

# **Criterion III**

# **Research, Innovation and Extension**



# 3.1.1 Research @Vimala



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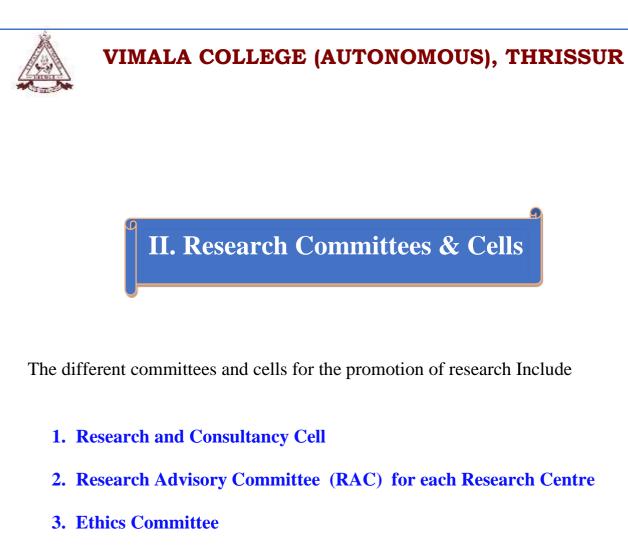
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# I. Policies For Research

Vimala College Autonomous Thrissur has six research centres – English, Commerce, Physics, Social Work, Malayalam and Economics. The institution strictly adheres to the rules and regulations of the University of Calicut, besides framing a research policy of its own: In addition to the Research Policy, the institution has consultancy policy, Plagiarism Policy and Policy for Professional development. The seed money policy is included in the research Policy. The policies are listed in the website .

- Research Policy
- Consultancy Policy
- Plagiarism Policy
- Professional Development Policy



- 4. Research Scholars Forum
- 5. IPR Cell
- 6. Institution Innovation Cell



#### 1. Research and Consultancy Committee

The research and Consultancy committee (Research and Consultancy Cell) has been entrusted to monitor the implementation of the policy, and procedure pertaining to research of the institution. (Detailed in Research Policy and Consultancy Policy)).

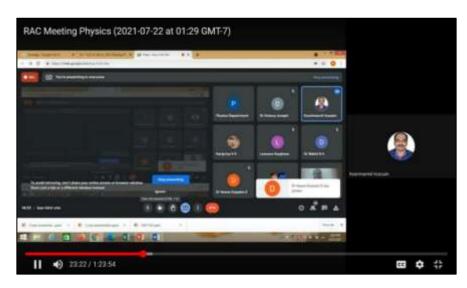
#### Research and Consultancy Cell 2021-2022

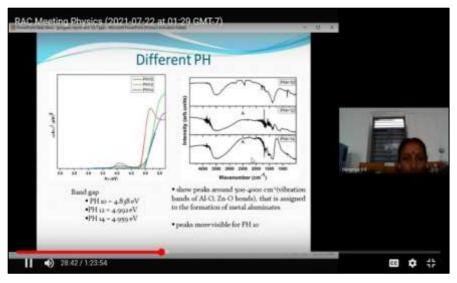
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Vice Principal	- Dr Malini K A (Phy)
Coordinator	- Dr Rose V J (Com)
Members	<ul> <li>Dr Nisha Francis Alappat (Eng)</li> <li>Dr Vimala M (Eco)</li> <li>Dr Jaya Cherian (SW)</li> <li>Dr Shinju V (Soc)</li> <li>Dr Anjaly Kishore (Math)</li> <li>Dr Bijoy P Mathew (Che)</li> </ul>
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#### 2. Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for each Research Centre

Research Advisory committee constituted by Principal, University Nominee, Subject Expert, Nominee of Principal and Supervisor is the official body constituted for each research centre according to the University rules and regulation. The Ph. D admission and progress evaluation of the students are carried by the RAC committee of each Research Centre. The minutes of RAC meetings are recorded. During Covid period RAC meeting were conducted in the online mode.







**Online RAC Meetings** 

#### **3. Research Ethics Committee**

Approval from Research Ethics Committee (REC) is required for all research that involves collecting new data from human participants and/or using pre-existing personal data. It is the responsibility of the candidate as well as supervisor/s to ensure that ethical approval has been obtained prior to the commencement of the research. Applications for ethical approval should be submitted to the Centre with necessary documents.



