

**NEED OF THE DAY:  
EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP  
FOR CHE IN INDIA**

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# Christianity in India

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- Started with St. Thomas
- Catholics came in 16<sup>th</sup> and Protestants in 18<sup>th</sup> centuries
- Protestantism introduced by missionaries from the West

# About this paper

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- Based on a study conducted in a 120 + year old autonomous college in Kanyakumari District of India
- Questionnaire distributed among students and faculty
- A college that belongs to the Church

# CHE in India

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- Role of CHE vital in India
- Early missionaries took up medical and educational mission
- Church/ church premises was used as schools
- Promoted education through English
- Education reached the common man

# CHE and public acceptance

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- Even people of other faith respect Christian institutions in India
- Believe that alumni are morally upright and socially committed
- Many leaders passed through CHE
- No attempt at conversion through CHE
- CHE was trend setter

# Institution under study

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- 2044 Christian students
- 46 Muslims
- 760 Hindus
- all the teachers are Christians
- Has undergraduate to doctoral studies

# Education offered by early missionaries

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- **Offered to people supposed to be not civilized**
- **Signaled social revolution**
- **Education to women and also to the oppressed class in caste ridden society.**
- **Led to the opening of a theological school which later in 1893 became Scott Christian College**

# Scott Christian College - the college under study





# Education as mission

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- Students and faculty are aware that education is mission of the Church
- They are conscious of the motto “The Truth shall make you free”
- Campus programs impact students
- Students appreciate the uniqueness & spiritual care

# Privatization and HE

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- Privatization has promoted commercialization of HE
- This has affected CHE too
- High fees
- Difficulties in competing with other institutions

# CHE and campus atmosphere

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- Conducive to develop Christian leadership
- Students see many teachers with Christian values
- Students say many teachers are witnesses in the campus- they inspire, motivate and influence students
- Many Christian programs

# Teachers, students and CHE

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- Teachers & students have deep rooted love for their institution
- Students committed to sharing the Gospel
- Teachers committed to be role models, imparting values and share love and have a positive approach to students
- Teachers wish to lead students to Christ

# Contribution to society

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- creating awareness about health, social problems, blood donation camps
- Helping the poor and the downtrodden
- Giving hope and encouragement to the students
- Promotes women empowerment
- Extends help to the socially underprivileged

# Responsibility & vision

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- Mould a God fearing society
- Fulfil the vision of the missionaries
- Provide liberal Christian education
- Throw light on the marginalized
- Give education to poor students

# Great Expectations

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- Some of the dreams and visions of students and faculty
  - To acquire knowledge along with Christian values
  - To fulfill the vision of the missionaries
  - To provide liberal Christian education
  - To give education to poor students

# Students' expectation of teachers

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- to be sincere and studious in their work
- to be role models to the students
- have scholarship, love and concern
- be dedicated and humble
- be embodiment of truth
- help mould the character of students



# Students' expectation of Administration

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- to conduct Christian programs
- improve faith
- be unbiased
- give due recognition to the students
- encourage in both academic and non academic matters

Thank you



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