# NIRMALA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN



# (AUTONOMOUS)



# RED FIELDS, COIMBATORE

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In the spirit of thanksgiving, we draw inspiration from the Psalm, that resonates with the essence, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

As we stand on the threshold of our 75th year, it is with immense happiness, gratitude, and hope that I present this annual report to commemorate our journey, marked by resilience, growth, and academic excellence. Since our inception in 1948 as the first women's college in Coimbatore, Nirmala College for Women has been a guiding light in the field of education, nurturing generations of young minds, scholars, visionaries, and leaders who have made significant contributions to our society. Our Platinum Jubilee is not just a reflection of the passage of time, it is a testament to the unwavering commitment of our founders, dedicated faculty both teaching and non-teaching, and brilliant students who have worked tirelessly to advance the cause of education and excellence. As, we recollect the past seventy-five years, we recall the triumphs, challenges, and transformative moments that have shaped our journey.

I, as the Principal of this institution, would like to provide an overview of the activities of Platinum Jubilee year, with the aim of celebrating our rich heritage, acknowledging the contributions of all who have been a part of our institution, and reaffirming our commitment to fostering a culture of value based as well as an industry ready academic inquiry, and inclusivity irrespective of social and economic background. Furthermore, we look forward to embracing the opportunities of the future, including the integration of emerging technologies and addressing the evolving needs of our global community.

As we embark joyously to celebrate the rich legacy of our institution, let us rejoice in our shared history, cherish the bonds that unite us, and recommit ourselves to the quest for knowledge, enlightenment, and service to humanity. "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:1. Together, let us celebrate seventy-five years of excellence and dare to envision a future filled with promise, endless possibilities, and opportunities for growth and transformation.

Nirmala College for Women has been dedicated to a theme-based approach in all its activities, both academic and non-academic, throughout the year. In this context, we chose the theme "RETHINK REDEFINE REFORM" for this academic year, aligning with our 75 years of dedicated service to society through education.

### 1. ACCOLADES

- A moment of Pride and bliss to the Institution for obtaining "A++" Grade with CGPA 3.78 from NAAC in its fourth cycle of Accreditation.
- The Institution stands in the Rank band of 151-200 of the National Institutional Ranking Framework 2023 (NIRF 2023), conducted by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- Our Institutions' Innovation Council has earned 4 stars on a 5-point scale in the Annual Evaluation by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- To instill environmental consciousness among the youth, the Institution organized an event for creating viable seed balls in collaboration with Rotary City, Coimbatore, on December 6th, 2023. During the event, 2500 members including staff and students created 1.3 million viable seed balls in just 2 hours, setting a World Record that featured in the Universal Achievers Book of Records and Future Kalam's Book of Records.
- Farmers Fest in association with RISE was held in the campus on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 where 100 Value Added Millet Products in 80 stalls were displayed. Dr. Lovelina Little Flower, Member, Vice Chancellor Committee, Bharathiar University graced the Occasion and felicitated the participants. During the event, *Oyilattam* depicting traditional Tamil culture was performed by 200 artists marking the importance of Agriculture and Farmers.
- The Students and faculty members donated 3030 used books to the DIG, Central Prison, Coimbatore for the benefit of the Prisoners under "Padithathai Padikka Koduppom" on 10.08.2023.

- 30 students from Vitagliano School, Marshielle, France, under the International Students Exposure Visit Programme, visited the Institution on 26.10.2023.
- 2 Students Ms. Lissandra of B.Sc. Mathematics and Ms. Smrithi Gowri of B.Com. had been selected as NEP Saarthi to be the Brand Ambassadors for UGC NEP among the 730 students selected across India.
- EDC team received the first prize in the "Best Millet Food preparation" Competition organized by the Ministry of Food and Civil supplies of Tamil Nadu at the District level.
- 34 Staff members and 5 students presented their research papers in the International Millet Expo & Conclave 2023 held during 01.12.2023 to 13.12.2023 and created a World Record Event.
- The Institution had the honor of welcoming Honorable Minister for Prohibition and Excise, Tamil Nadu, Mr. Muthusamy, who inaugurated the Job Fair on 02.12.2023.
- His Excellency. Bishop Thomas Acquinas, Bishop of Coimbatore; Mr. K.S. Masthan, Honorable Minister of Minorities' Welfare of Tamil Nadu; Honorable Minister for Prohibition and Excise, Tamil Nadu, Mr. Muthusamy; Minister and Mr. Peter Alphonse, Chairman, State Minorities Commission were the Chief guests for Minority Day Celebration on 18.12.2023. During the event, the Ministry for Minorities Welfare provided Rs.10,000/- to 6 students each as Merit Scholarship.
- 2 Students Ms. Indhumathi of BBA and Ms. Charulatha of B.Sc. Zoology were selected for the final round of Yukthi 2023 conducted by IIC, Ministry of Education.
- Science Academies sanctioned Rs. 2,25,000/- for the Department of Zoology to organize a Lecture Workshop and the first instalment of Rs.1,69,312/- has been received.

