

SRI S. RAMASAMY NAIDU MEMORIAL COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS),

SATTUR

ANNUAL REPORT - 2014 – 2015

Revered President of the function and Secretary of the College Shri (Dr) T.R. Dhinakaran, Respected Chief Guest and the Registrar of Madurai Kamaraj University Shri (Dr) N. Rajasekar, Directors of the Managing Committee, members of the General Body, the faculty, the non-teaching staff and my dear students! I am happy to present the 45th Annual Day report of our College pertaining to the academic year 2014-2015.

New Programmes

M.Phil. (Computer Science) and M.A. (History) were introduced this year. Now our College offers 10 UG, 9 PG, 3 M.Phil. and 2 Ph.D. Programmes besides a number of Diploma and Certificate courses. The present student - strength is 3384 (of whom 2478 are girls), registering a consistent rise with every passing year.

Faculty Recruitment

Dr.P. Sundara Venkatesh, Dr.M. Sakthi Saradha were appointed in the Physics and Commerce departments respectively. Now the College has 131 members of the teaching staff (of whom 44 belong to the aided stream) and 61 of the non-teaching. Mr.S. Rajasekaran of Physics is on leave service, working as the State Liaison officer of the NSS.

Faculty Development and Achievements

- i. Awards of Doctoral Degrees – Ms.T. Kavitha of Chemistry, Ms.V. Thiripurasundari and Mr.S. Saravanakumar of Mathematics and Mr.S. Rajasekaran of Physics have obtained their doctoral degrees.

- ii. Dr.S. Brinda Uma Maheswari of History has got a Major Research Project (Rs.4.83 lacs) and Dr.K. Krishnaveni of Computer Science has got (Rs.11.7 lacs) sanctioned by the UGC. The UGC has sanctioned a Minor Research Project (Rs.3.75 lacs) to Dr.P. Rajaguru of Zoology.
- iii. The faculty members of Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics, Zoology, Botany, Tamil and English presented papers at the international seminars and conferences and contributed articles to the international and national journals.
- iv. Eight of our faculty members attended Orientation Programmes and three, Refresher Courses this year.

IQAC

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of our College received a financial assistance of Rs.3 lacs from the UGC under the XII plan.

- i. Programmes: Three retraining programmes were conducted for the teaching staff. Dr.G. Venkateswaran, Professor, Regional Institute of English, Bangalore, Dr.N. Ramani, Senior Professor, VIT University, Vellore and Dr. Manjula Jeyaraman, Former Principal of GVC Visalakshi College for Women, Udumalpet dealt with the themes such as 'Teachers' Empowerment, 'E-learning' and 'Fostering Research Competencies in Teachers' on 25-08-2014, 27-10-2014 and 12-02-2015 respectively. The faculty had an interaction with Shri C.R. Swaminathan, Chairman, CII National Committee for Higher Education on 11-03-2015.

The IQAC arranged a Computer Awareness and Training programme for the lab Assistants, too.

UGC Grants and Aids

Under the XI Plan of UGC, our Institution received Rs.3,83,536 for the Non-Resident Girls' Rest Room, and Rs.22.5 lacs as the second instalment of Additional Grant and Rs.1.8 lacs as the second instalment for Sports Infrastructure.

Under the XII Plan, the Institution received Rs.10,02,536 as the UG grant, Rs.6.3 lacs for an Add-on course on ‘Tourism and Travel Management’ and Rs.1.86 lac for organizing National Seminars by the departments of Computer Science and Mathematics. Rs.3,37,859 as the balance amount for 2013-14 and Rs.16 lacs as the advance payment for 2015-16 under the Autonomy Grant were received. In total, our Institution was able to get Rs.74,39, 773 from the UGC under various heads this year.

In addition, the UGC has sanctioned the Indira Gandhi Single Girl Child Scholarships to thirteen of our PG students. They will be receiving a monthly payment of Rs.3,100 for 20 months.

National and State level Seminars

The Departments of Computer Science and Mathematics organized National level seminars on 5th and 6th February and 26th and 27th February, 2015 respectively. The Departments of Physics and Chemistry jointly organized a State level seminar on 04-08-2014. The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics conducted a State level seminar on 25-09-2014 and the Department of Mathematics on 08-01-2015.

The Departments of Zoology and Mathematics organized ‘Cluster of Colleges’ programmes and those of History and Computer Science (unaided) conducted Inter Collegiate events.

Awareness and Motivational Programmes

Mr.T. Radhakrishnan IPS, a former ADGP, delivered a motivational speech ‘Vetri Ungal Kayil’ on 05-09-2014. Our Institution, in collaboration with the Junior Vikatan, a bi-weekly, organized the popular event ‘Tamil Mannae Vanakkam’ on 19-12-2014. Dr.K. Sivaraman and Mr. Bharathi Krishnakumar were the star speakers.

