



Sri Meenakshi Government Arts College for Women

(An Autonomous Institution Affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University)

Re-Accredited with 'B++' Grade by NAAC (4th Cycle)

Madurai - 625 002.



Annual Report of activities of Sri Meenakshi Government Arts College for Women(A) for the year 2023–2024.

The college began its journey in the year 1965, with 320 students, 13 teaching staff, and 13 non-teaching staff, the institution began its operations in a modest way. By 2023–2024, the institution has grown significantly, accommodating 4,826 students, 154 teaching staff, 1 librarian, 1 physical education director, 22 administrative support staff, and several departments. It offers a variety of programs, including 15 undergraduate courses, 15 postgraduate programs, 4 research centres. The institution, recognized for its excellence in higher education, continues its legacy through well-structured academic and extracurricular initiatives. It operates under the principles of inclusivity and quality education, contributing significantly to the educational landscape of Tamil Nadu. With its strong foundation in Tamil Nadu's higher education system, the institution stands as a prestigious hub for learning and research, operating with modern facilities to continue its commitment to academic excellence.

The college has achieved significant milestones in its journey. From July 2, 2018, the administration transitioned into the capable hands of the current management. Since then, the college has been effectively managed by the Principal, heads of various departments, and dedicated administrative and non-teaching staff.

The college, got autonomous status in 1998 as an affiliated institution of Madurai Kamaraj University, achieved significant recognition early on. During its 4th cycle of NAAC accreditation in April 2023, it was awarded a "B++" grade.

The success of the students has always been a key focus, and the leadership team has played a crucial role in maintaining the academic and administrative standards of the institution. The college council plays a significant role. In this academic year the college council functioned with the Principal, Dr. S. Vanathi as president and Head of Tamil department Dr. S. Chandra as vice-president. The students of the college excel in co-curricular activities, and under the leadership of the Physical Director, they actively participate in intercollegiate competitions, bringing recognition and laurels to the institution.

The faculty members and administrative staff work together with great dedication and discipline. Their collective efforts have established the college as a well-reputed institution, upholding high standards in both academics and overall development. Miss C. Ramya of III B.Sc. (Zoology) was selected as student representative of the council as it is functioning in an effective manner. All the heads of departments, faculty members and non teaching staff members function in a coordinated manner in making this college as a centre for excellence.

Dr. Nalini, Associate Professor of the English Department, has taken voluntary retirement during this academic year. Additionally, the following faculty members have retired due to

the completion of their government service:

- Mrs. N. Bodhumani, Head of the Geography Department
- Mrs. M. Sirajunisa Begum, Associate Professor of Geography
- Dr. P. Kasthurirani, Head of the Commerce Department
- Dr. P. Rasamakeendran and Dr. S. Kumari Janani, Associate Faculty members of Economics
- Dr. N. Meenakshi, Assistant Professor of English
- Dr. A. Jospin Vanitha and Dr. K. Ilangovan, Assistant Faculty members of Chemistry
- Dr. S. Mala, Assistant Professor of Zoology

Their tireless dedication and exceptional contributions to the institution are truly commendable and deserving of heartfelt appreciation.

Awards Received by Faculty members

- Dr. K. Vigneshwari, Head of the Chemistry Department, and Dr. A. Vijaya, Assistant Professor of Computer Applications, were honored with the "Best Teacher Award" by the "Aram Seyya Virumbu Trust."
- Dr. S.Jesima, Assistant Professor of Tamil, received the "Kavithendral Award" in 2023 from the Coimbatore Vasantha Vasal Poetry Forum.

In this academic year, the following faculty members earned their doctoral degrees, bringing pride to themselves and the institution:

- Mrs. Shahin, Assistant Professor of English, earned her Ph.D. from Manonmaniam Sundaranar University.
- Mrs. P. Brindha Evangeline Rani, also an Assistant Professor of English and a guest lecturer, earned her Ph.D. from Madurai Kamaraj University.
- Mrs. G. Sudha, Assistant Professor of Computer science, successfully completed her viva-voce examination for her Ph.D. under the guidance of Dr. S. Suguna, a faculty member of the Computer Science Department.
- Dr. P. Malini Devi, has been awarded her doctoral degree under the guidance of Dr.S.Devibala from the Department of Mathematics, our college's Honorary Lecturer.