# 2. ACTIVITIES OF 75<sup>TH</sup> YEAR JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The 75th Year Platinum Jubilee Celebration was initiated with the theme "Rethink Redefine Reform" for the academic year, 2023-2024.

 An International Motivational Programme for the Students was conducted by Mr. Saji Abraham, General Manager, Head of Indian Operation, Schouten Foods, Europe on 30.06.2023

- On 15.08.2023, 15 Social Workers were awarded with the Humanitarian Award for their service rendered to the society.
- Mini Shopping Mela was conducted by the Rev. Sisters of the Nirmala College for Women on 19.08.2023.
- Food Festival was organized by the Non-Teaching Staff on 02.09.2023
- 15 Academicians were honored with Academic Icon Awards on 05.09.2023
- Awards were conferred on 31 Departments on 05.09.2023
- On 07.09.2023, the Department of Zoology organized an International Seminar on "Mass Production of Copepods". Dr Jiang Shiou- Hwang, Professor, Institute of Marine Biology, National Taiwan Ocean University, Keelung city, Taiwan was the Resource Person
- For Platinum Jubilee Lecture on Life Skills, Dr. D. Jayanthasri Balakrishnan, Illustrious Alumna, (Retd) Professor, Dept of English, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore was invited for a motivational talk on 15.09.2023
- Dr. Sheela Ramachandran, Alumna, Pro Chancellor, Atmiya University, Rajkot, Gujarat, gave the Platinum Jubilee Lecture on Skills for Globalizations.
- On 17.10.2023, Community Champion Awards were presented to 15 Social workers for their commendable service to the Society.
- On 02.12.2023, Food Fiesta 2023 was organized and 22 Food Stalls were put up by the teaching staff.
- On 06.02.2024, Retd. Teaching Faculty and Retd. Supportive Staff; Very Rev. Mother Fabi Lynnet, Superior General, Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, President, Nirmala Education Society, Coimbatore were honoured.
- On 07.02.2024, Eucharistic Concelebration was led by Rev. Fr. Dr. R.D.E Jerome, Secretary, Bishop Ambrose College, Coimbatore.
- On 07.02.2024, Dr. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Dr. Mrudhubashini, Clinical Director, Women's Centre, Coimbatore and Dr. Kalaiselvi, RJD, Coimbatore graced the Jubilee Celebration.
- An International Seminar was conducted by the Placement Cell on 20.09.2023. Mr.
  Kabilan Vairamuthu-Writer; Mr. Prasanth Subramaniam, VP, WebInternat, UK; Mr.
  Joel Prince Senior Engineer, CTS, Coimbatore were the Resource Persons.

- The Fine Arts Committee organized an Intercollegiate Cultural Event, providing a platform for students to showcase their artistic talents and cultural heritage on 06.12.2023.
- The college hosted an insightful talk on "Healthy Mind, Healthy Life" delivered by Dr. Dhamu, a renowned motivational speaker, aimed at imparting valuable insights to school children.
- Dunamis 2023, was orchestrated to instill spiritual and moral values among students representing various institutions.
- On December 13th, 2023, a Science Exhibition featuring 106 innovative models were displayed by the students.
- Charity Week was organized by OSA on 09.01.2024 and 10.01.2024. 81 participants volunteered for donating their Organs. Students and Staff members donated Blood.
- On 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 the College witnessed Alumni day and there was a Reunion of Students from the batches 1957 to 2023 followed by a fund-raising Variety Entertainment Programme arranged by OSA.

