



RIGHT TO INFORMATION

Bringing Information to the Citizens

The Right to Information Act 2005 mandates timely response to citizen's requests for information. Democracy requires an informed citizenry and transparency of information in public space is vital for its functioning. Lack of transparency is the primary cause of corruption. The Supreme Court of India has emphasized the importance of freedom of information and described it as a fundamental right under the facet of "Freedom of Speech and Expression" as contained in Article 14, 19(1) (a) and Article 21 of the Constitution. The RTI Act provides for setting a practical regime of right to information for citizens to secure access to information under the control of public authorities, in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, it also provides for the constitution of a Central Information Commission and State Information Commission and for matters connected or incidental thereto.

Objectives of RTI

The basic object of the Right to Information Act is to empower the citizens, promote transparency and accountability in the working of the Government/ institution, and make our democracy work for the people in a real sense. It goes without saying that an informed citizen is better equipped to keep necessary vigil on the instruments of governance and make the government more accountable to the governed. The Act is a big step towards making the citizens informed about the activities of the administration.

About the College

Mary Matha Arts and Science College, Mananthavady, a government-aided college affiliated to Kannur University, was founded by the Catholic Diocese of Mananthavady in the year 1995. It is the only government-aided Arts and Science College in the Mananthavady taluk of Wayanad district. The college is affiliated to Kannur University, Kannur, and is included under sections 2(f) and 12B of the University Grants Commission (UGC). The college was graded at level B++ by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in the third cycle reaccreditation in the year 2019. Presently, the college offers eight undergraduate and two post



graduate programmes. The post graduate departments of Computer Science, Mathematics and Zoology are also approved research centers.

The Powers & Duties of Officers and Employees

The Principal of the College is the Academic and Administrative Head of the College. Administrative office is headed by the Junior Superintendent and supported by the Head Accountant, Clerks, Library Assistants, Lab Assistants and Office Assistants under the supervision of the Principal. Professors, Associate Professors & Assistant professors of various departments under the supervision of a senior teacher as the Head in charge of the department supports the Principal in academic matters.

The Public can directly access the information from the College Office/ Principal and the departments concerned during working hours of the college. Information on other matters can be obtained from the Public Information Officer as per provisions of the RTI ACT, 2005. No library is maintained for public use.

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