**Best Research Paper Publication Award**

St Thomas College Kozhencherry is committed to the promotion of research and the dissemination of knowledge for the benefit of the academia. With five research centres and a considerable number of faculty with research experience, the institution has decided to promote publication of research papers by instituting a **Best Research Paper Publication Award** for the faculty of the institution. The IQAC has formulated the following criteria to ensure a fair and transparent selection of paper for the award:

1. Awards will be given to best paper published during an academic year extending from 1 June to 31 May.
2. Awards are invited only from the faculty of St Thomas College, both regular and unaided streams.
3. Only papers published in UGC-CARE-listed or Scopus-indexed journals will be considered, in the absence of which peer-reviewed journals with ISSN can be considered.
4. A cash award of Rs. 1000 and a certificate will be given to each paper.
5. The affiliation of the faculty in the published paper must be of St Thomas College Kozhenchery.
6. Two awards will be given every year for the best paper-- one each for (i) Humanities, Social Sciences and Commerce and (ii) Science.
7. Duly filled application form along with the reprint of the paper should be submitted to the Principal on or before the stipulated date and time.
8. The paper will be considered only for the award for the year of publication as given in the reprint.
9. Papers with single author or corresponding author will be given preference. Impact factor of the journal, citation index of the article, h-index etc. will be given preference for the selection.
10. The decision by the committee of experts for the selection of papers will be final.