Days to Remember

i. The **Independence Day** was celebrated with Dr.J. Jabarullahan, a former Principal of this College, as the Chief Guest. Mr.P. Ramamoorthi, a former Member of Parliament, graced the occasion of the **Republic Day** celebration.

ii. **Women's Day**

The Women's Forum celebrated the Women's Day on 14-03-2015 arranging a series of awareness and motivational programmes with Dr.R. Radhakrishnan, a Psychologist, Dr. Subhashini, a Gynaecologist, and Dr.P.R. Muthusamy, a Principal. The main thrust was on pre-marital counselling. Thanks are due to Mr.K.G. Srinivasan, former Director, for his help in organizing this programme.

iii. **Pongal Day**

The Women's Forum organized the Pongal Day celebration on 13-01-2015.

iv. **Fine Arts Day**

The Fine Arts Club celebrated the Fine Arts Day on 06-03-2015. Musical concerts and artistic performances marked the occasion.

v. **Convocation Day**

Dr.Maa.Pa. Gurusamy, Secretary, Gandhi Museum, Madurai was the Chief Guest at the Graduation Day function held on 21-02-2015. **925** students in total received their degrees.

Value Education

Dr. Balakrishnan Ponraj from the USA delivered a discourse on the Bhagavad Gita on 18-12-2014. A Certificate course on Value Education and Spirituality has been conducted in collaboration with Raj Yoga Education and Research Foundation Signing of an MOU with World Community Service Centre, Aliyar is in the pipeline to teach yoga to our students.

Some students and members of staff took part in the Youth Convention held at the Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Coimbatore from 2 December to 4 December, 2014. Around 35 students participated in the Youth Camps organized by the Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, in February and March 2014. Srimath Harivarathanantha Swamigal, Ramakrishna Mission, Coimbatore, delivered a motivational speech on 'Swami Vivekananda's Tips to Youngsters' on 18-12-2014.

Sports

The Sports Day was held on 01-02-2015. Some of the notable achievements of our boys and girls are as follows:

M. Rajkumar of III B.A. (History) and R. Kabilan of II B.A. (English) represented the Madurai Kamaraj University in the Inter-University Football Tournaments held in the University of Calicut.

P. Kaleeswaran of III B.A. (History) represented our University in the Inter University Kabaddi held at Vels University, Chennai. G. Periyakaruppasamy won the III place in the 83 kg category power lifting competition at the University level. R. Kabilan of II B.A. (English) and R. Durga of III B.A. (English) were the Champions for Men and Women this year respectively.

Our College Badminton and Football Teams secured the Runners-up position in our University Zone level tournament.

NCC

Lt.Dr.S. Brinda Uma Maheswari, the Officer of NCC Women's Wing, was promoted as Captain. CPL.Jeyanthi, L/CPL Sivaranjani, L/CPL Sakunthala Devi and Cdt. Malarvizhi attended the National Integration Camps in Bihar and Karnataka. Similarly, CUO Poomari, SGT Yamuna Devi, L/CPL Guruvalakshmi and L/CPL Sivaranjani participated in the RDC Intergroup Competitions and won the Championship.

Sqn. Leader Dhanuskodi Raja, an ex-NCC cadet now a Commanding Officer of Air Force working in Srinagar, donated Rs.10,000 for organizing coaching classes for selection of Air Force officers to our students.

35 cadets of NCC (Boys) rendered their services in cleaning the Sattur Railway Station on 2 October, 2014 as part of the Prime Minister's 'Clean India' drive.

Cdt.R. Praveen of B.Sc., Computer Science represented the Tamil Nadu contingent in all India NCC Sports held in Delhi.

Cdts.R. Prakash Kumar, of II B.Com. and D. Gopalsamy took part in the National Integration Camps held at West Bengal and at Warangal during October and December respectively.

Cdt. Antony Raj of II B.A. (English) attended the All India Army Attachment Camp held at Secundrabad during the last week of May 2014.

NSS

NSS volunteers along with NCC cadets took part in the National Voters' Day Rally organized by the District Election Officials at Sattur on 24-01-2015. NSS boys rendered services on the occasion of the visit of Shri Mata Amirthanandha Mayi to Madurai on 17th and 18th of January this year. Dr.K. Navaneethakrishnan and Mr.S. Balaji, Programme Officers, attended an Orientation Course at Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore.

The Placement and Career Guidance cells organized TNPSC and AIRFORCE, coaching classes on the campus. 14 of our students were selected in an off campus interview conducted by the Indian School of Science and Management and seven students by the Institute of Language Management of Bengaluru.

Educational Aids

- Medals are presented every year to students who secure the first and the second rank in each discipline under the auspices of “Sri S.R.Naidu Education, Culture and Charity Endowment” instituted by late Srimathi Thayammal, wife of the name founder of our College and by the management and the teachers of the College.
- Kakkivadanpatti Thiru.K.Ramachandrappa Naicker Cash Award of Rs.1000/- each is awarded to 100 poor students by his son Mr.K.R.Krishnasamy, an alumnus and a member of our College Managing Committee.
- Manipparaipatti Thiru.S.Gopalsamy Naicker Memorial Cash award of Rs.1000/- each is awarded to 25 poor students by his son Mr.M.G.Srinivasan and his family members in memory of his father, one of the founders of the college, to perpetuate the memory of his service to the society.
- Dr.Guru Jeganathan awards a cash prize of Rs.1000/- every year to a student of History of our College.
- Physics Alumni Endowment Scholarship of Rs.25,000/- is awarded to meritorious U.G. and P.G. Physics students of our College every year.
- Dr.G.Veerakumaran Endowment cash prize of Rs.1000/- is awarded every year to the student who secures the first place in M.Phil. Commerce.
- Thiru.P.Madhavan Memorial Endowment Prize was instituted by his son Mr.M.Sundarajan, one of the first batch (1983-1985) of M.Com students.

