**7.1.8 Describe the Institutional efforts / initiatives in providing an inclusive environment ie. tolerance and harmony towards culture, regional, linguistic, communal socio economic and other diversities.**(within a maximum of 200 words).

**Response:**

To celebrate **cultural and regional diversity** the following steps are taken:

* **Pongal**: The cultural festival of Tamil Nadu is celebrated by the students who make *Pongal* in the college and distribute it to inmates of the orphanage and home for the aged.
* ***Muthamizh Vizha*** organized annually by The Research Centre of Tamil gives a glimpse of Tamil art, literature and culture.
* **Folk arts** of India form an integral aspect of intercollegiate events.
* To promote linguistic diversity, the college offers Hindi, French, German and Japanese as well.
* **Mother Language Day** is celebrated with a host of competitions.
* **Deepavali, Christmas, Eid** and **Pongal** are celebrated in a grand manner.
* **The Equal Opportunity Cell** empowers students from the weaker sections and the *divyangjan*.
* The campus is **disabled-friendly**.
* Programmes are organized for the students to emphasize the inclusive practices, in collaboration with NGOs and other organizations.
* **Communal Harmony Week** is observed.
* At all events readings are taken from *The Bhagwad Gita, The Bible*, and *The Quran.*
* Discourses on all faiths are included in the **Ethical Studies** classes.
* The hostel inmates enjoy an inclusive life transcending religion and region.