#### **Research Ethics Committee -2021-2022**

Principal	- Dr Sr Beena Jose	
	(Sr Mable)	
Legal Expert	- Dr Ignatious Antony	
Medical Personnel	- Dr Sr Bena CMC	
Mental Health Expert	- Dr S V Subramaniyan	
Research Guides	- Dr Malini K. A	
	- Dr Sheeba P	
	- Dr Vimala M	
Concerned Research S	upervisor	

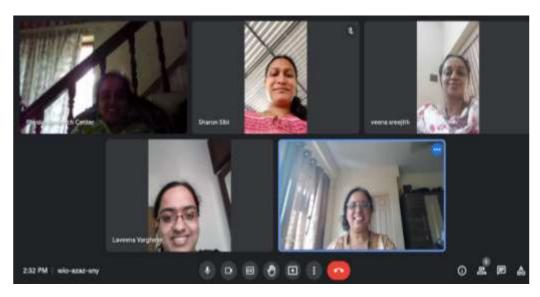
#### 3. Research Scholars Forum

Research Forum is a platform to interact and share ideas among research scholars and guides that will enhance the quality of the research process. It is conducted fortnightly online. In each session, two research scholars present their papers followed by a discussion. The fruitful interactions are useful for updating the current trends and to unfold new vistas of knowledge. Research forums are organized for the research centers of English, Physics and Economics separately.



English Research forum meetings Assessment Períod (2016 – 2021)



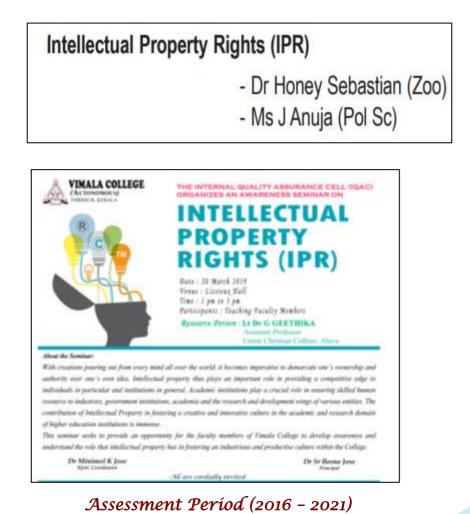


**Physics research Forum** 

#### 4. IPR Cell

An IPR cell is established in the college to help and document the different aspects of research like transfer of technology. The cell also organises seminars on IPR related topics.

#### IPR Cell 2020-2021







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#### **Brochures of IPR Seminars**



#### 7. Institution Innovation Cell

The institution established Institution Innovation cell (IIC ID : IC202115789)in July 2021 under the Ministry of Education (MoE), Govt. of India, to systematically foster the culture of Innovation among students in our college . The activities of IIC was co-ordinated by the convenor Dr. Sr. Silvy Mathew, Asst. prof., Dept. of Botany,Vimala College, Thrissur . Nine teachers were given responsibility as Innovation Ambassadors and were given training in a number of courses . These Innovation Ambassadors are now providing training to our students and students from other colleges and schools.



#### Vimala College Institution Innovation Council first Meeting was conducted on 21-07-2021 Major focus of IIC

To create a vibrant local innovation ecosystem. Start-up supporting Mechanism in HEIs. Prepare institute for Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements Framework. Establish Function Ecosystem for Scouting Ideas and Pre-incubation of Ideas. Develop better Cognitive Ability for Technology Students.



#### **Functions of IICs**

- To conduct various innovation and entrepreneurship-related activities prescribed by Central MIC in time bound fashion.
- Identify and reward innovations and share success stories.
- Organize periodic workshops/ seminars/ interactions with entrepreneurs, investors, professionals and create a mentor pool for student innovators.
- Network with peers and national entrepreneurship development organizations.
- Create an Institution's Innovation portal to highlight innovative projects carried out by institution's faculty and students.
- Organize Hackathons, idea competition, mini-challenges etc. with the involvement of industries.
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In the year 2018, the ministry education (MoE) through MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC) launched the Institution innovation Council (IIC) program in collaboration with AICTE for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to systematically foster the culture of innovation and start up ecosystem in education institutions. IIC's role is to engage large number of faculty, students and staff in various innovation and entrepreneurship related activities such as ideation, problem solving, proof of concept development, design thinking IPR, project handling and management at pre-icubation /incubation stage.





