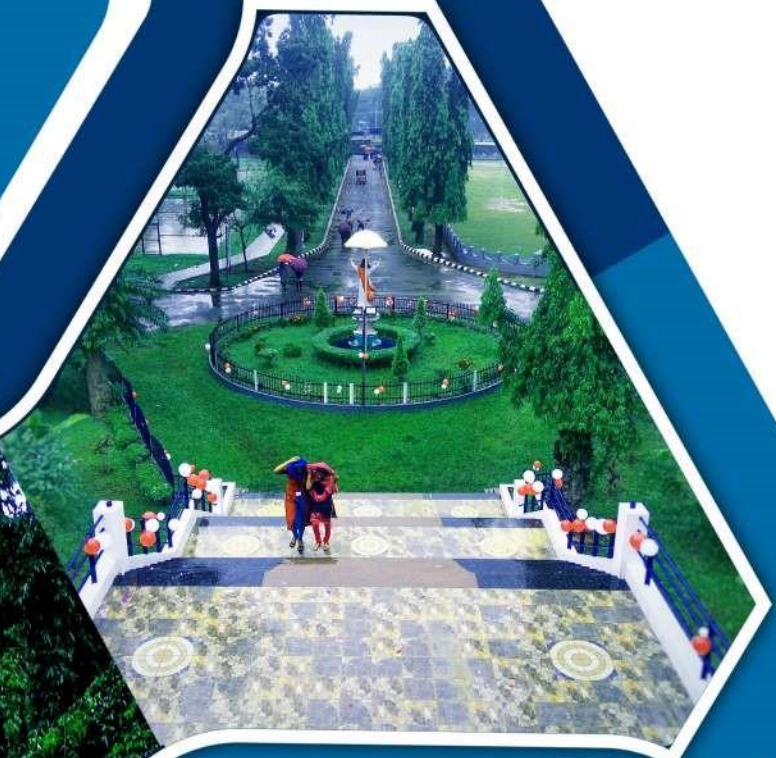


FATIMA MATA NATIONAL COLLEGE

AUTONOMOUS

(Reaccredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC)
Affiliated to University of Kerala



7.1.9 Human Rights Forum-Activities

IQAC INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Human Rights Forum

Human rights are rights of exceptional importance and every human being is entitled to these rights. The essence of Human rights is contained in the following – Right to Life, Right to Liberty and the Right to pursuit of happiness. These rights are inalienable i.e. these rights cannot be taken away. The rights of human beings include right to expression, right to information, right to be equal before law, right to citizenship, right to be treated equally, right against discrimination, right to pursue one's cultural practices, and right to work.

The concept of Human Rights evolved once humans started to live in an organized society. The American War of Independence and the French Revolution accelerated the emergence of concepts such as liberty, equality and fraternity. Human Rights got universal dimension after the UDHR on Dec 10, 1948. Ever since there have been attempts to ensure that these rights are a reality to humans everywhere. However, we see the violation of these rights everywhere now. These rights are being denied to the lesser fortunate. Human Rights violation takes place in the form of discrimination based on gender, race, culture, orientation, religion, nationality, education, and profession. The violation of these rights has taken an ugly picture recently.

The purpose of the committee in the college is to ensure that students are enlightened on the need to ensure that all humans are guaranteed these rights. Students, being the budding future citizens, need to be aware of how these rights are violated and they are also to be enlightened on the importance of ensuring these rights are a reality for one and all. They are also taught on how to respond to situations where these rights are violated. To ensure these objectives, the committee headed by the convener and the members conduct awareness classes for the students. Eminent scholars are invited to the campus and they conduct seminars on topics relevant to human rights. The students are later asked to prepare a report on the seminar they attended. The

students are encouraged to make questionnaires to conduct surveys in organizations in and around the city so that instances of human rights violation can be identified.

The Human Rights Committee of 2017-2018 conducted a class on awareness on 22-02-2018 and the students were later asked to prepare a report on it.

Convener: Ms Roshiny M.

Ms Stella S.

Mr Tomson Thomas

Mr Bino C. Das

Activity Report 2014-2015

The Human Rights Forum of the college started the activities of the Academic Year 2014-2015 with a meeting of the Committee members on July 14, 2014 at the Common Staff Room of the college. The team membersevaluated the activities of the previous academic year and decided to continue the activities of the last year. The committee decided to begin the activities with an awareness class.

The members of the Human Rights Forum conducted a class on August 11, 2014 on the topic, the “Evolution of Human Rights” to the students of the Forum. The meeting was attended by two students each from the departments of the college.

As usual, the Forum asked the students to enlighten the fellow students on the evolution of human rights during the Value Education class in the month of August. The classes were carried out by the students on 13 August 2014. The activity initiated some of the students in the art of public speaking.

This year the forum decided to conduct an essay writing competition on the various kinds of human rights violation in Kerala. The competition was declared open to all

the interested students. The student representatives of each class were asked to collect the names of the interested students. The essay writing competition was conducted on 10 December 2014, to commemorate the Human Rights Day. Thirty six students participated in the essay writing competition.

The Human Rights Forum conducted an awareness class on the topic “Exploitation of Women in the Job Industry”. The students of the Forum were asked to conduct a survey in the campus on the awareness of the college students on the aspects of human rights. The students conducted a survey. The report was consolidated and the students submitted a report based on it.

The activities of the club during the Academic year 2014-2015 came to an end with a seminar on the issues faced by women in general.

Activity Report 2016-2017

The Human Rights Forum of the college started the activities of the Academic Year 2014-2015 with a meeting of the Committee members on July 5, 2016 at the Common Staff Room of the college. A review of the activities of the previous academic year was done by the team members. It was decided that more activities had to be incorporated in the activities of the Forum in the current academic year. The committee decided to begin the activities with an awareness class.

The members of the Human Rights Forum conducted a class on August 8, 2016 on the topic, **“Human Rights and its significance in the 21st Century”**. The talk was given by Dr Francis C, the Head of the History Department. Two students of the II DC batches of all departments were selected into the forum. The students were asked to convey the ideas to the fellow classmates in the Value Education hour. The activity initiated some of the students in the art of public speaking.

This Forum conducted a debate on the topic, **“Does Globalisation deny Rights to the Common man?”**. The debate was conducted on Oct 4, 2016 at the Chemistry Gallery. The students spoke “For” and “Against” the topic. The competition started at 1:30 pm and came to an end by 3:30 pm. The debate was judged by Dr P. Radhika, Dr S. Parvathy and Dr Cynthia Catherine Michael.

An essay writing competition on the topic, **“Understanding Diversity will Ensure Human Rights to All”** was conducted on November 9, 2016. The competition was conducted at the media room of the Dept of English. Twenty three student participated .

The Human Rights Forum conducted an awareness class on the topic “Exploitation of Emigrants in the Job Industry”. The students of the Forum were asked to conduct a survey in the campus on the awareness of violation of basic human rights. The students conducted a survey. The report was consolidated and the students submitted a report based on it.

The activities of the club during the Academic year 2016-2017 came to an end with a seminar by on the issues faced by the weaker sections of the society in general. The speaker commended on the activities of the club.