# 3. NEW INITIATIVES:

- B.Sc. Data Science, B.Com. International Business and Finance, M.A. Human Resource Management (HRM) have been introduced this academic year.
- 32 MOUs were signed with higher education institutions across India for various academic activities.
- Salem Alumni Chapter, Other State Alumni Chapter and International Alumni Chapter, were inaugurated.
- Initiation of Seed Money Grant for Students (RAVEL RESEARCH SEED MONEY PROJECT FOR PG STUDENTS) in commemoration of 200<sup>th</sup> (Bi-Centennial) Birth Anniversary of Servant of God, Joseph Louis Ravel, 11 Students received a total sum of Rs.55,000. The grants were distributed by Rev. Sr. Dr. Arul Seeli, Provincial, Ravel Province.
- Psychology Club, "Manam Thoothuvargal" was initiated as per the mandatory requirements of Bharathiar University.
- A new Certificate Course on "Introduction to Psychology" was introduced for the Teaching Staff and Students with Ms. Jenita Veronica as the Course Counsellor.

• SEON (Students Emart of Nirmala) was launched and inaugurated by Very Rev. Mother Fabi Lynnet, Superior General and President of Nirmala Education Society.

# 4. ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

The outcome of the examination reflect the dedicated endeavors of both the faculty members and the committed learners. The Management extends heartfelt congratulations and commendation to the faculty and students for achieving noteworthy grades once again this year. The UG Programmes, B.A. History, B.A. Economics, B.Sc. Mathematics Aided, B.Sc. Mathematics SF, B.Sc. Chemistry, B.Sc. Zoology, B.Sc. Geography, B.Sc. Computer Science, BCA, B.Sc Information technology, B.Com. PA, B.Sc. Physics, and all the PG Programmes secured 100% results. The other Programmes as follows:

B.A. English Aided	- 98.11%
B.A. English SF	- 95.12%
B.Sc. Botany	- 95.45%
B.Com.	- 98.24%
B.Com. CA	- 97.8 <mark>2%</mark>
BBA	- 96.29%
B.A. Tamil	- 95.45%
B.Com. E- Commerce	- 97.95%

# 5. BIDDING ADIEU:

This year, we bid farewell to Dr. Sr. Regina, Vice Principal, Associate Professor, and Head of the Department of Tamil, who is retiring after years of dedicated service. She has been an inspiration to many, and we wish her a happy, prosperous, peaceful, and prolific retired life.

# 6. ACADEMIC TESTIMONY:

"Success in academics is not only measured by grades but by the knowledge and wisdom students gain." We have maintained this tradition through various activities within and beyond the curriculum.

As part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebration, the Departments organized a series of activities themed around the number '75'.

8	a.	Association Meetings	75
ł	<b>o</b> .	Guest Lectures	77
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(	d.	Workshops/Hands-on Training	78
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1	f.	DC Meetings	59
٤	g.	Eco trip, Industrial Visit, Educational Tour	58

### 7. SKILL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

- 1. 91 students successfully completed a course on "Data Science" sponsored by DXC Technology, NASSCOM Foundation and DEED Pondicherry conducted for 130 hours from 23.11.2023 to 30.01.2024.
- 2. ITC Infotech sponsored a 30 hour Course on "Java Back End Developer" for 60 students of Computer Science, BCA and IT which was implemented by ICT Academy, Coimbatore during 27.11.2023 to 05.02.2024
- 3. 60 students from Commerce stream were benefitted by ATOS PRAYAS sponsored Course on "Retail Management" conducted by ICT Academy, Coimbatore during 29.11.2023 to 20.12.2023.
- 4. As part of CSR Programme, of DXC Technology, NASSCOM Foundation and DEED Pondicherry, Digital 101 Journey course was offered to UG Students and 1213 students completed the course successfully and received their merit certificate.
- 5. 1093 Students registered and 472 students completed Project management course offered by IBM and sponsored by ASPIRE, Bangalore.
- 6. 580 students registered for emerging technology based online courses offered by Linked In.