A cash prize of Rs.5000/- is awarded to the students who secure first place and Rs.2500/- to the students who secure second place in B.Com., B.Com., (C.A) and M.Com.

- Gold medals are being awarded every year to the Best Boy student and the Best Girl student by Sri.T.G.Krishnamoorthy, a Chennai-based industrialist, and Smt. Soundarya Krishnamoorthy. A silver medal for the Most Pious student is awarded by Sri Sai Pathuga Trust, Madurai, every year.
- Sankarapandiapuram Shri R. Seenivasaga Naidu Endowment has been created by his daughter Ms.P. Santhalakshmi, a director of our College, in remembrance of his great service to the College this year and a Cash Prize of Rs.5,000/- will be awarded to two students (one PG and other UG) for Academic Excellence each year beginning this one.
- Cash prizes will be awarded to the students of UG and PG English Literature (unaided stream) from out of Thiru S. Lingava Naidu Memorial Endowment to the tune of 1 lac, instituted by his son Dr.L. Sengaiyah, Director of Self Financing Programmes and former Principal, from the next year onwards.
- A silver medal is awarded to the Best Artist of the year.

I take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to all the donors.

Clubs & Committees

The Health Club, the Red Ribbon Club, and the Red Cross Society undertook awareness programmes for sustaining health. Our boys donated blood whenever there were appeals from the larger society.

The Campus Committee has taken efforts to spruce up the campus and refurbish the vehicular sheds.

A training in the native martial art – Silambam – was given to a batch of students under the aegis of SRNMC Silambam Association. A Quiz Club was formed this month to enable students appear for the competitive examinations.

Infrastructure

An audio visual lab was instituted at a cost of Rs.5 lacs with a view to training our students in communicative skills in English. A new Computer block was constructed at a cost of Rs.77 lacs. The alumni of Computer Science have contributed Rs.25 lacs till now for this. A nano lab is being built at a total outlay of Rs.3.7 lacs from the UGC grants.

4 more buses were added to the College transport services for the benefit of girl day scholars this year. Books numbering 1684 were purchased for the library. Creation of e-sources was another notable addition to this resource centre.

The Bio-medical lab was renovated with the UGC autonomy grant of Rs.2 lacs and equipped with sophisticated instruments to the tune of Rs.11 lacs funded by DST-FIST.

Scholarships

Scholarships worth Rs.14,04,848 were applied for under the Backward class Welfare for 946 students and a sum of Rs.19,64,180 was applied for under the Adi Dravidar Welfare for 404 students by the College this year.

Hostels

Presently 80 boys and 361 girls are accommodated in our hostels. A new dining hall with a modern kitchen is being constructed at a total estimate of Rs.69 lacs in the Boys' Hostel.

Notable departmental activities

The Department of Zoology organized an exhibition (**EXPO – Vita – 15**) on 28-01-2015 and the Department of History, a pictorial exhibition making the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 30-09-2014 for the benefit of students of schools in the neighbourhood. The Departments of History, English and Commerce held the Histofest '15, Litfest '15 and Comfest '15 on 25-02-2015, 11-03-2015, and 25-03-2015 respectively, with the in-house festivals fostering team-spirit among the students.

Spoken English Classes are regularly conducted by the Department of English with Ms.Sumathi as the Chief Resource Person. The final year students of B.Sc. Nutrition & Dietetics underwent a month long internship at the PSG Hospitals, Coimbatore in December 2014. This year our students participated in a great number of competitions held in other colleges and won many prizes.

Snippets

Shri R.B. Udhy Kumar, the Hon'ble Minister for Revenue, presented dictionaries, free of cost, to our students on 12-03-2015. We thank him for his noble gesture.

We are happy to announce the release of the first edition of our **College Newsletter** on this day. A peer-reviewed research journal by name **Research Journal of SRNMC** is scheduled to be launched in the second week of April. It is meant to be a national level journal, both in print and online. The College is undertaking an Academic Audit on April 15 this year. Experts from St.Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, a College with Potential for Excellence, will be on the Peer Committee.

A delegation of our teachers under the leadership of the Principal made visits to the nationally-reputed PSG College of Arts and Sciences and the fast-developing Sri Krishna College of Arts and Sciences, Coimbatore on 23 and 24th of this month. The purpose is to learn about their 'Best Practices'. The Management thanks Shri C.R. Swaminathan, the former CEO of PSG Institutions, for arranging this trip.

I would like to thank the Management, my staff and students, parents and the members of the general body for their cooperation.

We know we have a long way to go, but will not rest in our efforts to become one among the best.

“To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield”

Thank you.

