

COLLGE DAY 12.8.2022

Good morning and welcome to the 23rd Graduation day of this esteemed institution. I extend a hearty welcome to our honorable chief guest -----
----- and the guest of honor Dr.Saranya Jaikumar, Member, Tamilnadu Commission for protection of Child Rights, Chennai. Our correspondent Dr. (Smt.) Latha Rajendran, Chairman Dr. Kumar Rajendran, Members of the Governing body, University representative, special invitees, Parents, dedicated faculty and administrative staff, cherished students and well wishers.

An intrinsic reverence for life and a passionate love of learning is what Dr.MGR Janaki College tries to inculcate in young minds. Multiple methods, experiential learning and broad minded approach to life is what we believe will nurture holistic growth. From 60 students in the year 1996 to more than 3900 students today, from and a dozen faculty members to more than 150 today, from half a dozen UG courses to more than a dozen different disciplines in Under graduate and 6 Post graduate courses across shift I and shift programmes—all in a span of 25 years is undoubtedly a matter of immense pride. The contribution of Shri. M. Rajendran former Managing Director, who was a source of constant support through the growing years of this Institution was immense. 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. I am happy to mention that our correspondent Dr.Latha Rajendran and Chairman Dr.Kumar Rajendran have contributed to the Chief Minister Covid care fund.

We are very happy and proud of Our Chairman Dr. Kumar Rajendran who was awarded Ph.D in Law. “Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it” said Albert Einstein. Dr. Kumar Rajendran believes that learning is a life long process and remains an example for it even as he motivates other staff and student always.

111 students identified by Agaram Foundation and 87 students identified by Maatram Foundation are being fully sponsored by our Management. Dr.MGR Endowment lecture in memory of our former Managing Director Shri.M.Rajendran, was held on 6th January 2022. Dr. T. Lavanya Professor & Head – Department of Psychology, University of Madras delivered the endowment talk on “Evolutionary Innovations”. A book comprising of articles on Evolutionary Innovations, compiled by our faculty members was released on 30th January 2022 by our correspondent Dr.Latha Rajendran. Hon”ble Prof. Dr. N.S Santhosh kumar, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University, was the chief guest for the 22nd Graduation day and delivered the graduation day address.

On 17th January 2022, to mark the birth anniversary of our founder Dr.MGR, the campus Radio was launched, powered by MIT Square and

younify. Every week programs are organized and several students and faculty members participate enthusiastically.

Today's education involves a lot and needs teachers who can perform well to meet the current educational standards. 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, 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 of Arts & Science 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 and Member, Board of studies MAHRM at DG.Vaishnav College, Chennai
- Dr. Victoriya Salomi is a member, Board of Studies in Biochemistry, University of Madras 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, Head, Dept of Psychology, received Daniel Goleman Excellence Award for Psychology in August 2021 and Best Young Faculty Award awarded by Novel Research Academy in November 2021.
- Dr. V. Agnes Lavanya and Dr. Sucharitha were awarded Ph.D this 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.

- Dr.V.C Santhilakshmi, Dean Academics, delivered an online talk on Post Independence Indian Theatre for PG students of English at Tirupur Kumaran college.
- Dr. Ragitha Radhakrishnan was resource person for several webinars and training programs.
- Dr. Sharadha Narayanan was awarded National research fellowship by The Ministry of Culture New Delhi of Rs. 2,40,000 over two years for “Critical Study of Bhatta Mimamsa Philosophy

- Mrs. E. Nirmala was selected as Academic Counselor in Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi in February, 2022. She delivered a talk on “Legal aspects of business” and was a resource person for the Six days Online NET/SET Coaching for Commerce staff and postgraduate students organized by IQAC, St. Anne’s Arts and Science College, Chennai

- Dr.V. Nithyakalyani, conducted FDP for staff members “Innovative Teaching Pedagogies for 21st Century”. Several teachers have registered and completed online NPTEL Courses.

The list of our rank holders is a reassuring and gratifying experience. Our students have bagged the top University Ranks.

- In B.Sc Biochemistry Ms. Logalakshmi .T secured 1st rank, Ms. Kirthika .L 3rd rank, Ms. Arivoli .D 5th rank and Ms. Thenmozhi .E the 6th rank. In B.Sc Psychology, Ms. V.V Vishnupriya secured 1st rank, Ms. Kavya 2nd rank, Ms. Thatchayini .K & Ms. Gunjan Pandey shared the 7th rank, Ms. Pavithra .D the 8th rank, Ms. Gayathri .P the 9th rank and Ms. Durga Devi 10th rank. In B.A.English Ms. Malavika Veeraraghavan secured 4th rank and Ms. M. Mahita the 5th rank. In B.Sc. Viscom, Ms. Madaparthi Sree Sushma secured 3rd rank. In B.Com General, Ms.Rohini.J secured the 7th rank. In B.Sc. Microbiology Ms. Sudhasri .G secured 3rd rank and Ms. Jothika.M 4th rank. In French Ms. Nithu .P secured 3rd rank. In Sanskrit. Ms. Madaparthi Sree Sushma secured 1st rank, Ms.Vishnupriya .V.V 2nd rank Ms. Lavanya .V secured 7th rank in Tamil.

