

## **ST.JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, ALAPPUZHA**

### **SCHOLAR SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

It is with pleasure that we submit the report of scholar support programme for the academic year 2016-2017. The programme started in our college during 2014-15. This year it continued in those departments which started it in 2014 -15 and 2015-16 for the third year, second year students or/ and first year students depending on the nature of the subject and the demand/ requirement. This year the departments of Mathematics and Home Science were also brought into the program to cater to the needs of the third year students. Thus all the nine departments of the college ie. Commerce, English, History, Zoology, Botany, Home Science, Physics, Mathematics & Chemistry started taking SSP classes for 150 academically needy students. Everything was done as per the rules and regulations of the programme and with the consent of the council. This is a turning point where attention is focused on teachers as flag holders. The weaker students get additional attention and they get an opportunity to learn the concepts and ideas again which are difficult for them, in a less challenging and more accommodating environment. We, the team here in turn gain strength out of this encouragement and remain ready to serve to the satisfaction of our students.

Fund of Rs 225000/- was received for the purpose of meeting the expenses in connection with conducting the programme .For the academic year 2016-17 a total amount of Rs.45000 has been allotted for study materials which we have proportionately divided among the participating departments on the basis of the number of SSP students they cater to and the requirement. The total amount of Rs.225000/- was utilized under various heads for which it was given and the accounts were closed on 31-3-2016.

This year the participating departments were required to give lists of books that are needed for the students and the college Librarian took the initiative to buy the books and enter them in the new SSP Book Register. The books, bound Question Banks and CDs are kept in the SSP shelf in the Library and are made easily available to the SSP students and teachers. As Listening and speaking are major components for General

English, request was sent to the Office of the New Initiatives in Higher Education to utilize the amount available to the English Department to purchase an audio player which would be handy enough to be carried to class and be used with ease. Permission was granted for the same and the player has been bought. Text books and important notes were photocopied and given to the SSP students as needed.

On the whole the response to the Scholar Support Programme is positive and encouraging. With the exception of a few, students take maximum advantage and SSP tutors willingly cater to the needs of these students. The one major difficulty unanimously voiced out by the teachers was the time constraint, because of which it becomes very difficult to find a common time slot for students from the various departments ( in the case of first and second year science and English).

All the records have been properly maintained and the accounts have been audited and utilization certificate was obtained. The programme was thus successfully completed in our college during the academic year 2016-2017.

We are indebted to all those who have helped to plan and execute this program in our college especially, Dr. S. Rajoo Krishnan and other members of the office of the New Initiatives in Higher Education, our Principal, Dr. Sr. Janat Augustine and the College Council, teachers, parents and all our well wishers for their continuous support and whole hearted co-operation.

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