

### **Empowerment of rural women to be the agents of social change:**

The institution was founded with the noble aspiration of uplifting the moral and educational standards of the women of this rural area which is economically and educationally backward, with the vision, 'Empowerment of rural women to be the agents of social change', and the motto 'Serve with Love'. The college has been pursuing its goals and objectives assiduously and has earned reputation for its sterling service in the field of higher education.

- The members of the management ensure that the orientation of Higher Education is a true reflection of the overall vision and mission of the congregation and take efforts to translate the vision into concrete action.
- The management of the institution gives preference to the students from local area, economically weaker students, destitute, children of single parent and Ex-servicemen in the admission and in the appointments. Being a minority institution they have the freedom in appointments and in admissions.
- Management provides scholarships and freeships to the students who are not receiving any Government scholarships.
- Bridge course is conducted to all I years to provide Basic English knowledge

With a view to empower the rural women and the adopted villages, the following outreach activities were carried out:

- The college adopted five villages under **UNNAT BHARATH ABHIYAN** Scheme to contribute to the economic and social betterment of the villages and Rs.50,000/- was sanctioned as the first installment to survey these villages.
- NSS volunteers work with Swachtaa mission to promote Swachtaa activities in their adopted villages.
- Under **Swachh Bharath Summer Internship** programme, 370 NSS and NCC volunteers received the appreciation certificate from Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal for their activities.
- Outreach activities were extended to 14 adopted villages by JACEP (JAC Extension Programme), NSS and NCC and it mould the students to be socially responsible citizens.

- Free literacy programme is provided to the school children at T. Kallipatti village by NSS volunteers regularly
- Remedial coaching for SC/ST/ OBC and minorities sponsored by UGC helps the students to improve their academic pursuits.
- Free Employability Training by TCS, Chennai for under privileged students pave way to get employment.
- St. Anne's Vocational Training Centre functioning in the campus is an approved training provider under Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation and it imparts skill training to the students and the rural women in Jardosi Work, Hand Embroidery, Tailoring, Garment making and Book Binding. It empowers the rural women to be an entrepreneur.
- St. Anne's Rural Women Development Education and Empowerment Programme (SARWODEEP) in the campus extend its service to the least in the community. It has 126 Self Help Groups in which 8 are exclusively formed for the differently abled.
- Nearly 80 special children are trained in studies and to take care of themselves through Day Star Day Care centre for Mentally Retarded children. Lucy Crescentia Special School for MR cum Vocational Training centre trains the students on various skills