

## Institutional Distinctiveness (2021-2022)

### NIRAKKOOT

Nirakkoot 2022 with a tagline “Adding colours to life” is an extension programme of the second year B.Ed. student teachers (2020-22) was an outlet for the creative energy and service mentality of the student teachers. The objectives of Nirakkoot project were to create a learning environment through murals, to foster social commitment in students and teachers, and to make school attractive for young learners who getting ready for school life after a gap of lockdown and intermittent classes following the lockdown, and to give wings to student teachers’ creativity. The student teachers beautified the local primary school classroom walls with attractive pictures of the English and Malayalam alphabets, cartoon characters, and attractive pictures to motivate students to learn school life and the mother tongue - Malayalam. Nirakkoot was also an attempt by the college to implement the NEP 2020 proposal to promote the mother tongue in the educational scenario. The colourful letters of the mother tongue on the classroom walls were sure to instil a love of Malayalam among the young learners.

Besides this, the student teachers also extended their wholehearted service to create vegetable gardens, exquisite flower gardens, clean the school premises etc. The student teachers at St. Thomas College of teacher education spent their vacation on the Nirakkoot project. Nirakkoot also strengthened the companionship and togetherness of the students while engaging the group activities. The manager and auxiliary Bishop of the Eparchy of Pala Mar Jacob Muriken blessed the programme with his esteemed presence and appreciated the students for their goodwill and talented artworks. The project Nirakkoot won the appreciation of the Education minister of Kerala, Vice-chancellor Mahatma Gandhi University, local MP, and M.L.A. The project also won accolades from different schools and the local community.