It is a matter of pride for our college that more than fifty faculty members working here are serving as research supervisors for doctoral researchers.

Presentation of Research Papers

At the 11th World Tamil Conference held in Malaysia, Assistant Professor of Postgraduate and Tamil Research Department, Dr. Me. Muthurani, participated as the chairperson of a seminar and presented a paper titled **"The Protection Advocated by Valluvar to Safeguard the World."**

In this conference:

- Assistant Professor of Postgraduate and Tamil Research Department, Dr. Sai. Jesima, presented a paper titled **"The Leadership of Guru Nanak."**
- Dr. P. Karthika presented a paper on **"The Interpretative Wealth of Thirukkural by Parimelazhagar."**
- Dr. A. Yogeswari delivered a paper titled **"The Linguistic Mastery of Thiru. Vi. Ka."**
- Dr. Ra. Muthuchelvi, Associate Professor from the Department of Chemistry, presented a paper titled **"Chemistry in Psychology."**
- Dr. E. Manonmani, along with Dr. E. Amutha and Dr. U. Ranivijaya, also presented their papers at the 11th World Tamil Conference held at the University of Malaysia.

Participation of College Faculty members in Conferences and Publications

Faculty members from the college have brought honor by presenting their research papers in various international and national conferences held at different institutions, as well as publishing them in international research journals.

Published Books:

- Dr. M. Sumathi, Head and Associate Professor of the Computer Science Department, published a book titled **"The Evolution of Computers."**
- Dr. Me. Ganagadurga, Assistant Professor in Computer Applications, published a book titled **"Introduction to Cybersecurity and Networking."**
- Dr. N. Ananthi released a book titled **"Advanced Research Methods."**
- Dr. A. Duraikannan authored **"Marketing Management."**
- Dr. P. Selvaveerakumar published a book titled **"Financial Institutions and Markets."**

These publications have added significant value and distinction to the authors and the college during this academic year.

Participation as Distinguished Guests:

- Dr.S.Chandra, Head of the Postgraduate and Tamil Research Department, participated as a special guest and delivered lectures at events like the **"Kambar Ramayanam - Sundara Kandan Certificate Course"** at Madurai College's Tamil Department and the **"Tamil Cultural Meet"** organized by Tamil Mandram at Kachakatti Government Higher Secondary School.
- Dr. A. Valarmathi was a distinguished speaker at the Women's Day celebration at Senthamizh College.
- Dr.R.Priyadarshini delivered a special address on **"Emotional Management"** at the National Service Scheme (NSS) meet held at Fatima College, Madurai.

- Mrs. R.A. Lathadevi from the Mathematics Department gave a special lecture at Madurai Arul Anandar College, while Associate Professor Dr. Su. Devibala addressed students at Yadava Women's College, Madurai.
- Dr. K. Vigneshwari delivered Independence Day speeches at the Government Arts College, Andipatti, and participated in Women's Day celebrations at institutions like Mangayarkarasi College, Madurai, and schools such as the Madurai Leelavathi Higher Secondary School.
- Dr. A. Vijaya, Head of the Computer Applications Department, participated as a special speaker at the Government Arts College, Bargur.

These participations have further highlighted the prominence and expertise of the college's faculty members in their respective fields.

Student Research Project (Funded by TNSCST)

Assistant Professor Dr. P. Indira Devi secured a funding of ₹7,500 under the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology (TNSCST) scheme for the student research project titled **"Assessment of Wastewater Quality and Remediation Techniques."** This achievement is noteworthy.

