St.Ann's Convent has really considered each element of this purpose statement in more detail than ever before. One of our key charities is with the poor especially at this pandemic COVID-19 situation and grateful to God for giving an opportunity to support the needed as we navigate our way through this Pandemic.

Our Achievements:

"The secret of success in life is to be ready for opportunity when it comes" but we at St. Theresa's create multitudinous opportunities to prove and showcase our worth.

- We are conferred with 'Band A' Rank between 6th to 25th in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievement (ARIIA) for the academic year 2019-20 by MHRD's Innovation Cell, Govt. of India. This Recognition places St.Theresa as a global innovation hub which has the right mindset and eco-system to encourage Innovation, Quality Research and Entrepreneurship. The College met all the 6 criteria stipulated by the Innovation Cell and has been given the top-notch ranking.
- Indian Red Cross Society selected our college as a GOLD Institution at district level for Implementation of JYRC activities under Junior and Youth Red Cross State Awards 2019-2020.
- In collaboration with NISP/EIS/REDC-IIC ideation St.Theresa's Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Startup (STEIS) was inaugurated to create a suitable ecosystem and environment, to promote innovations and startups for the faculty and students of in our college.
- Dr.Sr.Marietta D' Mello, Principal was recognized as a member "National Rural Entrepreneurship Mission" under Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Department of Ministry of Higher Education.
- This year our staff was able to get **4 patents** and proved originality, practicality suitability and utility of inventions.
- Celebrating Birth anniversary of our venerable founder "Carlo" on 26th October, "Carlo Memorial Lecture" was organized. Remembering the words of Carlo "God doesn't want to lose the work of his hands" the lecture started for more than 200 participants by the resource person **Rev.Bro.Paul Raj**-SG, Principal, Vidya Degree college, Bangalore was an exceptional and eye-opening lecture to reinstate our responsibilities.
- This academic year **Dr.Sr.Sunila Rani**, Lecturer in Microbiology and Controller of Examinations and **Dr.Santosh Jhawar**, Assistant Professor in Management Studies were awarded Ph.D. in their respective fields for their research.

- International Multi-disciplinary Research Foundation announced Academic Excellence – Inspiring Best Teacher Award 2020 & "Vocational of Excellence" by Rotary Club, Eluru to Dr.Sr.Marietta' D' Mello.
- Academic Excellence in Economics to Dr.P.Ratna Mary, Dr.D.Fathima Rani with Best Researcher award. Dr.R.Indira of Zoology, Dr.K.Sreelatha of Physics, Dr.V.Naga Lakshmi of Chemistry, Dr.KSVS Madhavi Rani of Zoology, Dr.M.Padmaja of Home Science by Indo Asian – Charles Darwin, Alton Brown distinguished innovative Scientist awards in their respective fields by IMRF.
- Around **60 research publications** in UGC recognized National and International Journals have been published by our faculty. My wishes and blessing for intellectual capital sharing and becoming an asset of St.Theresa at National and International forum.
- Inauguration of "Theresian New Gen Inner Wheel Club" an organization to create friendship, service and understanding for women.
- Inauguration of "**Telugu WikiClub**" by staff and students of Telugu- Hindi Department with Languages Technologies Research Center, IIT Hyderabad., to do a project on content writing for Telugu WikiPedia.

I am proud to say that the teaching fraternity leaves no stone unturned. Many of them share their expertise as members of professional bodies such as **Boards of Studies**, **Academic Council**, as an **ex-officio member of IQAC** of other Colleges, as **research guides**, paper setters, evaluators, researchers, resource persons, MANA TV lesson presenters, key note speakers in National and International Seminars, Conferences and Webinars, (APCCE) Andhra Pradesh Commissioner of Collegiate Education.

On behalf of the Management, faculty, support staff and student body I record my sincere gratitude to the faculty members and the support staff who attained superannuation this year- **Dr.K.Rani**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Home Science; **Dr.K.V.Padmavathi**, Head of the Dept. of Home Science; **Dr.K.L.Saraswathi** Devi, Head of the Dept. of Mathematics; **Dr.I.Annapurna**, Associate Professor, Dept. of PG Economics and non-teaching staff **Mr.P.P.Venkateswara Rao**, Attender, Dept. of Chemistry and **Mr.P.Ch.Venkateswara Rao**, Record Asst. of the Dept. of Physics. Their dedicated service, excellent workmanship and meticulous professionalism will remain forever in

the psyche of this institution through the generations of learners who they been in touch with. May they be blessed by the Almighty Lord for the remainder of their lives.

Silver Jubilants **Dr.M.Rama**, Lecturer in Chemistry, **Dr.M.Esther Kalyani**, Lecturer in History, **Dr. K.Swarnalatha**, Lecturer in Chemistry whose devotion and the discipline has shaped the future of our students. I wish you success and a great future ahead.

With heavy heart I would like to recollect the angels that reached heaven to shower blessings from above...of course, no one or nothing can completely fill the space...

- Sr.M. Graziana, Former HOD PG Economics
- Dr.Sr.M. Placida, Former HOD Home Science
- Mr.K. Soma Sundera Sai, Governing Body Member
- Dr.G.Srinivas, Jt.Secretary UGC SERO
- Mrs.N.N.R.Mani, a retired lecturer of Zoology
- Mrs.K.Jaya Sri, Member of Alumni Finance Meet.

May their Soul rest in peace...

As we are nearing the end of another event filled academics, I can look back with satisfaction at a year well spent in the pursuit of scholastic achievements. First of all I thank God Almighty for his fatherly benevolence & love; who walked alongside in our journey. I thank my sisters of the management **Dr.Sr.Marietta Pudota**, the Superior & Correspondent for her constant support, **Sr. Showrilu**, **Sr. Suseela** & **Sr. Sunila Rani** for their collaboration, **Sr. Inyasiamma, Sr. Fathima, Sr.Chinnamma & Sr. Albina** for their timely help rendered with deep commitment & amp; dedication. I thank all my sisters in the community **St. Ann & Clemenza villa** for their prayerful support, who have been the pillars of support in realizing the mission & Vision of this noble institution whichever evolves on the quality parameters laid down by the prestigious NAAC body and guided by the Commissionerate of Collegiate Education, Government of A.P. My special thanks to the members of Staff Council and the Faculty of various departments for extending their selfless service and unstinted loyalty to the management in the fruition of myriads of activities that make up the fabric of collegiate life. To the support staff my appreciation and praise at their tireless and behind-the-scenes services and efforts spent in

managing and maintaining the campus in its pristine state. To the student union office bearers who were nominated by the management and Staff Council this year due to COVID, led by **Ms.Anjana** U.G President, **Ms.N.Manjari** P.G President, **Md.Shaheen**, UG Vice President, **Ms.Safiya Banu**, PG Vice President, **Ms.K.Mercy Nitya** UG Secretary, **Ms.B.Manali Jain** PG Secretary, **Ms.Hannah Mathew** Joint Secretary UG and to all class representatives, I accord my heartiest congratulations for their love and affectionate rendering of services in the truly Theresian spirit.

Thank you my dear students for your cooperation and support to me and to the Heads of departments in the smooth running of the affairs. To our friends of Print & mass media and photographer I render my gratitude for their support in publicizing of our college to the common man. My sincere thanks to our benefactors, well wishers, Parents Alumnae, former faculty of our college for your enlivening presence and support in all the events of the college.

Thank you and God bless you.
