



St. Joseph College of Teacher Education for Women Ernakulam



CRITERION II

2.3.6 Institution Provides Exposure to Students about Recent Developments in the Field of Education

(Report of activities conducted related to recent developments in education)

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6. DISCUSSIONS SHOWCASING THE LINKAGES OF VARIOUS CONTEXTS OF EDUCATION- FROM LOCAL TO REGIONAL TO NATIONAL TO GLOBAL

1. Three Day International Virtual Conference Nuances in Social Science Research Methodology, Academic Writing and Reference Management: An Exploration

The virtual conference on "Nuances in Social Science Research Methodology, Academic Writing, and Reference Management: An Exploration" was a great success. The conference was organized by the Research Cell of St. Joseph College of Teacher Education for Women, Ernakulam in association with the Kerala State Higher Education Council. The virtual conference coordinators were Dr Bindu Joseph, Associate Professor, St Joseph College of Teacher Education for Women, Ernakulam and Mrs Anu Cleetus, Asst. Professor of St Joseph college of teacher education for Women, Ernakulam.

The inaugural meeting of the international virtual conference on *Nuances in Social Science Research Methodology, Academic Writing, and Reference Management: An Exploration* was an impressive gathering of distinguished academicians. Sr. Dr. Alice Joseph, Principal of St. Joseph College of Teacher Education for Women, Ernakulam, set the tone with a warm welcome address. Presiding over the meeting was Dr. Rajan Varughese, Member Secretary of The Kerala State Higher Education Council, who highlighted the significance of the conference's theme in the current academic landscape. Prof. (Dr). Sabu Thomas, Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, officially inaugurated the conference and delivered a keynote speech on "The Significance and Methods of Research Publication", providing invaluable insights into scholarly publishing. The conference was further graced by Dr. Shajila Beevi S., Convenor of the Syndicate Standing Committee on Research & Development, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, and Fr. Dr. Benny K. John CSC, Principal of Holy Cross College, Agartala, who extended their felicitations. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Bindu Joseph, the Conference Coordinator and Assistant Professor at St. Joseph College of Teacher Education for Women, Ernakulam, effectively concluding the inaugural session on a high note.


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Day Two Schedule and Report (April 18, 2023)

Forenoon Theme Sessions (Session 1: 09:30 AM - 11:00 AM; Session 2: 11:10 AM - 12:40 PM)

On the 2nd day of the conference, the forenoon theme sessions were handled by Dr. Johnson Jament. He delivered a comprehensive lecture encompassing two fundamental themes in academic research: "Methodological Foundations of the Research Process" and "Inclusive Research." He commenced with an exploration of the research process, elaborating on its stages – from the formulation of a research question, literature review, and methodology selection to data collection, analysis, interpretation, and eventually, reporting the results. Dr. Jament underscored the importance of choosing a methodological approach congruent with the research question and emphasized the role of scientific rigor and ethical considerations in all stages of the process. Shifting focus to "Inclusive Research," he advocated for participatory research paradigms that promote the active involvement of marginalized and underrepresented groups in the research process, both as subjects and co-creators of knowledge. He elucidated that inclusive research not only facilitates more equitable research practices but also enriches academic inquiries by incorporating diverse perspectives. The lecture, thus, offered a holistic overview of research methodology while foregrounding the importance of inclusivity, equipping the audience with vital insights for undertaking responsible and impactful research.

The afternoon session was for presenting papers. Faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate students were divided into 10 Zoom rooms.

In the forenoon theme session, Mr. V Sriram conducted an insightful lecture on "Menace of Plagiarism in the Era of AI: How to be on the Safer Side?" and "Significance and Challenges of Reference Management and Open Source Tools (Zotero)." In the first part of his lecture, he outlined the rising threat of plagiarism in the age of artificial intelligence (AI), emphasizing how easy access to vast online information and AI-driven paraphrasing tools can inadvertently lead to plagiarism. He suggested strategies to avoid this pitfall, including rigorous citation practices, utilising plagiarism detection software, and nurturing a strong understanding of the concept and consequences of plagiarism. Transitioning to reference management, Mr. Sriram illuminated the significance of effective reference management in maintaining the integrity and quality of academic work. He outlined the challenges researchers face, such as keeping track of numerous sources and citing them correctly. He then introduced open-source tool Zotero that can help in overcoming these challenges. By effectively managing and





automating citations, Zotero not only simplifies the referencing process but also significantly reduces the likelihood of errors or accidental plagiarism. Overall, Mr. Sriram's lecture provided practical advice on navigating contemporary challenges in academic writing and reference management.

The afternoon session was for presenting papers. Faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate students were divided into 4 Zoom rooms.