Government Awareness Event

On the occasion of Anna Memorial Day, a series of events under the theme **"The Great Tamil Dream"** were organized by the Tamil Heritage and Cultural Awareness Program across various colleges in Tamil Nadu. On August 17, 2023, an event was conducted at Madurai Medical College, where Tamil Department Honorary Lecturers, Dr. P.Porselvi and Dr. T.Gowri, served as coordinators. A total of 52 participants, including 42 undergraduate students and 8 postgraduate students from the Tamil Department, attended the event. During the program, postgraduate students shared their reflections after reading the book **"Tamil Pride,"** which was distributed at the event. The chief guest, Member of Parliament Mr. Su. Venkatesan, delivered a keynote address on the topic **"The Great Tamil Dream – Keezhadi, Our Ancestral Soil."** The principal of Madurai Medical College gave the welcome address, while the Madurai District Collector, Ms.M.S.Sangeetha, delivered an opening speech. After registering their attendance at 9:30 AM, the students explored a book exhibition and a traditional food exhibition. During the Q&A session, students from our college posed insightful questions, which were answered and appreciated by the chief guest, Mr. Su. Venkatesan. Postgraduate student Ms.K.Solairani received an award for her exceptional speech, and Ms. Mu. Aarthi was recognized with a certificate and book prize for her thought-provoking question. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by a professor from the medical college.

National Seminar

On January 19, 2024, a one-day national seminar titled **"Arts in Tamil Literature"** was organized by the Postgraduate and Tamil Research Department. The seminar was coordinated by the Head of the Department, Dr. Su. Chandra, along with Assistant Faculty members Dr. A. Valarmathi and Dr. Ra. Priyadarshini.

International Conference

On January 5, 2024, an international conference was organized by the Department of Chemistry. Professor Nusa Venkatesh Periyasamy from Malaysia University participated and elaborated on the connection between biomolecules and quantum chemistry. He also discussed how the development of medical devices can serve society.

Additionally, Professor Nusa Thurai Murayalazh from Malaysia University delivered a keynote address via an online platform. Assistant Professor Deepak Kumar shared insights on entrepreneurship in chemistry and its related industries, providing valuable perspectives.

Special Seminars

Centenary Seminar on Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar:

On July 31, 2023, the Postgraduate and Tamil Research Department, in collaboration with the Tamil Development Department of Madurai District, organized a seminar commemorating the centenary of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar. The event featured an inaugural speech by Madurai District Collector Mrs.M.S.Sangeetha and Revenue Divisional Officer Mrs. Shalini. The college principal, Dr. Su. Vanathi, delivered a special address. Dr. S.Chandra, Head of the Postgraduate and Tamil Research Department, presented a talk on "Classical Language Initiatives by Kalaignar." Poet Mu. Muthumurugan performed songs from Kalaignar's cinematic contributions, evoking fond memories of his legacy among the students.

Bharathiyar Memorial Seminar:

On September 12, 2023, the Postgraduate and Tamil Research Department, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Arts and Literature Association of Madurai District, organized a seminar commemorating Bharathiyar Memorial Day. A speech competition titled "Today, We Are Born Anew" was held, and prizes were awarded to the winners.

English Department Seminar:

On December 21, 2023, the Department of English conducted a seminar on "Narrative Techniques and Literary Representation." Dr. A. Christopher Ramesh delivered a keynote address as the distinguished speaker.

Special Seminar on Nanomedicine:

On July 3, 2023, the Department of Chemistry hosted a seminar on "Nanomedicine," featuring Dr.S.Vasanthan from Incheon National University, South Korea, as the keynote speaker.

Seminar on Organic Molecules in Electronics:

On August 4, 2023, Dr. E. Somanathan, Deputy Director (SWAN) from Chennai, delivered a talk on "The Role of Organic Molecules in Electronics."

Seminar on Spiritual Chemistry:

On December 21, 2023, retired Headmaster Prof. Mu. Rajamayil participated in a seminar and presented a lecture on "The Role of Chemistry in Spiritual Science."

These seminars provided valuable insights across disciplines, enhancing academic enrichment for all participants.

Research Forum

The Postgraduate and Tamil Research Department organizes a research forum twice a month on alternate Wednesdays. In these sessions, Tamil Department faculty members, doctoral research scholars, and postgraduate students participate by presenting their research papers.