- 7. 2750 students and staff completed the Self learning online Certificate Course "AI for all" offered by Ministry of Education, Government of India and received certificates for AI Aware and AI Appreciate on 15.07.2023 in commemoration of World Youth Skill Day.
- 8. In association with CDAC, Noida under the aegis of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Govt of India, 350 students were trained and certified on emerging technologies from 12.06.2023 to 04.07.2023. Nine Trainers from Noida, Mohali, Pune, Calicut and Cochin trained the Students.
  - Big Data 42 Students
  - Artificial Intelligence 112 Students
  - Cloud Computing 38 Students
  - AR/VR 66 Students
  - Social Mobile 92 Students
- 9. Under the Trainer's Training Programme, CDAC, Noida under the aegis of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Govt of India, 52 faculty members were trained on Big Data.
- 10. A total sum of Rs. 17,18,363/- has been spent on upgradation of Computer Lab facilities to meet the current requirements for Technology Development.
- 11. 193 Students have enrolled for Google Sponsored Certificate Course on "Cyber Security" completing which, the Students will receive merit stipend.
- 12. Our students have successfully completed the "AI for All Course" launched by the Ministry of Education, enhancing their employability.

# 8. ACCLAMATION:

"The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more." - Jonas Salk

- 1. The Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, has acknowledged our institution with financial support of Rs.1.69 Crore since 2012 under the Star College Scheme, elevating us to Star Status.
- 2. Our faculty and students have published 104 books with ISBN, and we have received 10 copyrights for these books.

- 3. 30 students from Vitagliano School, Marshielle, France, under the International Students Exposure Visit Programme, visited the Institution on 26.10.2023.
- 4. Our Institutions' Innovation Council has earned a 4/5 Star Rating in the Annual Evaluation by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- 5. Nirmala College for Women ranks among the top 200 institutions in the National Institutional Ranking Framework 2023 by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

# 9. RESEARCH:

"Research is creating new knowledge." - Neil Armstrong

- 1. Dr. L. Kousalya, Assistant Professor of Botany has published an Indian Patent on "Production of biodegradable sanitary pads using water hyacinth fiber"
- 2. The proposal for Assistance for Science and Technology Publications by Dr. Mrs. Priya Premalatha, Assistant Professor of History and Dr. Mrs. Shakthi Vishnu Priya, Assistant Professor of History (Rs.25,000/-) for a book and Dr. Rosalin Mary, Associate Professor of Zoology (Rs.15,000/-) have been sanctioned by TNSCST.
- 3. 6 faculty members have been awarded Ph.Ds, 7 have received M.Phil. degrees, and 31 Ph.Ds have been produced by the institution.
- 4. 7 Faculty members have received their guide recognition to guide M.Phil. and Ph.D.
- 5. Seed Money Grants for teachers have benefitted 22 staff members with a total sum of Rs. 2,90,000.
- 6. Our faculty and students have published 297 research articles in reputed national and international journals. 12 Book Chapters have been published by the faculty members.
- 7. Faculty members have presented 68 research papers, while students have presented 243 papers at national and international conferences.
- 8. 792 UG Students and 172 PG Students have completed their Internship in Institutes of repute for a minimum period of 21 days. 121 research projects at PG level have been completed this year.

# 10. ACTIVITIES OF IQAC

- on 16.06.2023, an FDP on Digital Age Pedagogy was organized. Dr Senthinathan, Director i/c UGC-HRDC, Dept of Education Technology, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli was the Key Speaker. 160 Faculty members participated.
- 2. Orientation Program on Mastersoft ERP was organized on 08.09.2023. Mr. Krishna Kumar, Vice President, MasterSoft, Chennai addressed 12 Management representatives, Office staff and Faculty members.
- 3. A Workshop on "How to Make Your Research Productive" was arranged on 13.09.2023. Dr K Manimegalai, Professor, Department of Zoology, Avinashilingam Institute of Home Science and Higher Education for women, Coimbatore was the Resource Person. 266 faculty/PG students/Research scholars attended the programme.
- 4. Performance Audit for Fatima college (Autonomous), Maryland, Madurai was conducted on 13.09.2023.
- 5. Orientation on OBE was given to Providence College, Coonoor and Kalaikaveri College of Arts and Science, Trichy