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Vimala College (Autonomous), Thrissur convened the first Board Meeting of its Institution's Innovation Council on 21 July 2021. All members of the Institution's Innovation Council external experts, teaching and non-teaching faculty representatives and student representatives of our institution participated in this meeting.



# **III. Research Activities**

- **1. Explorigate Webinar Series**
- 2. Spark
- **3. V-TRACK (Tuning Research Aspirants towards Creating Knowledge)**
- 4. V-inspiration
- 5. Vimala International Research Journals (VIRJ)— Two [Science, Humanities and Social Sciences] published annually and Reflections
- 6. Vimala Publications
- 7. Departmental research activities Coffee with Scientist, Women in Science, Astro talks, fortnightly research forum presentations, Science Conclaves



# **1.** Explorigate Webinar Series – opportunity for UG/PG /PhD students to interact directly with the experts in the field

The quest for better knowledge keeps every discipline dynamic and alive. Research, beyond the constraints of academics, is a significant force of human advancement. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Vimala College and the Research and Consultancy Cell envision that this Research Webinar Series will touch upon the nuances of research in the sciences, social sciences and humanities, and also encourage the exchange of knowledge among diverse disciplines in the co-creation of positive academic discourses. Leading international and national figures will share their expertise and actively interact with faculty, researchers and students, setting the stage for novel ideas that will ignite newer pursuits of knowledge."Explorigate" blends the words 'explore' and 'investigate', both being the central tenets of research.

#### Brochure





#### EXPLORIGATE

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#### ABOUT VIMALA

Vimala College (Auronomous), Thrissur established in 1967 is one of the pioneering higher education institutions in India. Vimula was accorded autonomy in 2005 and conferred the status of College with Potencial for Excellence in 2016. The three NAAC Accreditations bestimed on the Institution, Five Star Status in 2001 and A Grade in 2008 and 2014. The College is a Mentor institution under the UKC Paramarkh Scheme and is also supported by RUSA IT, DST-FIST and DBT STAR College Scheme. Vimala strives to deliver the best in fields of academic excellence, research comribution and the growth of the nation at large.

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#### 2. Spark – Interdepartmental PG Project Presentation Competition

Spark PG project Competition is an initiative of Research and consultancy cell, IQAC, Vimala College intended to provide a platform for pass out batch of PG students to present the results of their project work in front of a panel of Experts .It is conducted for Science, Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences separately. The scrutiny and peer review of the dissertation work by the expert along with the interactions are really beneficial for the students . It also inspires the ongoing batch students to pursue an interest in research and learn more about the project presentations.



**Spark Project presentation Competition** 

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#### 3. V-TRACK (Tuning Research Aspirants towards Creating Knowledge)

V-Track is the IQAC initiative to inculcate research aptitude in the UG students by providing them an option to collaborate on Research Projects. The initial project was on discipline specific investigation of aspects related to COVID-19. Aimed at co-creating a culture to ensure student research at the undergraduate level when they are best disposed towards exploration, V Track is the need of the hour. This is a trajectory onto which aspiring students from each department can venture, endowing the institution an avenue to track the students' progression in the path of discovery. Along with boosting up intrinsic motivation, this would enrich undergraduate experience and help to build confidence. Resourceful sessions on Research Methodology and Academic Writing. Research Excellence Award Opportunity to disseminate findings through Research Conclaves, Conferences and Journals.



It is with an objective to unfurl a scholarly pathway for the undergraduates of the College, that the IQAC envisages V Track, Training Research Aspirants towards Creating Knowledge – A "Students as Researchers" Scheme. A team of students (3 to 4) Nominated from among second year students of each department. Selected students can choose one or two supervisors comprising faculty and/or research scholar(s) from the College who will act as mentors. Interdisciplinary topics are to be given preference. Research seminars were conducted for students .