In the current academic year, six such forums have been conducted. The coordinators for these events are Assistant Professor Ra. Priyadarshini and Guest Lecturers Mrs. K. Prema and Dr. J. Sundarapandian.

Research Forum

In the academic year 2023–2024, the Research Forum of the English Department is coordinated by Associate Faculty members Dr. A. Balamurugeswari and Dr. E. Sumathi. On July 28, 2023, 27 postgraduate second-year students presented their research papers at the forum. Similarly, on March 5, 2024, 12 first-year postgraduate students presented their research papers. The Research Forum plays a vital role in fostering an understanding of English literary research among students and encourages them to develop and present their research papers effectively.

Workshops

Tamil Department:

On August 25, 2023, the Fourth Tamil Sangam organized a one-day national creative writing workshop at Senthamizh Arts and Science College, Madurai. Eighteen students participated in the workshop.

On February 26–27, 2024, the Postgraduate and Tamil Research Department of our college, in collaboration with the Thirunavukkarasar Music Research and Education Foundation, conducted a two-day Tamil music workshop.

Mathematics Department:

On October 9, 2023, a one-day workshop was organized to prepare students for competitive exams in mathematical sciences.

Mr. R. Gnanaprakash, Mathematics Lecturer at Tamil Nadu Polytechnic College, Madurai, delivered a special lecture on "Linear Algebra."

Dr. K. Muthupandian, Associate Professor and Head of the Mathematics Department at Sri Meenakshi Government Women's College, gave a lecture on "Real Analysis."

Geography Department:

On October 4–5, 2023, the Geography Department conducted a training workshop titled "Advanced Geographic Studies" for postgraduate students in the geography laboratory.

The workshop was led by Mr. Kannadasan, Honorary Lecturer in the Geography

Department, Madurai Kamaraj University. He explained critical concepts related to geoinformatics and provided practical training in mapping and spatial analysis. Additionally, he trained students in preparing geographic research projects.

This workshop instilled great enthusiasm and practical knowledge among all the students.

Physics Department:

As part of World Space Week celebrations, the Physics Department organized several events on campus from October 4–10, 2023.

A workshop on **"Constructing Telescopes"** was conducted by Dr. S. Stephen Rajkumar Inbanathan from American College.

Home Science Department:

On February 6, 2024, the Home Science Department participated in a one-day seminar on **"Nutritional Practices for Sustainable Health"** organized in collaboration with Ve.Va. Vanniya Perumal Women's College and Nutritional Research Association, Virudhunagar. Thirty-two postgraduate students attended the workshop and benefited significantly.

Training Workshop

The English Department has been organizing workshops and seminars to enhance the skills of students. An orientation program for first-year undergraduate students was conducted on September 1, 4, and 5, 2023. Dr. Vidya Chellam, Assistant Professor in the Department of Management Studies at Madurai Kamaraj University Directorate of Distance Education, delivered a lecture on **"Effective Communication Skills."** Ms. Sangeetha Dhanushkaran, Director of Sri Kannan Department Store, gave an insightful talk on "Career Development and Entrepreneurship."

Refresher Course

In this academic year, faculty members have participated in refresher programmes to enhance their skills and professional development.

Name	Institution	Training Type	Dates
Dr. R. Priyadarshini	Madurai Kamaraj University	Refresher Course	21.07.2023 - 03.08.2023
Dr. K. Vijaya	Madurai Kamaraj University	Refresher Course	17.03.2023 - 30.03.2023
Dr. S. Jesima	Madurai Kamaraj University	Refresher Course	17.03.2023 - 30.03.2023
Dr. M. Vigneshwari	Ramanujan College, New Delhi	Refresher Course (Online)	05.12.2023 - 29.12.2023