2. National Panel discussion on new trends in teacher education

National Panel discussion on new trends in teacher education was organised by Council for Teacher Education Foundation, Kerala and St Joseph College of Teacher Education for Women, Ernakulam in seminar hall on **6th May 2023 from 10 AM Onwards**. Dr Grace Annie Mathew CTEF chair person, Dr Rajeswari, General Secretary, Dr Joby Joy Kurien, Staff coordinator, Dr Alice Joseph Principal were the main panelists.

3. Seminar on "Diversities in School Curriculum in India and Abroad"

On **4th July 2022** from 7 PM to 9 PM, a seminar on "Diversities in School Curriculum in India and Abroad" was held. Dr. Ashok Nochad, former director of Calicut University, presented the theme. The session was attended by all B.Ed. students. Mrs Anu Cleetus was the staff coordinator. Dr. Ashok Nochad, the esteemed former director of Calicut University, graced the occasion and presented the thought-provoking theme. His extensive experience and profound insights into the education sector added depth and perspective to the seminar. He delved into the complexities of school curricula, highlighting the variations existing not only within India but also in educational systems around the world. He explored the historical evolution, challenges, and opportunities associated with diverse curricular frameworks

3. Orientation on school induction phase II

On **January 7, 2022**, Mrs. Biya Preethan, Faculty of Buckeye School District, Arizona, United States, gave an orientation to all B.Ed. students on school induction phase II. The purpose of this phase is to help students transition from their teacher training program to the classroom. The goals of this phase are to help students develop their teaching skills, provide them with the opportunity to practice their teaching skills, and help them develop their confidence as teachers.

The activities that will be covered in this phase include classroom observations, teaching practice, individual and group mentoring, and professional development workshops.





The resources that are available to support students during this phase include the school district's teacher mentors, professional development offerings, and library of teaching resources. The American school system was specifically emphasized and American school curriculum including exit ticket system were discussed

4. M.Ed. dissertation finalization and FDP on 'Emerging Trends in Social Science Research and Data Analysis

The workshop was conducted on **24th June 2022 from 9.30 AM onwards**. The dissertation title finalisation workshop was conducted by Dr. M. A. Sudhir, UGC Emeritus Professor, Department of Education, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Tamil Nadu. Dr. Sudhir to help students to finalize their dissertation titles and to develop a research plan. Choosing a research topic, developing a research question, Conducting a literature review, Writing a research proposal were the key areas discussed.

5. International web conference titled "Education in Normal, Neo Normal, and Futuristic Normal"

The St. Joseph College of Teacher Education for Women in Ernakulam, which organised an international web conference titled "Education in Normal, Neo Normal, and Futuristic Normal," and was held via Google Meet on **March 15, 16 and 17, 2022**. It was organised by St. Joseph College of Teacher Education for Women in Ernakulam and the Council for Educational Administration and Management (CEAM), in partnership with the Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC), the Council for Teacher Education Foundation (CTEF) Kerala, and the Association of International Researchers of Indian Origin (AIRIO). The international multidisciplinary conference's faculty programme coordinator was Dr. Soya Mathew, an assistant professor of education at St. Joseph College of Teacher Education for Women in Ernakulam. Ms. Stephanie Egger Ph.D., Co-Founder & Creative Partner at 'The Invisible Lab', post disciplinary Design Laboratory in Austria Dr. Grace Annie Mathews Chairperson of Council for Teacher Education Foundation (CTEF), Kerala, Dr. M.S. Geetha, Chairperson of Kerala and Association of International Researchers of Indian Origin (AIRIO), Kerala Chapter and Dr. Nimmy Maria Oommen, National Secretary of Council for Educational Administration and Management (CEAM) were the chief guests

6. Three day online International multidisciplinary academic conference - Redefining Education with a futuristic perspective in Covid Era

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Educational Administration and Management (CEAM) Kerala Chapter, in collaboration with The Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) and The Council for Teacher Education Foundation (CTEF) Kerala, organized a three day – online International multidisciplinary academic conference from 5th to 7th of August 2020, at St. Joseph College of Teacher Education for Women, Ernakulam. Delegates and academicians from different parts of the world, teaching faculty, non-teaching staff, research scholars, student teachers and Alumni of the college participated in the conference. The Theme, Redefining Education With A Futuristic Perspective In Covid Era attempted to provide an international virtual platform for dialogue on how COVID-19 could change, how we educate future generations. Programmes of the Day 1 started with the official meeting at 10 am with the registration and reception followed by the official inaugural function with a prayer song by Mrs. Marin Jose, Assistant Professor of St Joseph College and the coordinator of the conference. The resource persons were introduced formally to the online platform by Mrs. Marin Jose (coordinator). Sr Dr Alice Joseph, Principal of the college delivered the welcome speech followed by the blessing speech by Sr. Dr. Mary Joseph, Educational Agency, St Joseph College Ernakulam. The presidential address was given by Dr. Grace Annie Mathews, Chairperson, of CEAM and CTEF, Kerala chapter. Dr Rajan Varghese, Member secretary, KSHEC delivered the inaugural address. Dr Deki Gyntso, Paro college, Royal Kingdom of Bhutan delivered the keynote address under the main theme of the conference pointing measures to bridge the digital divide currently faced by students across the globe. The inaugural session was concluded by Dr V M Sasikumar, national president, CEAM and Prof. Jacob Mathew, programme coordinator, CEAM, Kerala chapter and Vice Chairman CTEF, Kerala by extending their gratitude to the organizers of the conference and the distinguished guests.