Our Post Graduate students have also excelled in the University Examinations.

- In M.A. English, Ms. Mahema N secured 1st rank, Ms. Akshaya R, 2nd rank, Ms. Nanthini. S .3rd rank, Ms. Aarthi R.V.M. 4th rank, Ms. Adharshini D 5th rank, Ms. Pooja 6th rank and Ms. Sharmila S the 7th rank. In M.Sc. Bioinformatics, Ms. T. Megha secured 1st rank, Ms. Kaviya 2nd rank, Ms. P. Sandhya 3rd rank, Ms. R. Ramya 4th rank, Ms.S.Indhuja & Ms.T. Priya shared the 5th rank, Ms. P. Madhumitha 6th rank, Ms. B. Mathumitha 7th rank and Ms. S. Narmadha the 8th rank. In M.Sc.Applied Microbiology Ms. Tharanya .P secured 3rd rank, Ms. Nandhini K 4th rank, Ms. Sreerajini .J 5th rank & Ms. A.S.Shalini the 6th rank. In M.Sc.Information Technology Ms.Berkly Leonisha .B secured 3rd rank & Ms. Veni Sree S.J the 4th rank. In M.A. Human Resource Management Ms. Jeziah Bani.R secured 6th rank & Ms. Dhivya .P the 10th rank. Congratulations to all the University rank holders.
- Students are the pillars of tomorrow. Acknowledging their potential boosts their morale and motivates them to perform better. Achievers Day was celebrated on 16th May 2022. The student achievers in academics and co-curricular activities who have contributed in other ways were awarded certificates and trophies.

The college has always taken special efforts to give a wide academic exposure to students and has taken efforts to organize webinars and workshops.

- **Department of Psychology** organized a webinars on *Brain and Behaviour* and National webinar series in collaboration with Mindcraft. A National level workshop on *Statistics for Psychology*

& Social Sciences using R was conducted on September 11 & 12, 2021. An international webinar on *Emotional Intelligence for Positive Mental Health* was held on October 10, 2021.

- **Department of Commerce** organised a webinar on “*Role of Micro Finance Institutions on Empowering Women Entrepreneurs*”.
- **The Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology** in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecologists organized a Webinar session on "*Adolescent Health*" on October 9, 2021.
- **The Department of Biochemistry and Bioinformatics** organized a National seminar on “*Science on Health and Well-being*” on 29th October 2021.
- **Department of Microbiology** organized an International Webinar on **Food Safety: Knowledge and Quality Practices** on 05.03.2022.
- **Department of Natya** organized **Kalpita-Kalpana International E-Conference** on 1st and 2nd of October .**Koodiattam workshop** was organised from the 10th – 14th October by Sri Kalamandalam Sivan Namboodiri. Ms.Dhanya Menon Cyber crime investigator and a classical dancer gave a lecture Demonstration on “different Bhavas” in classical Dance.
- **The Department of English** organized a National Webinar on “**Literature and Medicine: Interpretations and Implications of Medical Writings**” on 7 January 2022.
- A National level webinar series was conducted by the **Department of Mathematics** on “**Elegance of Mathematics**” on 20th December, 2021.

- The **Department of Computer Applications** conducted International Webinar on 15th March 2022 on “**Recent Trends in IT**” .

Every Department has signed **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with Institutions, organizations, industry for enhancing the teaching learning process.

Education goes beyond the book and every department conducts several programs as part of its association activities to ensure that students get an all round experience optimizing their versatility

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 resource persons from other organizations. Certificate Courses offered include E-Commerce, Capital Market and Online Trading, Secretarial Practice, Advancement from Assembly Language to Artificial Language, Future of Business, Childhood Psychological Assessment, Computational Biology, Biostatistics, Math Tricks for Aptitude, Mobile App Development, Film Appreciation, Report Writing, Folk Dances of Tamil Nadu, Entrepreneurial Skills.

Commemoration of significant days and events were conducted through online platforms. A few events conducted after the lockdown were

- Dr.MGR Remembrance day was observed on 24th December 2021.

- University Women’s Association, Madras in association with our college, organized the Women’s day Celebrations on 8 March 2022. Dr Preethika Chary, Consultant Neurosurgeon, Kauvery Hospital, Chennai was the chief guest. A panel discussion titled “Scaling Heights: Empowered Women” was held.

Library is the main source of knowledge and it is the heart of any institution. The N-LIST Programme Provides access to more than **6,000 e-journals & 1,99,500 + e -books** and DELNET provides access to **3, 00, 00,000 e-books** and **45,000 e- journals**. Book Bank facility is available for students.

