

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

It was in the year 1996 that the founding stones for this institution was laid under the aegis of well wishers in an earnest effort to actualize the dreams of Bharat Ratna Dr. M.G. Ramachandran and Smt. Janaki Ramachandran. It has since, been the mission of Dr. MGR Janaki College of Arts and Science to provide higher education so as to empower them.

I must at this juncture mention and mentally thank Shri. M. Rajendran former Managing Director, who was a source of constant support through the growing years of this Institution. I would like to place on record our gratitude for the strength and encouragement he provided. The year was very different due to the Covid pandemic and most of the academic sessions were held on the online platform. Our teachers and students quickly adapted to the new teaching platforms and online academic sessions were conducted successfully. The college began celebrations of its Silver Jubilee through a webinar. Dr. Thamizhachi Thangapandian MP presided over the inaugural and delivered the Presidential address. This was followed by events organized by all departments to commemorate a journey towards empowering women. We execute our vision to fashion competent, cultured and confident young women through diligent work. It is my pride to report on the program and activities of the college for the academic year 2020-21.

Dr. MGR Endowment lecture was held on 8th January 2020 in remembrance of our former MD, Late Shri. M. Rajendran. A talk on Puthiyathor Ulagam by Shri.Marabin Maindhan Muthiya was held. The convocation for the students who graduated in 2019 was held on 5th March 2020. Prof. N. Panchanathan , Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University was the chief guest and delivered the graduation day address.

Today around 3896 students are enrolled across 15 under graduate programmes and 6 post-graduate programmes across two shifts some running into a second section to cater to growing demands, ably guided by 150 faculty members. We are proud that 120 students identified by Agaram Foundation and 81 students identified by Maatram Foundation are being fully sponsored by our Management.

Teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions. Human resource development is crucial for the progress of a nation and we believe that teachers who are involved in this task must stay upgraded. Improving their skills and refreshing their subject knowledge is essential. It is a matter of pride for the institution to acknowledge the higher academic pursuits and accomplishments of its faculty members.

Many of our faculty are members of Board of Studies and Academic audit Committees.

- Dr. Latha Rajendran, our Correspondent, is a member of the Academic council and Doctoral Committee in Special Education at the Tamil Nadu Open University.
- Dr. R. Manimekalai, Principal is a member of the PG Bioinformatics Board of Studies - University of Madras, PG Biotechnology Board of studies, Bioinformatics Board and Academic Audit Committee - Stella Maris College, Chennai and Member, Board of studies in Biochemistry at Kongu Nadu Arts and Science College, Coimbatore.
- Dr. Lakshmi Balaji, Vice-Principal is member of the Managing Committee, PS Senior Secondary School, Mylapore, Chennai.
- Dr. V. C. Santhilakshmi is a member, Board of Studies English at SDNB Vaishnav College, Chennai and PG English Board of Studies at PSG College, Coimbatore.
- Dr. Apitha Sabapathy is the General Secretary, International Association for Tamil Research.
- Dr. K.Latika, is a member of the Academic Council, University of Madras, Chennai, Member, Board of studies MAHRM, DG Vaishnav college.
- Dr. Victoriya Salomi is a member, Board of Studies in Bioinformatics, University of Madras, Member-Board of studies in Biochemistry and also the Academic Audit member at D. G. Vaishnav College, Chennai.
- Dr. Sujatha Mohan is a member of the PG Natya Board of Studies, University of Madras.

- Dr. N. Thilagavathy is a member of the Ph.D. Doctoral Committee at Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore, Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal and Madras Medical College, Chennai..
- Dr.Ragitha Radhakrishnan was awarded with a certificate of recognition from the Academic Council of uLektz as one of the top 50 outstanding faculties from arts and science college across India.

Two of our faculty members, Dr. B. Brindha Banu, and Dr. P. Lakshmi Gayathri were awarded Ph.D. that academic year.

Faculty members have been resource persons and presented papers at State, National and International Seminars and Workshops and have contributed articles in reputed journals and books. It creates opportunities for the faculty to develop themselves professionally and also to disseminate knowledge. A few who have contributed are Dr. Ragitha Radhakrishnan, Dr.K.Latika, Ms.K.Selvi, Ms. K. Banumathy, Ms. Sucharitha, K, Dr. C. Nithya, Dr.E. Nirmala, Dr. V. Nithyakalyani, Dr. Sujatha Mohan, Dr. Saradha Narayanan, Mrs. V.R. Viju Mrs. N S Kothai Ms. Ramya Vasudevan, Ms. J. Sahaya Sheeba Mangalam and Ms. L. Poongothai.

Diligent pursuit of excellence in academics has paid its rewards. Our students have bagged the top University Ranks.

