

Preparation and training for Competitive Exams

St. Thomas College of Teacher Education, Pala is providing training to students for competitive exams like K-TET, SET, NET etc. Coaching is training that keeps someone achieve a goal. Kerala Teacher Eligibility Test is conducted by the Government of Kerala. It is the examination to assess the eligibility of Teacher candidates for lower primary, upper primary and high school classes in Kerala. Kerala State Eligibility Test (K-SET) is conducted by LBS centre for Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, for the candidates to be selected as Higher Secondary School teacher and non-vocational teacher in VHSE. A pass in SET is stipulated as mandatory requirement for appointment as Higher Secondary School Teachers in the State as per the special rules in force. On behalf of UGC, the national Eligibility Test is conducted for only or Junior Research fellowship and assistant professor in Indian universities.

Each day one hour is allotted for preparations to these competitive exams. Students make effective use of this time. 90% of the students of this institution are passing these exams each year. Experienced teachers inform the students regarding how to prepare and present the answers and how evaluation takes place so that the students can improve their answering skills. Question banks of previous exams are also made available to the students in the college library along with suggestions which help them in understanding the pattern of questions. The progress of students is monitored by the teachers through class tests oral test and group discussions.

On the first Monday of every month, all students submit their notes for TET preparation to Dr. Alex George. Text books from Std. V-X are studied thoroughly as a preparation to the exams. Students study in teams and the method of peer tutoring has been effectively used. Teachers conduct test papers to evaluate what they have learned.

Quality Education

St. Thomas College of Teacher Education with its motto LUX AD ILLUMINANDUM means Light to Enlighten. The students are expected to become lights to illuminate the world and to dispel all sorts of darkness around us. The coat of arms is in the shape of a shield which is divided into four quarters each depicting the development of different aspect of the students' personality. The college aims to develop a world class centre of Teacher Education with distinct identity and character, a college of teacher education with a difference. To develop intellectually competent, morally

upright, psychologically integrated and socially committed teachers for service in the emerging world scenario of education. The college established in the year 1957 with a vision of Enlightenment, excellence and service through Divine Illumination. The day today affairs of the institution is designed in such a way to develop unique teachers who excel in global scenarios and realize the Indian concept of Guru. The curriculum focuses to equip the students to develop and practice innovative methods in teaching and evaluation. The institution fosters values of new global scenario such as quality consciousness, eco-friendliness, sustainable development and love for fellow men. The college reorients teacher education to the need of modern age.

The college puts its prime focus on the intellectual, physical, social and spiritual wellbeing of the students, to mould them as intellectually responsible, socially committed, morally upright, spiritually animated and moreover responsible teachers.

The academic results of the college have proved that it is one of the centers of excellence in Teacher Education in Kerala. The results show consistency over the years. The college follows well designed plans for teaching. Micro teaching, peer teaching programs are adopted to promote teaching skills of the students.

Video lectures, movies and dramas based on syllabus are given to get a visual impact to the learners. Classrooms are equipped with LCG projectors and computers. Some classrooms have interactive board facilities. There are regular PowerPoint presentations and seminars by teachers and students. As part of curriculum students are sent to various schools for requiring teaching experience. Interactive sessions, group study, group discussions are conducted. Meritorious students, minorities and economically backward students are encouraged with cash awards and scholarships. National seminars invited talks are provided for the students to excel in their academics.

Our college is quite uncompromising in providing the students with the best amenities. Our growth toward academic excellence is due to the commitment and concrete enterprise of our teachers and administrative staff. Many of our teachers are frequently invited for giving lectures and have served as resource person for many academic and community oriented programmes. Most of our teachers are PhD holders which promote research-oriented learning. 14 teachers were awarded PhD during these years. Two teachers are pursuing Ph D.

Library satisfies the teaching and research needs of the college. This library has been functioning since the establishment of this college. The library collection includes 16,056 books both for general and reference, around 87 journals and periodicals 31,35,000,0 e-books 6000 ejournals through N-LIST programme 355 bound volume of periodicals, 686 thesis 305 CDS and 6 newspapers. Our reference collection consists of 1200 books including educational encyclopedias like International Encyclopedia of Education, International Encyclopedia of Educational Technology, International Encyclopedia of Educational Research etc. Library is automated using software 'Campus NET'. Free internet access is allowed to students and faculty of the college. The college is a member of INFLIBNET-NLIST Inter University Centre of UGC)

Our library portal is www.infoweavers.in/stcteplibrary. For the promotion of research and publication output of the faculty the institution publishes a peer reviewed biannual educational journal titled "Education Extracts"

College offers NET, SET and TET coaching classes to promote the career prospects. Orientation classes especially on career opportunities were conducted for the students. All the students of the college shall attend value education classes. Resource persons from various walks of life are invited on various occasions.

The college organizes yoga classes, meditation, medical checkups poster Exhibition and Awareness programmes on first aid, contagious diseases, sanitary problems etc. are organized. All the students of the college are active members of various clubs like Quiz club, Music club, Oratory club, Health club, Nature club, Tourism club, Red ribbon club. The active functioning of Electoral literacy club, De addiction club and Green Protocol Samiti are vital for functioning of our college. Our campus is eco-friendly and plastic free.

Facilities for printing and photo copying are provided in the library. Various laboratories have been established to help students in their academic pursuits. The college has a well-equipped computer lab for computer aided instruction and practical sessions.

Efforts were made to strengthen the Alumni

The members can render valuable service to the institution as resource persons in conducting various curricular and co-curricular programmes. The alumni association also publishes Gurusameeksha a newsletter magazine every year.

St. Thomas College of Teacher Education is one of the pioneer institutions in the field of teacher education which was started to meet a precise need to train teachers for the Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools in our country.