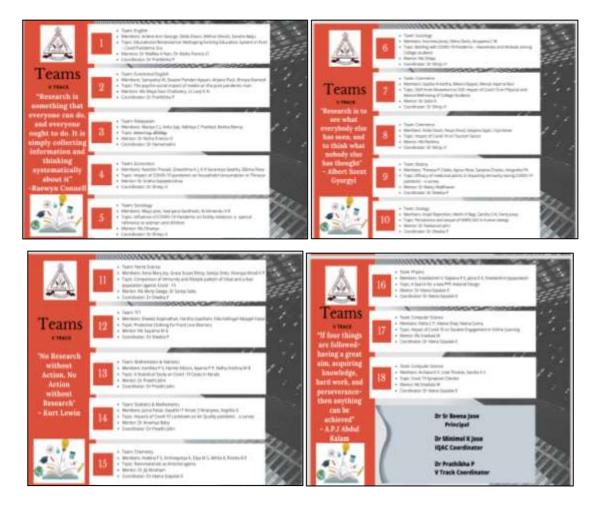




V track Final Brochure with eighteen teams and the project titles









#### 4. V-inspiration

The student fraternity has been the motivation for Vimala to forge ahead in the field of education – crafting and moulding generations of bold, excelling, successful women of character. A premier institution for women's education in the state, Vimala is dedicated to the vision of empowering young girls and aiding their development. All efforts are directed towards transforming them holistically into independent, capable, sensitised and responsible women who will be assets to the society and work diligently for the progress of the nation leaving their stamp of excellence on every endeavour taken up. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) announces the launch of **Vinspiration** – a venture that seeks to bring home the meritorious alumnae and arrange a platform for the exchange of ideas, thoughts and experiences. Graduands of Vimala who are currently enrolled in premier institutes across the world and different parts of the country would be invited to engage in brief sessions with the present student community, thereby enabling focussed, inspired and determined efforts from the part of the present students in achieving the laurels and heights scaled by their seniors. The vibrant alumnae community will thus partner with the College in opening up vistas of opportunities to Vinalites. 'Vinspiration' blends 'V' and 'inspiration', with 'V' referring to spirit of Vimala and the vibrance of Vimalites who have done their Alma Mater proud.



#### 5. Vimala Research Journals

The multidisciplinary journals of Vimala College ,VIRJ modestly attempts to make deliberations in various disciplines of science and Humanities in its venture to lay bare the very fabric of research culture. The journals strive for quality and credibility in every aspect of research. The tiny ant proverbial for its hard work is our motto and inspiration in our endeavor to bring forth this research journal. The ant inspires us to climb the dizzy heights of research and explore the multiple facets of research with patience and determination.

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# 1. Vimala International Research Journal for Humanities and Social Sciences ISSN: 2348-4837

VIRJHSS publishes interdisciplinary research with a primary focus on original research or reviews in various disciplines of humanities and social sciences. The Journal aims to promote multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary studies, bridge diverse communities of the humanities and social sciences in the world, provide a platform of academic exchange for scholars and readers from all countries and all regions. The journal is supported by an international Executive Editorial Board. The Journal publishes research papers in the fields of humanities and social science such as, English, Economics, Education, Commerce, Sociology



Geography, History, Political Science Industrial Relations, Information Science, International Relations, Law, Linguistics, Library Science, Media Studies, Methodology, Philosophy, Population Studies, Psychology, Public Administration, Social Welfare, Linguistics, Literature, Performing Arts (Music, Theatre & Dance), Anthropology, Business Studies, Communication Studies, Corporate Governance, Criminology, Cross cultural Studies, Demography, Development Studies, Religious Studies, Visual Arts, Women Studies and so on.



#### Aims & Objectives

- To promote original and quality research.
- To develop an interdisciplinary research culture.
- To encourage environment-friendly research promoting sustainable development.
- To provide a venue for the publication of Conference / Seminar/WebinarProceedings.

# 2. Vimala International Research Journal for Pure and Applied science(ISSN No:2347-3835)

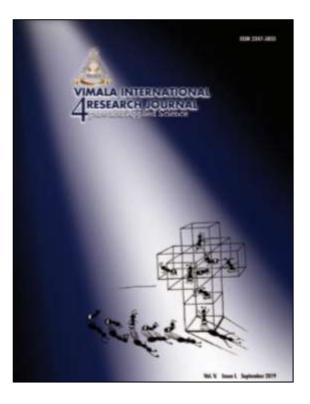
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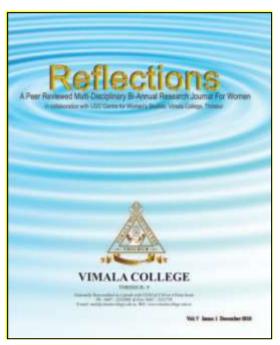
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- To develop an interdisciplinary research culture.
- To encourage an environment-friendly research promoting sustainable development.
- To provide a venue for the publication of Conference / Seminar Proceedings.