After the official inaugural session of the international online conference 2020, the thematic session of Day 1 Commenced at 11.25am. The session included two eminent panels of resource persons: Dr. Mohamed Alias Musthafa, Prof. and Dean, school of education, Central University of Kerala and Dr Neelu Gautham Ghosh, Principal, DD Choksi College of secondary education, Palanpur, Gujarat and Chairperson, CEAM Gujarat chapter. The themes of their dialog spirited the conference's multidisciplinary aim to put on facts about redefining and reconstructing curriculum of Indian education system and the role of economy, society and environment in sustainable development. The thematic session was followed by panel discussion of DAY 1 from 12.25pm to 1.20pm. It was moderated by Dr. Kiran Arora, Principal, PMSD Women's College Jalandhar, Punjab and the panelists include: - Prof. Dr Bindu C M,





Dept of Education, Uni. of Calicut, Kerala, Dr Meenakshi Ramachandran, principal, Christ College, Trivandrum, Dr M Omana Seelan, Asst. Prof GBCTE, Thalasseri, Kerala. Day 1 ended with the paper presentation session from 1.20 pm to 2 pm and was chaired by Dr. Malini

P.M. Former Principal, NSS Training College, Pandalam, Kerala (Treasurer, CEAM, Kerala Chapter) and Dr. Regi P. Mathew, Principal, CMI Public School, Cherthala.. The papers reflected on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic in education and societal values. Day 2 commenced at 10 am with a prayer followed by, the thematic session of 3 distinguished academicians: - Prof. Dr V. Reghu, Former Dean and Controller of Examinations, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu (National Consultant CEAM) on the theme- Lifelong Learning and Skill Development and Dr. M.S. Geetha, Former Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Kerala, (National Vice President, CEAM) and Dr. Nimmi Maria Oommen, Asst. Prof. Titus II Teachers College, Tiruvalla, Pathanamthitta, (National Secretary, CEAM) on the theme- Responding to Benchmarks in International Higher Education Amid Global Emergencies.

The theme paper session was followed by panel discussion from 11am to 12pm, moderated by, Dr. Theresa Susan A, Former Head, Dept. of Education and Former Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Kerala and the panelists include:- Dr. Bindu K.J., Senior Lecturer in Educational Technology, DIET, Alappuzha, Kerala, Dr. M. Jesa, Associate Prof. Farook Training College, Kozhikode, Kerala, Dr. Sindhya V. Asst. Prof., Department of Education University of Kerala, Dr. Pramod D, Asst. Prof., Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Ernakulam, Kerala. Day 2 concluded with the paper presentation session chaired by Dr Josephine Asst. Prof, St Joseph College and Dr. B.C. Sobha, Principal, NVKSD College of Education Attoor, Kanyakumary District, Tamilnadu, (CEAM Chairperson, Tamilnadu). The papers were enlightening and exclusive with the presentations of three young school children that made highlight of the conference. The third day commenced at 10 am as usual with a prayer, followed by the thematic session. The session included 3 distinguished resource persons: Dr. Shanoli Chakraborty Acharya, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Education, West Bengal State University (Chairperson, CEAM West Bengal Chapter) on the theme- Quality education for all: Dealing with Digital Divide and Equal Digital Accessibility, Dr. Geetha Gopinath, Asst. Prof., School of Education Technology, Hyderabad Central University, Telangana, on the theme- Role of various Stakeholders in ensuring Peace and Mental Health, Dr. Madhubala Jayachandran, Former Principal, KUCTE, Karyavattom (National Liaison Officer, CEAM), on the theme- Professional development of teachers with a futuristic perspective. The 2nd session of Day 3 was the panel discussion from 11am- 1pm,