Dr. E. Manonmani	Ramanujan College, New Delhi	Refresher Course (Online)	05.12.2023 - 29.12.2023
Dr. E. Shanthi	Ramanujan College, New Delhi	Refresher Course (Online)	05.12.2023 - 29.12.2023
Dr. A. Beulah Mary	Madurai Kamaraj University	Refresher Course (Online)	06.03.2024 - 19.03.2024
Dr. P. Indira Devi	Madurai Kamaraj University	Refresher Course (Online)	06.03.2024 - 19.03.2024
Mrs.T. Rukmanidevi	Madurai Kamaraj University	Refresher Course	16.02.2024 - 29.02.2024
Mrs. K. Sudha	Madurai Kamaraj University	Refresher Course	15.11.2023 - 28.11.2023
Dr. T. Arumugakani	Ramanujan College, New Delhi	Refresher Course (Online)	13.07.2023 - 26.07.2023
Dr. S. Devibala	Ramanujan College, New Delhi	Refresher Course (Online)	13.07.2023 - 26.07.2023

Additionally, more than 50 faculty members participated in faculty development programmes and benefited from them.

Achievements of the Students

In the Republic Day Parade Camp held in New Delhi from 29-12-2023 to 28-01-2024, Senior Under Officer G. Menaka and Cadet Under Officer S. Lathika represented the Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Andaman & Nicobar Directorate.

- Senior Under Officer G. Menaka participated in the NCC Marching Contingent during the parade on Kartavya Path on 26-01-2024.
- Cadet Under Officer S. Lathika took part in the Prime Minister's Rally held at the Cariappa Parade Ground on 28-01-2024.
- Sergeant Sathyapriya participated in the Republic Day Parade held in Chennai on 26-01-2024.

Academic Achievements

- **D. Seethalakshmi** and **M. Hemalatha**, students of II M.Sc. Chemistry, brought pride by participating in an international conference held at Holy Cross College on 20-02-2024. They presented research papers and won the award for "Best Poster Design."
- **D. Seethalakshmi**, II M.Sc. Chemistry, won the "Best Research Paper Award" at a conference held at Madurai Kamaraj College on 24-01-2024.
- **L. Glory** and **L. Kasthuri**, II M.Sc. Chemistry students, secured the third prize in a chemistry skill assessment competition conducted by the Department of Chemistry, Thiagarajar College, Madurai, on 21-02-2024.
- **L. Kasthuri** and **A. Sobhana**, II M.Sc. Chemistry students, won the second prize in the "Seventh Sense Chemistry Skill Assessment" competition held on 21-02-2024.

Fatima College (Autonomous), Madurai, Tamil Research Centre Celebrations - Muthamizh Vizha on 25.08.23

The students of our college actively participated in the intercollegiate arts and literary competitions held during the Muthamizh Vizha. The achievements were as follows:

- **Speech Competition:** First Prize - T. Aishwarya (III B.A. Tamil)
- **Dance Competition:** First Prize - V. Priyadarshini, T. Srisoundarya, and Akalya (III B.A. Tamil), along with D. Dharshini, Arumugha Nachiyar, and A. Nandini (II B.A. Tamil)
- **Singing Competition:** First Prize - U. Logeshwari (II B.A. Tamil), A. Pandiselvi (III B.A. Tamil), A. Aarthi (II B.A. Tamil), and Janaranjani (II B.A. Tamil).

With the highest overall points, our college secured first place and won the championship trophy.

State-Level Competition - Natchathira'24 at Mangayarkarasi College on 29.02.2024

Our students excelled in the state-level *Natchathira'24* arts festival:

- **Folk Dance Competition:** Second Prize - V. Priyadarshini, T. Srisoundarya, K. Manickapriya, K. Jagadeeshwari, M. Nandini, and K. Arumugha Nachiyar (III B.A. Tamil).
- **Group Dance (Fusion):** Second Prize - N. Madhumitha, L. Reshma Nisha, A. Harinisri, P. Brindha, I. Ashiyana Jasmine, and A. Deepadurga (III B.A. English).
- **Fashion Parade:** Third Prize - M. Pandiselvi (III B.A. Tamil).
- **Pencil 3D Sketch Competition:** Second Prize - A. Hinduja (III B.A. English).
- **Fireless Cooking Competition:** Third Prize - N. Anusuya and L. Chitraragini (III B.Sc. Home Science).