#### 3. Reflections

Reflection is an ISSN journal of the institution to publish student research output in the form of paper publication





#### 6. Vimala College Publications

The Vimala College Publications started in 2020 has published 8 books with ISBN by the end 2021.



**Books from Vimala College Publications** 



# 7. Departmental research activities

- International / National/State level Seminars /Conferences Workshops
- Departmental Programs Like Coffee with Scientists / Women in Science /Meet the Scientist /Scientia Confab with University Professors and Student Organised Seminars
- Student projects Funded by Government agencies like KSCSTE –SpyTis
- Guidance for doing Internship /M.Sc. projects in reputed Institutions
- CSIR /NET coaching Classes by CGPT & Departments















# **IV** . Research Facilities

Vimala College provides ambient infrastructure and facilities to pursue quality research in the institution. The different facilities are enlisted below.

- **1. Research Centres**
- 2. Experts in Research Areas
- **3. Laboratory Facilities**
- 4. Library Facilities
- **5. Facilities for conducting Seminars and Conferences**



#### **1.Research Centres**

College has six research centres with experts in different fields and necessary infrastructure and facilities to pursue quality research in different areas.







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#### 2. Experts in Research Areas

- Teachers with Ph. D: <mark>67</mark>
- Research Guides :30
- Research Scholars :64
- Consultants :

# **Research Guides**

Department	No. of Guides
English	4
Commerce	2
Economics	2
Social Work	2
Malayalam	4
Sociology	2
Home Science	1
Physics	4
Botany	3
Zoology	3
Chemistry	2
Mathematics	1
Statistics	1



#### **3.Laboratory Facilities**

The research facilities are available in all research centres. A DST FIST lab with a number of analytical instruments for science departments. Apart from well equipped research centres, post graduate departments also has facilities which help the students to do PG projects in the departments.

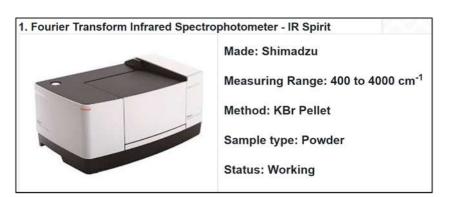
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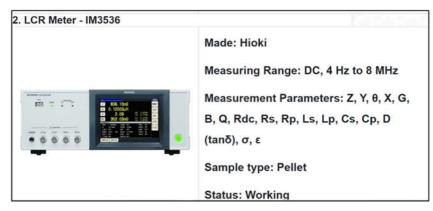




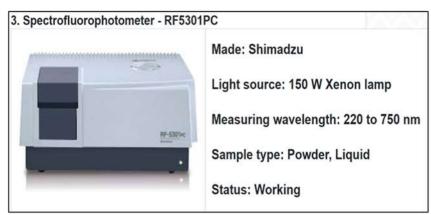














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Controller: PLD

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Status: Working



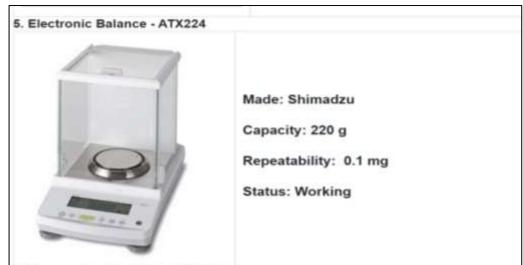




10. Hot Air Oven



Made: Pyrodevices Controller: Eurotherm Temperature: room to 200 °C Status: Working