- In B.Sc. Mathematics, Ms. E. Mahalakshmi secured 2nd rank. In BCA, Ms. Priya .K secured 6th rank and Ms. Lavanya. D the 9th rank. In B.Sc. Psychology Ms. Mageshwari. M secured 4th rank, Josna Gopinath ,7th rank and Ms. Malarvizhi .M the 8th rank. In foundation English, Ms. Ramya B.Sc. Computer Science, secured 2nd Rank.
- Our Post Graduate students have also excelled in the University Examinations. In M.A. English, Ms. Aishwarya .M secured 1st rank, Ms. Urmi Mukherjee the 2nd rank, Ms. Sarjana .S the 3rd rank, Ms. Sri Durga .V.R 7th rank and Ms. Sai Pooja Lakshmi .S the 8th rank. In Bioinformatics Ms. Vithursika .A secured 1st rank, Ms. Monisha .M 2nd rank, Ms. Sangeetha .R, 3rd rank, Ms. Deepika Lakshmi .P 4th rank, Ms. Vijayakumari .U 5th rank, Ms. Bhuvaneswari .M 6th rank, Ms. Khuzali .A 7th rank, Ms. Rajam Sowmiya .S the 8th rank and Ms. Alagumeenal .P secured 9th rank. In M.Sc. Applied Microbiology, Ms. V. Yamini secured 4th rank, Ms. M. Indhu the 6th rank and Ms. G.S. Thenmozhi secured 8th rank. In M.Sc. Information Technology, Ms.Vinitha .H secured 8th rank and Ms. Vijayalakshmi .V secured 9th rank.

The College has always taken efforts to give a wide academic exposure to students and has been taking special efforts to organize Seminars and Workshops as these are opportunities for students to interact with experts in their respective disciplines as also to update their knowledge on current

trends. **Three International, four National, four Regional Webinars** and **two Faculty Development Programs** were organized, all of which have been a knowledge treat to our students and participants. **Workshops** are conducted which is crucial in building practical skills in students and also helps in providing a better platform for interaction with experienced resource persons.

- The **Departments of Biochemistry, Microbiology, and Post graduate Departments of Applied Microbiology, Bioinformatics and Clinical trial management**, organised a virtual **International “Alumni Lecture Series”-Opportunities In Biosciences**”, from 25thMay – 30thMay 2020.A three day Virtual **International Webinar** series on**“The Trinity Of Covid 19- Immunity, Implications And Interventions”** was held between 4th and6th June 2020
- The **Department of English** conducted an **International webinar** on**“Journalism and Social Justice”** on June 8th, 2020 and a two day **International webinar** on **Narratives of War: Literature and History** on 10th& 11th December, 2020.
- The **Department of Computer Applications and Computer Science** conducted a three day **Webinar series, Impact and Applications of Industry 4.0 after lockdown** on the 29th 30th and the 31st of May

2020. A two day webinar on *Challenge and Opportunities in NextGen Technologies* was also conducted.

- The **Department of Psychology** organized a **Regional webinar** on *Enhancing Interpersonal Skills* on May 30, 2020 and a **National Webinar** on *Emotional Competencies for Crisis Management* on June 20, 2020. **Faculty Development Program** on *Foundations and Applications of Indian Psychology* was organized.
- **Department of Mathematics** organized a two day **National webinar** on 12 June 2020 and 13 June 2020 and a **Workshop** on *MATHEMATICA* on 03 June 2020.
- The **Department of Natya** conducted a **National Webinar** on *“Importance Of Dance and Music in Education”* on 7th June
- On 26 May, 2020, **Pentagon - The School of Business Studies** of our College, which comprises of the departments of Commerce, Business Administration, Corporate Secretaryship, Bank Management and Human Resource Management organized a **webinar** on *“Impact Of Covid 19 And The Future of HR”* on May 23rd, 2020. *Alumni Lecture series & Auditor Lecture Series* were held between June 22 & 27 2020.
- The **Department of Visual Communication** organized a **webinar** on *Grammar of nonlinear editing* on 12th June 2020. On 11th November 2020 a webinar on *‘Advertising Photography’* was conducted.

- **Department of Tamil** organized a **webinar** on “*Unavum Valvum*” on the 20th of June 2020. **Department of Sanskrit and French** organised webinars.
- **Library** organised 2 **International webinars** on “*Research Indicators and Predatory Journals*” and *Vital skill for employability in digital transformation era*.

Education outside the classroom is always interesting as it focuses on practical aspects and every department conducts several programs as part of its **Association Activities** to ensure that students get an all-round experience optimizing their versatility. Such activities impel social, environmental and health consciousness in the students initiating them to shoulder responsibilities in the future. It also cultivates a taste for fine arts and an appreciation for values.

The periodical **Eye – opener** sessions bring in resource persons to talk on relevant social issues and ethics. Inculcation of values and exposure to the perspectives and thinking of experienced minds greatly matters to the shaping of holistic personalities. This has always been top priority at Dr. MGR Janaki College.

All the Second year under graduate students go through a **Certificate Course** to enhance their employability in the competitive job market. These courses are either handled by members of the faculty or by resources persons from other organizations. Certificate Courses offered include Report writing, Computational Biology, Medical Technology, Skill Development Training Program for Competitive Exam, Innovative Development in IT, Math Tricks for Aptitude, Childhood Psychological Assessment, E-Commerce, Basics of Stock Exchange, Interpretational Skills, Basics of Managerial Skills, Talam, Nattuvangam, Functional English, Medical Lab Technology, Numerical Analytical, Logical and Communication Skills, Career Development and Interview Skills, Math Tricks for Aptitude, Emerging Trends in E- Commerce, Mutual Funds, Retail Marketing, Basic Managerial Skills and Entrepreneurial Development.

Commemoration of significant days and events is integral to a nation's culture. A few such events were held through online platforms.

On January 17th Dr.MGR birth anniversary was observed. Mr. Nanjil Sampath, politician and public speaker delivered the talk on “*Pudhiyador Ullagam Seivom*”. As a part of the Centenary celebrations of University Women's Association Madras, (UWAM) in association with our college, a lecture on *Role of Women from Ancient wisdom* was organized on 27th January 2021.

- **Library** is the main source of knowledge and it is the heart of any institution. The N-LIST provides access to more than **6,000 e-journals & 97,000 e-books** and **DELNET provides access to 2,90,00,000 e-books and 40,000 e-journals**. 2,428 books were added to the book bank.

The **Physical Education** Department has carved a niche for itself. Sports is integral to a student and our students have brought laurels to the College. Students participated in the **National Webinar** conducted by Dr.MGR Education and Research Institute on “*Essence of Physical Fitness during Lockdown*”.

Our College is committed to social and environmental welfare and through extension activities like NSS, Rotaract Club, Red Ribbon Club and Youth Red Cross which inculcates in students their responsibilities towards society.

- **National Service Scheme** with the motto “**Not Me but You**” began activities for the academic year through a Webinar on *First Aid training*. The Ministry of Education organized a webinar to create *awareness on the New Education Policies* on September 16th 2020. All NSS leaders and volunteers came forward to take pledge to fight against Covid-19 on October 8th 2020.
- **Youth Red Cross** had the orientation program on 13.11.2020

Students with special needs have been admitted every year with a view to integrate them into the regular stream and attend classes along with the other students. Youth for Job has trained the final year students in Computer programming and also placed them in HCL, Reliance, Barkley, RBS etc. Women Empowerment Team of Rotaract club in association with Naturals Spa and Saloon conducted beautician course for our special students. 20 students were benefited through this course.

Knowledge sharing sessions are conducted for faculty members, every week in which every department shares their subject knowledge with other faculty members.

The excellent academic records of our students do not end with the results. They get translated into fruitful career in several corporates. **The Career Advancement and Placement Cell** of our College under the guidance of the Placement Director Mrs. Rajshree Iraianbu conducted training on Career planning and Personality Development. Continuous interaction of the cell with the industries helps in achieving good placement record. To enable placement as an ongoing process, the College initiated industry-institution interaction and collaboration with several firms to conduct company academic linkages.

A webinar on '*Winning Strategies*' by Dr.V.IraiAnbu, IAS, the then Additional Chief Secretary/Director General(Training), Government of

TamilNadu was held on 21,23 and 24 June 2020. Several companies visited our college and 949 students were placed through the placement cell of our college.

Our College Management is sponsoring IAS coaching for 200 students conducted by Sai IAS Academy in our campus.

In memory of Smt. Janaki Ramachandran whose last wish was the Establishment of a Women's College here, the **Alumni Meet** held in November to commemorate her Birthday. Around 250 alumni attended the online Alumni meet from different parts of the world and shared their experiences and memories of the college.

To keep abreast of changing needs and trends in higher education, the College management has been organizing training programs and sessions for faculty members to enhance their knowledge and teaching skills. **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)** is a driving force ushering in quality by working out intervention strategies to remove deficiencies and enhancing quality. IQAC organized a webinar on "***Stress management***" in collaboration with ICT academy on 21.05.2020.

Noble mission, unselfish ambition, progressive vision, enthusiasm and dedication for work, trust in the divine - these have been our guiding lights. As we hold the torch of knowledge our goal is to enlighten more and more and never stop at anything. In this mission of carrying the torch many hands come together.