# 6. Mentoring other Institutions towards NAAC Accreditation

- a. St Joseph's College for Women, Tirupur 03.10.2023, 28.02.2024, 27.03.2024
- b. Sri Krishna Aditya College, Coimbatore 17.11.2023
- c. St Joseph's College for women, Hosur 24.11.2023, 12.03.2024
- d. St Vincent Palotti College, Bangalore 30.11.2023 & 01.12.2023
- e. St Xavier's College, Jaipur 08.12.2023 & 09.12.2023

# 11. LIBRARY

- 1. 542 books, 72 Journals and 65 magazines were purchased for an amount of Rs.5,23,700/-
- 2. Membership renewed for DELNET, INFLIBNET, J-Gate and elib4U (e-books)
- 3. College Library subscribed for eAarjav Plagiarism software at the cost of Rs.96,760/-
- 4. Best User Awards were given to 10 students for 2023-2024.
- 5. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Technology has been initiated in the Library to ease the tracking of the circulation of books, managing library materials and organizing the library's collection.

### 12. CELEBRATION OF COMMEMORATIVE DAYS

- 1. **World Environment Day (05.06.2023):** The Departments planted saplings, conducted 12 guest lectures, a Survey and a poster making Competition to create awareness about Environment Protection.
- 2. **International Yoga Day** (21.06.2023): Lecture on "Yoga in Health and Fitness" was organized. 20 Departments organized different Programmes on various topics.
- 3. National Handloom Day (07.08.2023): Mr. R. Natarajan, Regional Manager (Retd), Co-optex, Regional Office Coimbatore was the Resource Person, 909 students participated
- 4. National Women's Day (09.08.2023): Women Empowerment Award was presented to 3 notable Women. Thiru.V. Balakrishnan, Commissioner of Police was the chief guest and 300 students participated. Rev. Sr. Fatima Siriya Pushpam, Presentation Convent, Walayar and Dr. Mrs. Pawlin Vasanthi Joseph, IQAC Coordinator were honoured.
- 5. **Drug Abuse Awareness** (11.08.2023): Pledge against Drug Abuse was taken.
- 6. **Kalaignar Centenary Birth Celebration** (13.10.2023): 5 Competitions were organized for Centenary Celebration of Kalaignar Karunanathi (Drawing, Essay Writing, Speech ,Poem, Theme Competitions on "Kalainar as Multifaceted Personality).
- 7. Youth Awakening Day (16.10.2023 and 18.10.2023): Human Art was arranged to pay respect to Late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. 2500 Students participated. 13 Students participated in the Haiku Poem composing Competition.

### 13. CELEBRATION OF IMPORTANT DAYS

- 1. Department of History in association with Yakkai Foundation commemorated International Day for Monuments and Sites (18.04.2023) with a Heritage Walk.
- 2. Department of Zoology commemorated World Snakes Day (17.07.2023) by organizing an Awareness Programme on Snakes of India: Myths and Precautions. Mr. Siraj Deen, (Co-Ordinator), Wildlife & Nature Conservation Trust (WNCT), Coimbatore and Mrs. Priya S., Forest Range Officer, Forestry Extension Range, Coimbatore Forest Division, Coimbatore were the Key Speakers.