## **PHYSICS RESEARCH LAB**



**CHEMISTRY INSTRUMENTATION ROOM** 





### **BOTANY LAB**



### **ZOOLOGY LAB**





### **HOME SCIENCE LAB**



## **STATISTICS LAB**





## **MEDIA LAB**



## **COMPUTER LAB**





#### **3. Library Facilities 4.**

**INFLIBNET HUB** 



## **DIGITAL LIBRARY**





### **RESEARCH HUB FOR RESEARCH SCHOLARS**



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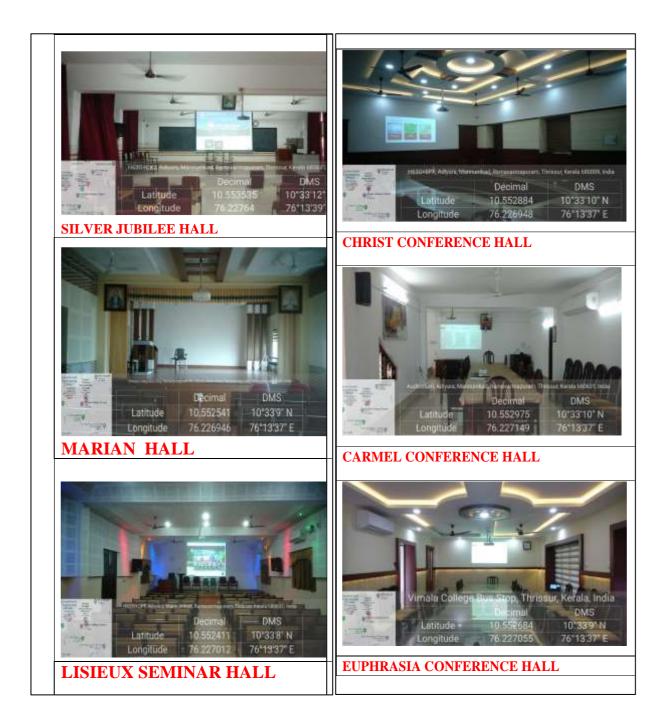
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#### **5.**Facilities for conducting Seminars and Conferences

There are 3 seminar halls ,3 Conference halls and an auditorium in the college which is technically equipped for conducting seminars and conferences.

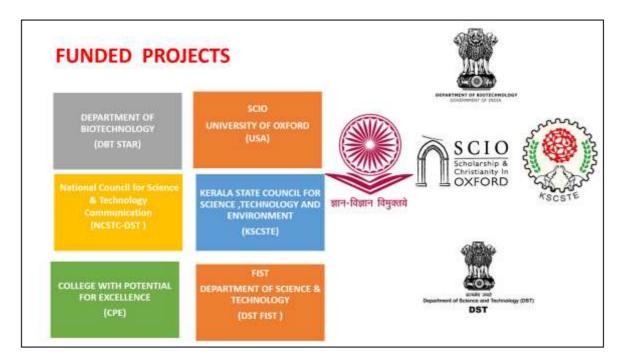




## **V. Promotion of Research**

#### 1. Funds

We were able to avail grants from government funds for research augmentation from RUSA, DBT, UGC, CPE and FIST. Six science departments were financially supported by the DBT STAR College Scheme. We Participation in government initiatives for research— Nearly 200 lakhs were mobilized as research fund during this period (Link)



## Funds 2016-2021

#### 2. Seed money and Incentives

In the Research Policy procedure for providing seed money is explained in detail (Link) Based on the proposal submitted and subsequent approval by IQAC and research Committee ,seed money is sanctioned. The policy and procedure was adopted from 2018-2019 academic year. Financial support was provided to teachers for attending conferences and seminars

Incentives were also given to teachers publishing papers in peer reviewed journals.

#### 3. Teacher Research Award

An award is instituted in the college for the 'Best Teacher researcher from 2019. It was awarded to Dr. Sr. Beena Jose in 2019 and Dr. Sr Silvy Mathew in the year 2020.





# VI. Research Outcome -2016-2021

- 1. All Aided PG departments upgraded as Research Centers
- 2. Increased number of faculty with doctoral degrees
- 3. Substantial increase in number of research guides
- 4. Remarkable increase in research scholars
- 5. Faculty as resource persons and subject experts
- 6. Increased number of scholars awarded PhD
- 7. Enhanced publication output (faculty and students)
- 8. National /international seminars
- 9. Vimala College Publications
- 10. Software for plagiarism -In Library
- 11. Research and innovation awards (Best Paper) & fellowships



Title	2014	2021
Research Centres	3	6
Teachers with Ph. D	31	67
Research Guides	12	30
Research Scholars	33	64
Scholars awarded Ph.D.	5	17
Faculty served as resource	-	114
persons Experts		
No. of	-	374
Seminars/Conferences/Workshops		
Participated by Teachers		
Published Books/Conference	232	172
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