

# **St Thomas College, Kozhencherry**

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

The establishment of the St Thomas College on the lush, hilly terrain of Kozhencherry in 1953 with the noble mission of imparting sound Christian liberal education was the realisation of a noble vision. The founding fathers envisaged the institution as a platform for enlightening, ennobling, and enriching the community by fostering academic excellence, moral integrity and social commitment in young men and women. The institution has magnificently championed more than six decades of academic excellence in the central Travancore region. From its humble origins, the institution has gracefully branched out as a prominent institution of higher education with graduate, postgraduate, and research programmes. The college is distinguished by its policy of placing greater emphasis on providing value-based education and holistic development through curricular and co-curricular activities. Various programmes of studies, augmenting the capabilities of the younger generation, have been introduced from time to time. The institution also offers certificate courses in various disciplines which enable students to pursue their dreams of getting lucrative placements across the world. Competence of faculty is reflected in the number of Ph. D holders and those who are pursuing research, authored and edited books, and published research papers. The institution has signed MoUs with foreign universities. The participation of faculty in faculty development programmes like refresher /orientation/short-term courses, invited talks, seminars, conferences and workshops is an indication of the policy of the institution towards encouraging, empowering, and enriching the faculty. The institution is committed to expand its environment conscious practices and commitment to society within and outside the campus as well. Forums like NSS, NCC, MTSA, Women Cell and Eco Club organise various social outreach programmes like adoption of schools and villages, visiting old age homes, planting and distribution of saplings, blood donation, anti-drug awareness classes which offer opportunities to connect the college to the community. The excellent rapport between teachers and students and the student support mechanisms like regular PTA meetings, scholarships, awards, counselling, and noon meal scheme distinguish the institution as a beacon of inspiration lighting the lives of many and upholding its motto of *Al Majorem, thy Glorium*, for the greater glory of God.