- **Kolam with Sticks:** Second Prize - A. Kalaiarasi and N. Krishnapriya (II B.Sc. Computer Science).
- **Reels Making:** Second Prize - K. Kaliswari, R. Kalaivani, and B. Malathi (III B.A. Tamil), along with K. Mahathi, J. Mohanadevi, and N. Aruna (II B.A. Tamil).

Our college earned first place in the overall competition, receiving a cash prize of ₹10,000 and a trophy, bringing great pride to the institution.

Achievements and Events at Madurai American College and Other Institutions:

1. UOYULUAIU-24 Participation and Victory:

- In the UOU LUAU-24 event organized by Madurai American College, second-year postgraduate students from our department (English medium) participated and won the overall championship trophy.

2. National Nutrition Week Competitions:

- On 07.09.2023, students from the Psychology Department participated in the National Nutrition Week celebrations organized by Madurai Utyaray Rzhaliyai. They secured prizes and also received an overall participation award.

3. Kalaingar Centenary Celebrations:

- On 09.01.2023, the postgraduate and Tamil research departments hosted a seminar competition as part of the Kalaingar Centenary Celebrations at our college, where students from various disciplines participated.
- On 23.01.2024, the Tamil Department organized a short film competition as part of the Kalaingar Centenary Celebration.

4. Achievements in Other Colleges:

- On 31.08.2023, at the district-level speech competition for the Kalaingar Centenary Celebration in Madurai, **T. Aishwarya**, a third-year Tamil Department student, won the first prize.
- On 13.09.2023, at the Kalaingar Centenary Essay Competition held at Thiagarajar College, **Ku. Va. Revathi**, a third-year undergraduate Tamil student, won the third prize. Second-year Geography student **Mu. Aishwarya** received a participation certificate.
- On 14.09.2023, at the district-level moot court competition organized as part of the Kalaingar Centenary Celebration at Madurai American College, third-year Tamil Department student **T. Aishwarya** won the first prize.
- On 28.12.2023, at the Kalaingar Centenary Celebrations held at Vellaisamy Nadar College, **T. Aishwarya**, a third-year Tamil Department student, won the second prize in the speech competition.

Speech Competition at Yadava College:

- On 28.12.2023, **T. Aishwarya**, a third-year Tamil Department student, won first prize in the speech competition held during the Kalaignar Centenary Celebration at Yadava College.

Triveni Festival Competitions:

- On 02.08.2023, the competitions for the "Triveni Festival 2023," organized by the Sri Meenakshi Amman Temple's Daiva Neri Kalagam, took place. **D. Rajasree**, a second-year postgraduate student from the Business Administration Department, won second prize in the speech competition.

Essay Competition at Gandhi Museum:

- On 29.09.2023, during the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations at the Gandhi Museum, **K. V. Revathi**, a third-year undergraduate Tamil student, won a cash prize of ₹750 and a certificate in the essay competition. **M. Aishwarya**, a second-year Geography Department student, received a participation certificate.

Kalaignar Centenary Competitions by DMK Student Wing:

- On 14.10.2023, at a district-level essay competition organized by the DMK Student Wing under the theme "Student Friend - Kalaignar 100 - Speech and Writing," **K. V. Revathi** won a cash prize of ₹10,000 and a certificate. **M. Sylvia**, from the Mathematics Department, won ₹1,000 and a certificate.

Speech Competition at Kamban Kazhagam:

- On 22.12.2023, at the annual celebrations of the Madurai Kamban Kazhagam, **T. Aishwarya**, a third-year Tamil Department student, won first prize in the speech competition, receiving ₹3,000, a certificate, and a shield.

Vaigai 24 Cultural Festival:

- On 10.01.2024, at the "Vaigai 24" cultural festival held at Madurai College:
 - **K. Bhavani** and **T. Lalithashree** won first prize in the Sign Language Identification competition.
 - **T. Aishwarya** won third prize in the speech competition.
 - **T. Aishwarya** and **Ku. Va. Revathi** won first prize in the quiz competition.
 - **Sai Muthuaruchana**, **M. