



AUXILIUM COLLEGE (Autonomous)

(Accredited by NAAC with A+ Grade with a CGPA of 3.55 out of 4 in the 3rd cycle)
Gandhi Nagar, Vellore – 6.

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

“Empathy Evangelist-Towards Society and Environment”

Auxilium College distinguishes itself by placing a unique emphasis on fostering an environment of empathy, positioning itself as a dedicated “Empathy Evangelist”. This distinctive focus underscores the institution’s unwavering commitment to nurturing compassionate understanding within its community. Beyond the conventional realms of academia, Auxilium College actively advocates empathy as a fundamental value, urging both students and faculty to adopt compassionate perspectives and behaviour. By championing empathy, the College not only enhances the educational journey but also contributes individuals who are socially conscious and capable of making positive contributions to their communities thereby standing as a guiding light for empathetic education, shaping future leaders with a profound sense of compassion.

The empowerment of young women through community service and environmental awareness adds to its uniqueness, bolstering its reputation and contributing to a lasting legacy of community engagement and environmental sustainability. This distinctive identity attracts students, faculty and stakeholders who collaborate with the institution’s mission. Through service-learning initiatives, students actively participate in addressing local community needs simultaneously developing leadership skills and empathy. Concurrently, they engage in environmental projects, championing sustainability and environmental stewardship. This holistic approach instills values of social and environmental consciousness, equipping young women to be proactive and well-rounded citizens capable of generating positive impacts on their communities and the planet.

The comprehensive integration of curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities serves as educational initiatives to produce intellectually enlightened, spiritually inspired, emotionally balanced, morally upright and socially committed young women. These individuals are envisioned to become agents of social transformation in contemporary India. The faculty and students actively take part in extension and outreach programmes, the significant steps taken through the enthusiastic participation in services, clubs and movements act as milestones on the journey toward agents of social transformation. Every student has to complete 90 hours of extension activity during the three-year UG programme.

The journey as “Empathy Evangelist- Towards Society and Environment” is achieved through the following ways:

The National Service Scheme in the College is a commendable initiative aimed at promoting community engagement and social responsibility through various outreach programmes and activities in fostering a sense of civic duty and instilling values of volunteerism, ultimately contributing to holistic student development. The College has been selected as the

Nodal Agency in recognition of the service to the neighbourhood rendered through the NSS units, to conduct the District Youth Parliament (DYP) in January 2019. “Jingles”, a video on Electoral Awareness was an initiative by the NSS unit of Auxilium College, aiming at social consciousness. The video created by the students received state-level recognition. [<https://youtu.be/37YWeTWC8J4>]

The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) serves as a transformative platform for rural development. Through UBA, students and faculty members have collaborated with 5 villages and rural communities to address their challenges to advance sustainable growth. This initiative empowers students with practical skills and instils a sense of social responsibility while making a meaningful impact on rural India.

The NCC unit organizes various activities like tree plantations, clean-up drives and disaster relief efforts, stimulating a sense of environmental responsibility. They also engage in community service providing vital support to local communities thereby instilling the spirit of selfless service among students. Additionally, it raises awareness about social and environmental issues encouraging a commitment to sustainable practices and community betterment.

The Youth Red Cross and Voluntary Blood Donation programmes play a significant role in community service and environmental awareness. YRC members engage in various humanitarian activities including disaster relief, health camps and promoting community hygiene cultivating social responsibility and empathy. Similarly, Voluntary Blood Donation drives save lives and instil a spirit of altruism.

VIDES (Volunteers in Development Education and Solidarity) works in collaboration with the volunteer association established by the FMA Institute in 1987. It collaborates with NGOs recognised by the United Nations (2003) with a consultative statute for matters regarding human rights, women, children and young people. Student volunteers offer free and supportive service in their own locality (social volunteering) for a period, as required by the service. Students are involved in formative courses, social gatherings and promoting human rights in conjunction. The College renders excellent social service and coaching to the school students of I to XII in the five adopted villages.

The Enviro Club is dedicated to promoting and organizing eco-friendly events, clean-up drives and educational campaigns concerning environmental awareness on responsible waste disposal and conservation practices. The club promotes responsible environmental practices and encourages active participation in community service for a sustainable future. The bee keeping units educate students about the crucial role of bees in pollination and ecosystem health. The Wildlife Week is celebrated at the College to promote a sense of responsibility towards biodiversity and nurture a deeper understanding of the environment, contributing to a more ecologically conscious society.

The International Eco Club Student Chapter actively promotes community service and environmental awareness in the College in collaboration with Nature Science Foundation, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. It holds international initiatives, environmental workshops and Community projects to instil eco-consciousness with a global perspective. AICUF members take part in various activities promoting social justice, education and environmental sustainability.

The College's Mid – Day meal scheme provides nutritious meals to economically challenged sections of students, promoting their well-being and academic performance.

Auxilium community always responds spontaneously to the needs of the society. The College contributed Rs.8.196 lakhs towards Covid-19 relief fund, Rs.2.401 lakhs towards Flood Relief and Rs.7.685 lakhs towards Kerala Flood fostering resilience and community well-being.

In summary, Auxilium College stands as an “Empathy Evangelist-Towards Society and Environment”, dedicated to the vision of women's empowerment and the mission to provide higher education to economically weak, socially backward and needy students in Vellore. Through its commitment to empathy, the College not only enriches the educational experience but also contributes to creating socially conscious leaders and promote positive transformations in the community. Auxilium College strives to be an exemplary institution of inclusive education, promoting empowerment and accessibility for a brighter and more equitable future.

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