

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

Provide the details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust

Provide the weblink of the institution in not more than 500 words

The College is situated in a remote location and the majority of students hail from rural areas. Owing to its geographical location, the college attracts the best brains of the locality students from a wide area and from a varied socio-economic background. The college plays a vital role in uplifting such students who would otherwise have been left unnoticed and unsupported. This is a monastery institution, which promotes intellectual progression and education.

A healthy mind lives within a healthy body. Through this motto, the faculty of Physical Education was started in St. Stephen's College in 1964. In addition to the academic performance, the college has attained a name and fame among the educational institutions through its sports activities and Sports had become an inevitable part of our College. The institution is highly reputed for its achievements in sports especially in volleyball. Kerala State Sports Council has assigned a coach to our college for training the students.

Our college is hosting Marthoma Dionysius All Kerala Intercollegiate Volleyball Tournament for the last 32 years

The college has had an excellent men's volleyball team reputed as **“University champions”** for the last continuous 8 years. Our college proudly presents an International player Ajith Lal, representing Indian team who trained from here in this very same ground of St. Stephen's as a volleyball player.

The players from college team displayed their performance at the National level

- Represented services team in national championships
- Represented Kerala state youth volleyball team and got first place in the national championship held at chirava, Rajasthan
- Represented state under 21 kheloindia volleyball team and secured gold medal in the national championship held at Chatrapati sports complex, balewadi, maharashtra on 20.01.2019.

Players from our college team represented Kerala University Men Volleyball Team in South zone interuniversity championship held at SRM University, Chennai

Other achievements of our college team are:

1. Winner of Kerala university men volleyball championship Organised by S N College, Cherthala 2018- 19

2. Winner of 74th Fr. Bartholomew memorial All Kerala Intercollegiate Volleyball Tournament Organised by the Department of Physical Education, S H College, Thevara, Ernakulam

3. Winner of 32nd Mar Thoma Dionysius All Kerala Intercollegiate Volleyball Championship among 10 participating Colleges

Many of the students, who were placed all over India in Indian army, are moulded in this ground as good players. Because of its stardom in sports, compared to other institutions, even after located in a remote village area, it is attracting students from all over India.