- 3. Department of Mathematics commemorated **PI Approximation Day** (22.07.2023) with a Quiz Competition on Pi.
- 4. **Independence Day** (15.08.2023) was celebrated with Subedar Major Murugan, 110 (TA), Madras Regiment, Red fields, Coimbatore as the chief guest.
- 5. **Teacher's Day** (05.09.2023) was celebrated during which, the Departments were recognized with Excellence Awards.
- 6. Department of Zoology commemorated Wild Life Week Celebrations (27.09.2023) with a Painting Competition.
- 7. Department of Chemistry commemorated National Chemistry Week (15.10.2023 21.10.2023): Competitions (Chem PAC, Chem Connections, Chem Quiz, Chem Posters) were organized.
- 8. **Presentation Day**: The Congregation feast was celebrated on 21.11.2023.
- 9. Department of History commemorated Coimbatore Day (24.11.2023) with a Photography Competition on Attractive Spots in Coimbatore.
- 10. **Republic Day** (26.01.2024) was celebrated for which, Rev. Sr. Dr. Regina, Vice Principal, Nirmala College was the chief guest.
- 11. Department of History commemorated **Constitution Day** (27.11.2023) with Preamble Reading.
- 12. Department of Library Science celebrated National Library Week (05.12.2023 08.12.2023) with Book Zap Competition for students and Book Scavenger Hunt for Non-Teaching Staff members.
- 13. Department of Chemistry commemorated **Energy Conservation Day** (14.12.2023) with a Cookery Competition.
- 14. Christmas Eve was celebrated on 23.12.2023.
- 15. National Start Up Day was celebrated on 16.01.2024.
- 16. Department of History commemorated Voters Day (24.01.2024) with an Oath taking.
- 17. **Hostel Day** for the inmates of Hostel was celebrated on 08.12.2023.
- 18. Farewell for the outgoing students was arranged on 19.03.2024.
- 19. The **72<sup>nd</sup> Sports Day** of the College was celebrated on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. Dr. V. Albert Premkumar, President, Para Throwball Federation of India and General Secretary, Tamil Nadu Para Volleyball Association, Director, Universal School of Sports was the chief guest.
- 20. **Science Day** was celebrated by Institutions' Innovation Council as well as the Departments from 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.

#### 14. AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FACULTY

- Two Gene Sequences have been deposited to the Genbank Repository of the National Center for Biotechnology Information, USA jointly by Dr. Sr. Mary Fabiola, Principal and the research Scholar Ms. Mercy.
- Dr. Sr. Mary Fabiola, Principal and Associate Professor of Zoology received the Asian Admirable Achievers Award from the Rifacimento International
- Dr. Sr. B. Regina, Vice Principal and Head of the Department of Tamil, received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from *Indiya Kalvi Sar Aaivalar Amaippu & Tamilaivu Sangamam*.
- Dr. Amudha, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Physics received a grant of Rs. 1,00,000/- under Unnat Bharath Abhiyaan Scheme to carry out a project on "Preservation of Agricultural Products using Solar Dryer in the Tribal villages of Palamalai, P.N. Palayam Block, Coimbatore".
- Dr. Mrs. Sreemathi, Physical Director has been awarded by the Physical Education Foundation of India, New Delhi as the "Best Physical Education Teacher in South Region".
- Dr. R. Kavitha, Assistant Professor of Commerce, was awarded Supporters Award by Poo Vriksham Company in the Rising Star Awards Ceremony on 21.01.2024
- Mrs. N. Nithya, Placement Officer received the TPO Excellence Award from E-Behinds on 09.12.2023
- Dr. R. Meenakshi, Assistant Professor of Economics has been selected as an Educational Consultant for the course Macroeconomics offered for BBA Programme by the VIGNAN'S Foundation for Science, Technology and Research, Deemed to be University, Andhra Pradesh during August 2023 to February, 2024.
- Dr. P. Gayathri, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, was selected as the Reviewer for the Journal Current Respiratory Medicine Reviews and Editor for IIP Journal.
- Dr. Mrs. Maheswari, Assistant Professor of Tamil received Best RSP Officer Award from the Commissioner of Police, Coimbatore.
- Dr. R. Amudha, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Physics received the Best Poster Presentation Award, in the International Conference on "Advanced Materials for Clean Energy and Health Applications" organized by Computer Institute

of Technology, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway and University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

# 15. PARTICIPATION OF THE FACULTY

17 faculty members completed Refresher Courses and 9 faculty Orientation Programmes; 308 FDP have been attended by the faculty. A total of 43 training Programmes, 82 Seminars, 11 Conferences and 122 Workshops were attended by the faculty members. 47 MOOC Courses have been completed by the faculty.

