

Government Arts College (Autonomous)-Salem 636007

College Annual report -2020-2021

The seminal seed was sown by the Enlightenment movement in 1857 in the ancient city of Salem and the protean seed was recognised and developed into an academic nursery by offering the status of college in 1879 by the University of Madras. Since then, the college has grown day by day, thriving and flourishing as an educational banyan tree by branching out into many to remain a haven of knowledge. The Government Arts College, Salem-7 was conferred the autonomous status in 2007 and thereby reached another milestone of excellence in education. The college offers 20 undergraduate and 18 postgraduate courses. There are M.Phil. degrees in 13 disciplines and Ph.D. courses in 12- disciplines. It employs 157 professors and 83 Guest Lecturers; a total of 6000 students are enrolled for higher studies in both shifts.

College Office:

There are 23 staff members working in the office. Mr.K. Karthik is the bursar and Mr.R. Muralitharan is the office superintendent. In this academic year 2020-2021, 1436 SC/ST students were given Rs. 6013810/- as academic scholarship, Rs.4434358/- BC and MBC students and Rs.806400/- as incentive to Tamil Medium learners. Classes were organised through online for students owing to the corona pandemic. Students were given 5559 data cards providing internet connection, to facilitate online learning.

New Buildings:

On the eve of MGR centenary, The Government funded MGR building is brought into use. Another building with four classrooms has been constructed under RUSA Fund. A floral tribute was paid on behalf of the teachers and office bearers on 15-10-2020 under the leadership of the principal in honour of Abdul Kalam. Kalam's precepts on the principles of life are remembered. The teachers and office bearers took the pledge of Abolition of Untouchability under the leadership of the principal on 30-01-2021. Disinfectant was sprayed throughout the college to prevent the spread of corona in the campus. Corona preventive measures were carried out intensively at various stages to check the virulence of corona spread.

Office of the COE :

The office of the Controller of Examinations implements the autonomous accreditation by conducting examinations for the students and by issuing Mark Sheets. The internal and external Marks are obtained through OMR sheets and the examination results are published expeditiously.

IQAC

Our college has been continuously accredited by the National Quality Assessment and Accreditation Board (NAAC) since 2000. 'B' Certification is received for the 3rd time. The Internal Quality Assurance Centre (IQAC) for the overall quality of the college has been established of UGC, and has been functioning since 2014. The IQAC Wing functional under the chairmanship of the principal and the coordinator ship of Dr. N. Vijayakumar, Associate Professor, Department of Geology.

The IQAC centre has been preparing the Annual Report (AQAR) with the help of free software tools. The centre has organised an online Marathon Seminar 2020 for ten consecutive days from 19-06-2020 to 27-06-2020 in collaboration with all the departments in the college. Of these, 70- online seminars and 70- e- quizzes were conducted successfully. Owing to the initiative taken by the IQAC, more number of students have joined the online e- learning programme SWAYAM of MHRD, Government of India and as a result, our college has been selected and accredited as a Local Chapter by the National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL).

Final year students of our college were given a unique human development training course "Dare Tomorrow" by the Human Resource Development Instructors with a sole objective to impart boldness to face the future. The new students of the academic year were given SIP Classes as a bridge course to integrate and sensitize them in the new environment. Various specialized training classes were organised with the help of Junior Chamber International (JCI) for the benefit of the students.

The Honesty Shop was opened in the college campus to promote honesty among students. Teachers and students took oath on National Integration Day. The IQAC and ARIIA successfully uploaded the academic data of the year 2019-2020 on 30-03-2021 for securing a place for our college in the ARIIA ranking at the national level. The IQAC and ARIIA jointly organised a five day online career development skills training workshop for entrepreneurship employment- FEELS- in the afternoon (from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm) from 18-01-2021 to 22-01-2021.

On the occasion of National Science Day, the IQAC in association with our college Science Forum organised a series of online lectures on various topics of science for 5 days from 24th to 28th February 2021. With the intention to celebrate the science day and unleash the scientific potential of our college students, and to encourage them, competitions on various science topics were held from 20-02-2021 to 26-02-2021. On 26-02-2021, a National Science Day special science fair -Intra collegiate science fair for intellectual Innovative Super Brains 2k 21 (ICSC-2k21) was held. Students displayed their new discoveries. Prizes and certificates were distributed to all the participants who participated in various competitions and exhibitions. Our college signed an MOU with Periyar University on 24-02-2021 for promoting internet learning and teaching among teachers. The IQAC signed an MOU with ROTARY District 2982. National Youth Day was celebrated on 12-01-2021.

To celebrate the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, an e- quiz was organised from 11th to 15th February 2021. The International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination was celebrated on 04.03.2021. A special Lecture on Women's Empowerment was held on 02-03-2021. National Security Day was celebrated on 04-03-2021. In association with Our College Science Forum, a special online lecture was organised on 16-03-2021 to celebrate Einstein's birthday. On the occasion of World Water Day, A special online lecture on groundwater was organised on 22-03-2021. On World Weather Day, a special online lecture on weather forecast was conducted on 24-03-2021. The IQAC and Curriculum Development Cell (CDC) jointly conducted a one day training workshop for college teachers on 17-03-2021 as a part of the Teacher Development Programme.



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