

**MECHANISM OF ASSESSING LEARNING LEVELS OF STUDENTS** 

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The Institution assesses the learning levels of the students during admission by considering three parameters:

#### Marks of Qualifying examinations

This is taken directly from mark sheets/Grade sheets of the qualifying examinations and converts it into the required units.

#### Marks of entry level tests

Entry level aptitude tests are conducted for the common, the core, complementary and open courses. The mark is converted into the required units.

#### **Performance in Personal Interview**

Each student is personally interviewed and his/her performance is assessed.

Students are classified into two wide categories without giving any chance for feeling any kind of discrimination among the two categories:

#### Advanced Learners

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#### Slow Learners

The institution organizes special programmes for advanced learners and slow learners with the help of mentors, class teachers, counsellors, and H.R experts:

# Special Classes/ Remedial Classes

Special classes and Remedial classes are engaged on Saturdays and on holidays in addition to those taught during off hours on working days (9-10 AM and 3.45-4.45 PM). Remedial classes target students who are weak in studies.



#### The Teachers Act as Mentors

Each member of the faculty is assigned mentorship of a fixed number of students from each class – UG and PG – to attend to their academic, social and emotional well-being.



## **Extension / Outreach Programmes**

Apart from the active units of NCC and NSS, the college joins hands with various NGOs in conducting outreach programmes. Most of our researchers perform their research on socially relevant issues.



## Certificate Courses/ Add- on Programmes

All the major departments conduct interdisciplinary and socially oriented certificate and add-on courses (supplementary programmes for skill enhancement) of varying duration for different batches during off hours.



## Mentoring/Counselling

Besides maintaining a regular mentor- mentee interaction, the college offers the service of a professional counsellor. A few members of the faculty have undergone training in counselling at professional institutes.



#### **Financial Assistance**

For deserving students the college offers financial assistance. Hostel facility is provided in the campus on a no-profit basis and free lunch is provided for the needy.



# **Bridge Courses**

Bridge courses are conducted by various departments before the commencement of post graduate programmes and for some prospective degree students.



#### Aptitude and Placement Training

Intensive training sessions are organized for students to hone their skills. A good number of our students have been selected for various positions in banks, MNCs etc. through campus recruitment.



#### SSP & WWS

Scholar Support Programme aims at equipping promising students with supplementary knowledge and Walk with the Scholar is a mentoring programme for advanced students. Various programmes were arranged for both slow and advanced learners for getting maximum benefit for the students.



# ERUDITE LECTURE BY 2010 CHEMISTRY NOBEL LAUREATE PROF.EI ICHI NEGISHI

A one-day international symposium on Current Methodologies in Organic Synthesis was organised by the Department of Chemistry in association with the Institute for Intensive Research in Basic Sciences (IIRBS), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam on 13 February 2016, in honour Prof. Ei-ichi Negishi (2010Chemistry Nobel Laureate), Purdue University, USA, who visited Kerala as a State Guest. The students, teachers and research scholars of the Department of Chemistry, St. Thomas College, Palai and students and teachers from various colleges and Universities were the participants of the seminar. Prof. Negishi spoke on the modern trends in synthetic organic chemistry. About 120 participants were attended the seminar.



Prof.Ei Ichi Negishi inaugurates the National Seminar



Faculty members of Chemistry Department with Prof.Ei Ichi Negishi



# VISIT OF NOBEL LAUREATES TO DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Two Nobel Laureates, Prof. Klaus von Klitzing of Max Planck Institute, Fur Festkorperforshung, Germany and Prof. Ada E Yonath, Weizmann institute, Rohovot, Israel visited the Department of Physics during the International Conference on Materials Science and Technology, hosted by the Department and held at St. Thomas College Pala during 05-08 June 2016. About 750 dignitaries from various countries participated in the conference. The UG and PG students of the Department of Physics had a special interaction section with the Nobel Laureates during the Conference.









# Special attention to sports students and who lose classes due to medical reasons

Study materials pertaining to the days absent are provided to both sports students and medical absentees, special classes on request are taken and peer assistance is provided.



# **Suggestions of Library Books**

Students are encouraged to make maximum utilization of facilities available at the library, especially reference amenities. Advanced and relevant books are suggested by the faculty according to their area of expertise.



## **Peer Teaching**

Peer teaching is promoted at undergraduate and post graduate levels. Topics related to subjects on the curriculum and those relevant to human values, eco-awareness, national integration etc. are assigned to perceptive students for peer teaching.



# Assignments and Seminars

Assignments and seminars are done in each semester to train students in presentation skills and to strengthen their research aptitude. Assignments are valued promptly and corrections or improvements are suggested.



# **Merit Day**

Every academic year a grant Merit Day celebration is organized to commend students who win laurels in university examinations, sports events, youth festivals etc., merit events are organized at department and college levels.



# **Cross Teaching**

Cross teaching ensures inter disciplinary knowledge dissemination and a comprehensive view which has been testified by student feedback.