# 16. ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STUDENTS

- a. 27 NCC Cadets completed their 'B' Certificate Examination and 23 Cadets 'C' Certificate Examination.
- b. Shakthi Sree. S. R. of BBA Cleared Group IV Examination and Raajeswari V. S. of I B.Com. Business Analytics cleared Company Secretary Executive Entry Level Test (CSEET)
- c. 14 Research Scholars were selected for Fellowship with an amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- each under Research Fellowship for SC/ST PhD full-time Scholars by TNSCST.
- d. Ms. Jeevika K. of III B.Com. was honored with the "Young Entrepreneur 2023" Award by Lionize International Book of World Records, Women Excellence Awards -2023.
- e. 6 Students from the department of Information Technology completed their Internship with Developer Publish.com, a UK based Company with a stipend of 2500/month for technical content writing.
- f. Ms. Tamilarasi and Ms. Jenifer S. of III B.Com. E-Commerce won first prize in the National Level Students Paper Presentation (SAKSHAM) organized by St. Claret College, Bangalore on 26.07.2023
- g. Ms. Ebenezer Ruth of English Department and Ms. Surya of Botany Department cleared their NET Examination.

- h. Ms. Nimisha of Commerce Aided Department has cleared Group II level of CMA Examinations conducted by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India.
- i. Ms. Jakulin Joysy of Commerce Aided Department cleared CA Foundation. Ms. Sugapriya and Ms. Nithisa Vincy cleared the CMA foundation. Ms. Alpine Julie of Commerce Aided Department cleared CA Intermediate. Ms. Gowri of Commerce Aided Department cleared CS Foundation.

# 17. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Our NSS Camp at Arasur saw the donation of electronic gadgets for communication,
   along with Swachh Bharath and other outreach programmes.
- 28 NCC students cleared their C Certificate Examination and 32 of them completed B Certificate Examination.
- Special Events and Programmes were organized by the Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Cells like RSP, RRC, Sthree Needhi, Fine Arts and Student Affairs Committee. EDC organized bi-monthly food festivals to develop entrepreneurial spirit among students. IIC and NISP conducted Ideathons and Hackathons for the benefit of the Students.

## 18. PLACEMENTS:

743 students of the 2020-2023 batch including both UG and PG have been placed in various Corporates and Educational Institutions. Currently, 649 students out of 670 UG Students of the 2021-2024 batch and 108 students out of 114 PG Students of the 2022-2024 batch have been successfully placed.

# 19. SPORTS AND GAMES:

 We are proud to have secured the Overall Championship in Sports and Games of Bharathiar University for 32 consecutive years. Our students also represented Bharathiar University in various sports events.

### **20. GRANTS RECEIVED:**

- 1. DBT-CTEP: Rs. 1,00,000/- for the Department of Zoology to organize a conference.
- 2. ICSSR: Rs. 2,00,000/- for the Departments of English and Tamil to organize a national-level conference.
- 3. UBA: Rs. 1,50,000/- under Unnat Bharath Abhiyaan Scheme.
- 4. NGOs and Private Bodies: Rs. 10,61,470/-
- 5. Inner Wheel Club, Coimbatore has sponsored the Education for 30 orphan Children to a tune of Rs. 3,32,000/-
- 6. CSR FUNDS: Rs. 2,78,100/- (Rs. 2,28,100/- from DEED, Pondicherry & Rs. 49,000/- from ICT, Coimbatore).

# 21. SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS FROM STATE AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

- a. NET JRF: 3 Research Scholars
- b. NFOBC: 1 Research Scholar
- c. NFPwD:1 Research Scholar
- d. Savithribai Phule Fellowship for Single Girl Child: 8 Research Scholars
- e. Research Fellowship for SC/ST research Scholars: 14
- f. Indhira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child: 9 PG Students (fresh) and 9 PG Students (renewal)
- g. PG Scholarship for University Rank Holders: 3 PG Students
- h. TNSCST Research Scholars Scheme Sr. Neenu Bastin from the Department of Zoology and Ms. Ayna from the Department of History received Rs.60,000/- each
- i. Pudhumai Penn Scheme: 398 Beneficiaries receiving Rs.1000/- pm from the Govt of Tamil Nadu

# 22. SERVICE TO MANKIND

- 1. Noon Meal Scheme: Mid day meals provided to the needy Students 91 students benefitted Rs.4,58,500/-
- 2. Sneha Positive Faces: Signature activity of the Institution for HIV patients 461 beneficiaries Rs. 4,46,421/-

