

**Report of the Scholar Support Programme (2019-2020), conducted at Christian College,
Kattakada.**

Scholar support programme, is a support system directed towards strengthening academically weaker students, enrolled in the First Degree Programs of Arts & Science Colleges envisaged by the Higher Education Council. The program for the current year was aimed at forty students from the newly inducted students of college.

In our college a College council decision was taken on 24-06-2019, to retain Sri. Mahesh.S, Assistant professor, Department of Botany as Co-ordinator for the academic year 2019-20. An amount of Rs. 56,000 was sanctioned by the Director of Collegiate Education for the same. The 5 subjects from which the students were to be taken were discussed and clarified in the college council by the Principal. They were History & Economics from the Arts Stream. Commerce, Zoology, Chemistry were the other subjects identified. English was the common subject for all the students concerned. The needy students were identified with the help of First Year Class tutors, for which application forms & Pro-Forma were provided by the funding agency. External mentoring & Internal Mentoring sessions, were arranged for the students, along with provision for providing study kits procured from the College Society.

External sessions for Personality development, overcoming exam-phobia, increasing attention span, recollection techniques along with improving writing skills were covered in these sessions. Feed back from the targeted students indicated that these sessions proved to be much useful. The students were encouraged to interact freely with their Class tutors, who were assigned as Internal Mentors for the duration of the program. The requisite number of Internal sessions were completed before Fifteenth of February, 2020. A closing session was planned for the month of March but it had to be truncated due to the Covid Restrictions prevailing in the state.