The **Physical Education Department** has carved a niche for itself. Our students participated in the 28th Federation Cup Tennis Ball Cricket Championship 2021 which was organized by the Rajasthan Tennis Ball Cricket Association held on 17th to 19th November 2021 at Dausa, Jaipur and secured the 2 place. Imaya B.Com (CS) shift 2 won the “Man of the match” in Floor Ball National held at Rajasthan. Our students won the All India Tennis ball cricket championship 2021 held at Chennai from 2-4th December 2021. M. Gayathri (BA. Tamil 2nd Year) participated in the 1st women's National Blind Football Championship held on 27th to 30th October 2021.

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.

NSS -National Service Scheme with the motto “Not Me but You” began activities for this academic year. Clean India awareness was organized where all the second year UG students were involved in cleaning the college campus. Vigilance awareness program was conducted by Mr. Sridharan, Deputy superintendent of police, CBI Chennai who addressed our students on Independent India @75 : self reliance with integrity. Yoga Awareness Program was organized on 15th April 2022 which had a demonstration and theoretical knowledge of yoga by Ms.Vakshala, a yoga practitioner.

The Human Chain was organized by Red Ribbon Club on 1st December 2021. “International Aids Day” to encourage early testing and lifestyle changes that will thereby reduce and prevent further infection.

The **Student senate** under the guidance of faculty advisors began activities with the investiture ceremony of the student council. Aadi Perukku, Navaratiri, Diwali, Christmas, Holi , Chithirai thirunal and Vishu were celebrated keeping alive tradition and festive spirit. Annual fresher’s day “ZEPHYR’ 21” was held on 2 November 2021. The first Open Mic for the students was held on 08 April 2022 in which the students exhibited their talents. All the final year students were taken on a one day trip.

Special Students have been admitted every year with a view to integrate them into the regular stream and attend classes along with the other students. Students admitted in the first year are given orientation about the college, course and facilities available to them for academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Final years students participated in youth4 jobs training programme and placed in HCL, Reliance, Barkley, RBS etc. NFDC conducted a Multi media course for our special students in which they were trained in photo editing, creating logo, visiting card, photo retouching. RASA trained the students in Indian Theatre Arts. Rotary club of Madras provide Free Hearing aid devices to our special students.

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

The Career Advancement and Placement Cell of our College under the guidance of the Placement incharge faculty Ms.Preethika 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. **Placement** Training was provided to students through online & offline modes by Barclays (GTT Foundation), Titan Leap (Naandi Foundation), IMPACT PRO (BFSI training). The training partners also arranged for site visits in order to give a practical exposure to students. Several companies visited our campus for placement drive. Nearly 75 % of the students have been placed.

The Alumni meet was held on 28 November 2021. Around 200 participants registered and attended the alumni meet which was conducted online due to the covid pandemic. Alumni's from different parts of the world participated and shared their valuable experiences and memories of the college.

Education is a tool that is sharpened through life. It adds maturity and sophistication to our outlook. When such education is what we are committed to, we try to better that too. Therefore our mission never ends as we learn more through every passing year. This true and indefatigable spirit of lifelong progress runs through the very core of our College. When I think of all the efforts of a whole lot of dedicated staff and enthusiastic students, I thank the Almighty for the blessings.

Our Correspondent Dr. (Smt.) Latha Rajendran and Chairman Dr. Kumar Rajendran have shown a deep and consistent interest and involvement in every little activity and all major events undertaken by this College. Their unflinching patronage has been instrumental for all the progress and achievements. I express appreciation and thanks to the former Principals who have shaped the College at different phases. I acknowledge and appreciate the dedicated services of Dr. Lakshmi Balaji, Vice Principal, Dr. V.C. Santhi Lakshmi Dean (Academics), Dr. Apitha Sabapathy Dean (Students) and Dr. Ragitha Radhakrishnan, Coordinator, Shift-II.

I also thank the staff secretaries of Shifts I and II for their unstinted cooperation. Behind every little activity and every great achievement are the invisible efforts of faculty members that cannot be forgotten. I would

like to place on record my whole hearted appreciation for their diligent efforts perpetually striving for excellence. My whole hearted thanks to all parents and alumni who have been in touch with us during the year and their valuable suggestions helped us to improve. I look forward to their continued support in our endeavors. I am proud of all the students of this College for their meritorious participation in academic, cultural, sports and community service activities. They are the torchbearers of tomorrow, I wish them the best. I thank all the stakeholders for their support and contribution.

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.

My thanks are due to Mr. Balasubramaniam and the team of office staff for their administrative support. My whole hearted thanks and appreciation, Ms. Elsy, Ms. Aparna Padmanabhan and Ms. Jeniba Malar .J for amicably co-operating with me through the year.

Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world said Nelson Mandela. At MGR Janaki College we believe in equipping young women who enter the portals of this College.

Thank you.