

Mar Thoma College, Chungathara, An Institution for Rural Development.

Our visionary leaders kept the noble ideology that good societies make good nations, and good nations eventually make a good world. Our individual societies' values and virtues make our nation's collective values and virtues. We all have a greater responsibility to preserve and care for our society.

The College, situated in an educationally, socially, and economically backward rural area, has taken up the responsibility of uplifting the underprivileged sections of the society in Chungathara and the neighbouring regions. The eternity of time and the intensity of space made us a little more intelligible and responsible. Our knowledge of who we are and what we have inherited gives Mar Thoma community context to show our fidelity and confidence in our existence. When the College was established in 1981, the only nearest Higher Education Institution was at Mampad, twenty kilometers away. The area where the College is situated has a large population of migratory and minority communities. Families of these communities lack adequate facilities for formal education for their children. In addition to the usual programmes, we offer various subject-related certificate courses /Vocation Education Training and life skill development courses to enable the students to improve their skills and make them employable.

We share our society's basic impulses, drives, emotions, passions, needs, and dreams. Our senses are awakened, our awareness enlarged, and our visions made more intense. We see more, hear more and above all we feel more. By responding to the local community's needs, the institution contributes to the development of the neighbourhood, and the process positively moulds the students to be responsible citizens. So in addressing such social concerns, the management, staff and students are fulfilling the institutional responsibility by providing education to the rural community. It helps us in fostering a close relationship between the institution and the local community.

We establish relations with families, neighbours, clubs and communities. We find our completion in association with others. From the beginning of the college, more than 60% of the student's population are women. The college plays a vital role in education and social development especially for women in the locality. Due to the scarcity of higher education institutions in the nearby area, the families in the area got a golden opportunity to educate their girls due to the presence of this college. The college made a special effort to inspire differently-abled students from the minority community. Many of them had overwhelmed their limitation and served

society successfully. The college also provides hostel facility for women students. The women's cell of our college arranges various programmes to create awareness related to gender sensitivity issues.

For empowering the youths in the locality, the physical education department of this college provides free coaching in football, Korfball, Netball, Yoga and Aerobics. The physical education department renders services to the students of nearby schools, like Uppada Mission complex, GLPS Pookkottumanna, GLPS Chungathara, Mar Thoma High School & Higher Secondary School, Chungathara. Many of these students who participated in this coaching have achieved state and national level medals. The college playground is given to the public for the different sports events organised by the Panchayat, Block, church organisations & nearby schools. The locality people also use it for fitness trials for various PSC tests. We have also granted space on this campus for two Panchayat water tank.

The college offers different endowments for academically bright but financially backward students. In addition to this, there are three coordinators from the academic staff giving awareness and directions regarding various government scholarships. Students from the Department of Mathematics voluntarily assist weak students in mathematics, especially those preparing for board examinations in nearby schools.