



OFFICE OF DIVYAGYAN SERVICE

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES 2019-20

An office of Divyagyan Service (ODS) was constituted for the first time in St. Teresa's College (Autonomous), Ernakulam in June 2018 under the Equal Opportunities Cell with a vision to cater to the needs of our physically handicapped students and to provide them a stimulating environment to excel in academics as well as in extra-curricular activities.

This academic year ODS handled the responsibilities related to the PD Quota admissions for both UG and PG programmes. The applications received were scrutinized and the eligible students were listed according to their merit. The rank list was published on 27th May 2019 and the students were interviewed and admitted on 30th May. Ms. Ansina K.A (I B.Com - Regular), Ameera Jabeen (I B.Sc Botany), Roshni Gabriel (I B.A Sociology), Meera Joy (I M.A English) and Sherin John (I M.Sc Zoology) are the students admitted this year through PD quota.

The college student union provided a platform for the differently-abled students of first year UG and PG batches to perform on the annual Talents Day which was held on 27th and 28th June 2019. Ameera Jabeen and Fahim Babu gave solo music performances this year.





In association with World Photography Day, a photography exhibition named 'SOUND OF SILENCE' was organized in collaboration with the Department of Mathematics and Statistics which showcased a collection of photographs by a remarkably talented deaf and dumb student of III DC Mathematics, Ms. Nazreen C.J.



Ms. Anjali Binu, a student of II B.A English who is suffering from Muscular Dystrophy (60%) was unable to write the second internals of the III semester which was conducted in the fourth week of September due to severe health issues. ODS addressed the matter by bringing it to the attention of the exam cell and contacted the student and her parent, to lend support.

During the end semester examinations conducted in the month of November, Meera Joy, a student of I M.A English could not avail concession in evaluation and she had to face certain difficulties related to the allotment of exam hall as she failed to produce the order from the exam cell pronouncing the special concession meted out to students with disability. ODS took up this matter and lent support to the student.

ODS had several discussions in the month of January with Ms. Archana representing an NGO called Youth4Jobs that works for the well-being of persons with Disability to consider designing an add-on course for physically disabled students of the college in order to increase their employability.

Every year, the college presents the Alappat Sisters Prize for a deserving physically handicapped student during the College Day Celebrations. This year the prize was awarded to Nazreen C.J.