moderated by, Dr. K. Rajeswari, Principal, Govt. College of Teacher Education, Kozhikkode, Kerala (National Treasurer, CEAM), on the theme- Financial crisis, risk management and disasters and the panelists include:- Dr. Giby Geevarughese, Associate Prof., Mar Theophilus Training College, Thiruvananthapuram (Executive Member, CEAM, Kerala), Dr Nisha Chandran, Asst. Prof., St. Thomas Training College, Muckolackal, Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. Shyamlal G.S Asst. Prof., Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and Prof. Hiten Muchhala, SP Jain School of Global Management, Mumbai. The paper presentation session of the third day of the conference started at 1pm, chaired by, Dr. G. Valsala, Former Principal, IASE, Thrissur, Kerala (Vice Chairperson CEAM Kerala) and Dr. M. Vijayakumari Amma, Former Principal, Govt. College Trivandrum (Secretary CEAM, Kerala). All the papers gave insights into impact of the pandemic and digital literacy.

The day concluded with the valedictory session at 3.25pm. Ms. Sara Stephen, Chairperson, St. Joseph College, presented the conference resume. Dr K Y Benedict, Principal, Mar Theophilus Training College, Thiruvananthapuram (National General Secretary, CEAM) delivered valedictory address followed by a feedback session and Vote of thanks, by Mrs Marin Jose (Coordinator).

The International Online Academic Conference was a first-ever virtual conference hosted in the Google Meet platform with around 200 participants for 3 continuous days, made an attempt for international collaboration for continuous professional development of educators and contributors in building up a more peaceful, tolerant, inclusive, secure and sustainable world.

7. International Seminar on AN EQUAL WORLD IS AN ENABLED WORLD: REALIZING WOMEN'S POWER & WOMENS DAY CELEBRATIONS 2020

St Joseph College Of Teacher Education For Women, Ernakulam & Council For Teacher Education Foundation (CTEF)India, South Zone in Collaboration With The Kerala State Higher Education Council(KSHEC) Council For Educational Administration And Management (CEAM),Association Of International Researchers Of Indian Origin (AIRIO) Kerala Chapter organised International Seminar on AN EQUAL WORLD IS AN ENABLED WORLD: REALIZING WOMEN'S POWER & WOMENS DAY CELEBRATIONS 2020 from 8th March 2020 till 10 March 2020. International Women's Day is a worldwide event with a human rights theme, highlighting the social, economic, cultural and political achievements and contributions made by women. It is held annually on the 8th of March every year. The day



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also witnesses demonstrations and protests aiming to further gender equality. The Theme of International Women's Day 2020 is I AM GENERATION EQUALITY: REALIZING WOMEN RIGHTS. The theme will focus on innovative ways in which we can advance gender equality and the empowerment of women, particularly in the areas of social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure. The achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires transformative shifts, integrated approaches and new solutions, particularly when it comes to advancing gender equality and the empowerment of all women and the international seminar considered all these. Honourable Guest of the day Dr Rajan Varghese, Member Secretary, Kerala State Higher Education Council, Respected Dr Grace Annie Mathews, Chairperson CEAM, Respected Dr V. M. Sasi Kumar, President CEAM, Rev. Dr Sr Alice Joseph, Principal St Joseph College of Teacher Education for Women graced the occasion.

The programmes on 8th March,2020 included Flag hoisting and preview and pre-discussion of the seminar. The agenda for 9th March,2020 included registration, invocation by the college choir, welcome address by Sr. Dr. Alice Joseph, Principal in charge, St. Joseph College of Teacher Education, Ernakulam, and the General Convenor, presidential address by Sr. Vineeta CMC, Vicar Provincial, Vimala Province, Ernakulam, inaugural address by Dr. Rajan Varghese, member secretary, KSHEC, international women's day message by Dr. Grace Annie Mathews, Oath Taking Ceremony, Book Release ('Elementary Education' authored by Dr.Hemalatha PK, Smitha Jose, and Aswathy D.V. and 'Porul' authored by Marin Jose) presentation of ' International Women Icon Awards' instituted by CTEF, India, launching of CEAM, thematic session- I on the theme, A Cross Analysis of Women Issues and Measures of Rescue by Dr. M.S Geetha, thematic session -II on the theme, Awakening Women: Reflection of Today and Tomorrow by Dr. Thonkcham Asha Sinha and thematic session-III on the theme, Innovation for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality by Dr. Neelu Gautham Ghosh

and paper presentations. The programmes for 10th March, 2020 included thematic session-IV on the theme, Challenges of Women in the Teaching Profession by Dr. Madhuri. S. Isave and an interactive session on the theme, Women and League Issues. The session also included paper presentations, panel presentations and valedictory function. The session concludes with the Certificate Distribution and vote of thanks by Marin Jose, assistant professor of St. Joseph College and the coordinator of the conference.



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