- 3. Free Education to 90 Sports Students by the generous contribution of Aided Staff members to the tune of Rs.4,19,000/-
- 4. Donation of Rs. 1,00,000 towards medical expenses of Ms. Dhanya Sri, I BCA (A) on 11.07.2023
- 5. Concession towards Boarding and Lodging of Sports Students to the tune of Rs.23,36,700/-
- 6. Sponsorship towards fee payment:
  - a. Trusts Rs.7,85,000/-
  - b. Staff members Rs.1,67,500/-
  - c. Other Trusts Rs.4,62,500/-
  - d. Individuals Rs. 1,99,000/-
  - e. Contribution by the Management Rs. 2,30,715/-
  - f. OSA Scholarship: Rs.2,00,000/-
  - g. PTA Scholarship: Rs.1,47,000/-
  - h. Student Aid Fund: Rs. 1,42,500/-
- 7. Charity to Indian Association for Blind -Rs.15,000 on 25.07.2023
- 8. Charity for Manipur girl Children -Rs 1,00,000/- on 30.08.2023
- 9. 75 kgs of Coconut Shell Donation to NGO Oru Rubaeil Oru Uyir on 05.12.2024
- 10. 100 kgs of Waste paper Donation to NGO Oru Rubaeil Oru Uyir on 12.02.2024
- 11. Rs.60,525/- have been donated to Rhythm, a Social Service Society for Social cause
- 12. The College encouraged the Weavers by permitting them to display and sell their products in the campus. During this academic year Rs. 7,20,150/- worth of products were sold
- 13. 5 Computers were Donated to Rhythm Social Service at Mettupalayam

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have played pivotal roles in shaping the journey of our esteemed institution. I wish to express my sincere thanks to our respected Bishops and Priests, whose support fuels our commitment to foster a holistic educational environment that values not only academic achievement but also the development of ethical and compassionate individuals. I thank our Former Superior Generals, for their unwavering vision and leadership that have laid the foundation for the excellence, guidance and wisdom. I acknowledge the tireless efforts of our Former Secretaries, for their commitment to our institution's growth and progress has been significant. I earnestly thank and appreciate the priceless contributions of our Former Principals, who have played a crucial role in shaping

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thank our Vice Principal Rev. Dr. Sr. Regina, Controller of Examinations Rev. Dr. Sr. Emelda Mary, Dean of Academics Mrs. J. Folentia Kamal, Dean of Student Affairs Dr. R. Malliga and IQAC Co-ordinator Dr. Pawlin Vasanthi Joseph, who always shoulder the responsibility concerning the day today running of the institution and contribute greatly for the overall growth and development of the institution. I sincerely thank Rev. Sisters (both Teaching and Non-Teaching), for their continued guidance, prayers, and your continuous cooperation and commitment have been instrumental in accomplishing the mission of our institution. I am also grateful for the conducive environment that they provide in the Institution.

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On this special occasion, we humbly acknowledge the blessings of the Almighty, whose benevolence continues to shower on us, lighting our way and inspiring us to strive for excellence in all our endeavors. With deep sense of gratitude, I owe thanks to our founder who had the vision to empower women through education. Your vision has become the cornerstone of our educational mission, and we are honored to carry it forward and Nirmala on the verge of completion of 75 years of educational journey, aspires to move forward to reach still greater heights, and to create a legacy that continues to thrive. As we reflect on our journey, it is the collective effort and support of each and every member of Nirmala that have made our institution what it is today. Together, let us continue to strive for yet another milestone in the field of Women's education and empowerment. As we move forward, we are reminded of the timeless wisdom found in the Bible:

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." - Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV).

I thank our Almighty for His bountiful grace and blessings upon each one of us in all our achievements and success.

"Knowledge Purifies, Charity Enhances" is the motto which accelerated the Institution all along and we will strive to walk in the path of keeping up the legacy. Let us remember that this is not just a motto of our Institution, but the yardstick to govern our thoughts and actions then and forever. As we move into the future, let us reaffirm our commitment to this ethos, knowing that through the pursuit of knowledge and the practice of charity, we can continue to uplift ourselves and others, ensuring a brighter and more compassionate tomorrow.

