



# SWOC ANALYSIS



**CATHOLICATE COLLEGE, PATHANAMTHITTA**

# SWOC ANALYSIS



CATHOLICATE COLLEGE, PATHANAMTHITTA

NAAC Reaccredited 'A' GRADE with CGPA 3.60  
DST – FIST Identified Institution  
Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University,  
Kottayam, Kerala.

*Established : 1952*

Awarded status of a - "*Special Grade College*"

## SWOC



**Strengths**



**Weaknesses**



**Opportunities**



**Challenges**

## SWOC

SWOC is a widespread method of assessing the positive and negative forces of the institution so as to identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges. The Internal quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Catholicate College conducts a detailed SWOC analysis which helps the institution to develop its strengths, act upon weaknesses, utilize the opportunities and meet the challenges.

As the first step of SWOC analysis, the IQAC reviews the key reports and other data of the institution which include Student Satisfaction Surveys, feedback from students and parents, reports of the College Plan, etc. The weaknesses are identified and addressed to improve and enhance the quality.

## ***STRENGTHS***

- ❖ Catholicate College is one of the oldest institutions in Central Travancore. Since 1952, the institution has stood through the changes of time preserving a rich heritage of seventy years.
- ❖ The College imparts knowledge to empower the marginalised sections including women, differently-abled and students belonging to the reservation category.
- ❖ The institution has efficacious and foresighted management.
- ❖ The institution has a team of 118 dynamic teachers who are highly dedicated.
- ❖ The College has 11 Departments offering 13 undergraduate and 15 postgraduate programmes including 4 Self-financing programmes, and one Integrated MA programme (Aided).
- ❖ Our College has 8 Departments recognized as Research Centres where students can undertake research and work for a Ph. D. Degree.
- ❖ The College has been identified by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India for the FIST sponsorship.
- ❖ The College has an Innovation Centre to strive towards innovation and to nurture creative ideas.
- ❖ The College administration invariably follows government rules and every decision-making is transparent and under the confines of the RTI Act.
- ❖ The College Library has a colossal collection of books and modern facilities like KIOSK, e-gate, ERM packages for e-journals and INFLIBNET. Apart from the main library, there are departmental libraries.

- ❖ Catholicate College is one of the few colleges under Mahatma Gandhi University, which has upgraded its classrooms to facilitate teaching through modern tools and techniques. The College has well-equipped auditorium, labs, seminar halls, gymnasium, yoga centre, student support centres.
- ❖ The college takes pride in having one of the best units of NSS and NCC at the University level.
- ❖ Catholicate College has a Stadium, Basketball Court, Volleyball Court and pavilions with admirable facilities. The institution promotes sports by providing endless opportunities for students to participate at the University, National and International levels.
- ❖ The institution is proud to have illustrious alumni who have high-profile in the academic, administrative, cultural and political arenas.
- ❖ Students and Staff from diverse cultures with distinct skills and wealth of experience form the ecosystem of the college.
- ❖ The institution provides Hostel accommodation to both male and female students. A Sports Hostel for sports students is also a constructive venture of our college

## WEAKNESSES

- ❖ The majority of our students are socially and economically backward and these conditions affect the learning process.
- ❖ Irrespective of being an aided institution, a major problem faced by the institution is the lack of sufficient funds granted by the government. These monetary limitations constrict the college from executing new programmes like providing global exposure to students, student exchange programmes and housing foreign students. More classrooms and laboratories are required but insufficient funds limit the process.
- ❖ The college is not a residential campus. Considering the enormous academic resources available in the college, it would have been an advantage to have residential students and staff use these facilities without the constraints of time.
- ❖ Within the ambit of the CBCS system, the syllabus is exhaustive and the teachers and students are often hard-pressed to invest time in more creative pursuits. This limits the scope for innovation and extra-curricular activities.
- ❖ The delay in sanctioning permanent teaching posts by the government affects the smooth execution of academic activities.
- ❖ The College doesn't have a multi-purpose Indoor Sports Complex to cater to the needs of students.

## OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ The College is situated near the District Headquarters, which contributes to the grandeur and distinctiveness of the college.
- ❖ Being the higher education institution closest to the Collectorate of Pathanamthitta, students get better exposure through participation in public service missions initiated by the Collectorate including student-volunteer programmes and other ventures.
- ❖ Collaborative research and other activities with nearby institutions are feasible as the institution is placed in the heart of the district.
- ❖ Nearby localities have a considerable number of Arts and Sports Clubs which encourage the ardent participation of students from the college in various sports and cultural activities.
- ❖ The institution is an academic hub facilitating quality education and opportunities to the nearby Higher Secondary Schools.
- ❖ Vibrant Alumni are the mainstay of our success and growth, supporting the college by raising funds and spreading the knowledge, fame and glory of the institution to their hometowns, countries and to their professional and social networks.
- ❖ The college has ample facilities to introduce need-based courses which generate better employability.



## CHALLENGES

- ❖ Lack of train/air transportation facilities to the locality makes access to the college difficult.
- ❖ There is a decline in the enrollment of students due to migration to foreign countries. The COVID pandemic has also affected the rate of enrollment.
- ❖ Conventional degree programmes have lost their sheen and students are reluctant to join these programmes in the wake of the boom in new-generation courses which offer lucrative job opportunities.
- ❖ One of the most challenging developments in higher education over the last few years has been its accelerated digital transformation. Catholicate College has strived to catch up with the changing digital scenario, though there are miles to go to make it a campus of the future.
- ❖ Due to the lack of sufficient financial assistance, the College finds it difficult to conduct efficient academic ventures for students. The continuous attempts to raise research quality to national and international standards have been compromised due lack of adequate government funding.
- ❖ Major firms and companies conducting job fairs overlook the institution as it is located in a rural district.
- ❖ The delay in sanctioning permanent teaching posts by the government and the delayed faculty fixation in newly granted programmes affect the effectiveness of classroom management.
- ❖ The infrastructure of the College, including ICT facilities, needs to be augmented to cater to the needs of the student community, especially students admitted to the newly sanctioned programmes.
- ❖ The institution is located in a region prone to natural calamities. The region has been worst hit by frequent floods and landslides in recent years, which has adversely affected a majority of our students physically and emotionally.