| logoblack1 **KONGU ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE** |
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| **(An Autonomous Institution, Affiliated to Bharathiar University, Coimbatore)** |

**7.1.8: Describe the Institutional efforts/initiatives in providing an inclusive environment i.e., tolerance and harmony towards cultural, regional, linguistic, communal socioeconomic and other diversities (within 500 words).**

Kongu Arts and Science College is consistently taking efforts in providing an inclusive environment. The initiative of the Institution helps to promote better education, economic upliftment and also to enhance communal harmony. The Faculty members and students with much zeal and enthusiasm organize various programmes to nurture the culture, regional, linguistic, communal socioeconomic and other diversities in the campus.

Celebrating the regional festivals paves way to acknowledge the importance of Cultural Diversities. The Institution encourages students to participate in the Pongal Vizha by wearing ethnic costume. Pongal, also referred to as Thai Pongal is a multi-day Hindu harvest festival celebrated by Tamils in India.

Commemorating our nation’s most valued freedom fighters is the highest honour shown to them and it is observed through the celebrations of Independence Day and Republic Day. Saraswathi pooja and Vinayaka Chathurthi are celebrated to show due respect towards education as a sign of prosperity. Every year Christmas is celebrated in the month of December, by the departments of Catering Science & Hotel Management and English.

Kongu Cultural Fest is the intra college festival which makes each and every department students to bring out their own talents. Annual Day is celebrated to exhibit their skills through various events by which they explore diversified cultures and heritages. Heritage Tour was organised by ethics club and students were taken to the historical places to learn about different customs and modes of that particular region.

Linguistic diversity encompasses different types of qualities which comprise of language, grammar, and vocabulary of a person. International Mother Language Day and Hindi Diwas were celebrated to remind the significance of Language among the students. Patriotism is expressed through celebrations and observations of National Youth Day and Gandhi Jayanthi. Solidarity is evidenced with uniform dress code on Friday.

National Festivals like Diwali, Raksha Bandhan are celebrated as per the guidelines of UGC & AICTE and other diversities day celebrations such as National Voters day, World Disaster Day, World Environment Day, National Flag Day, Child Labour Eradication Day, National Pollution Day and communal harmony day were celebrated by NSS.

Regional diversity is an indication of each person’s uniqueness from a certain area. It refers to the differentiation of various communities, gender, society and more. NSS unit has a key role in maintaining the regional diversity by setting camp in the nearby villages.

Cultural inclusiveness and tolerance play a vital role in bringing people close who speak different languages, practice different religions, follow different customs, and believe in different values, and therefore it helps to promote harmony towards cultural, regional, linguistic, communal, socio economic and other diversities. By means of that, the institution take such kind of initiatives in providing a wide-ranging environment for every student to equip their quality of tolerance and harmony towards cultural, regional, linguistic, communal socio-economic and other diversities.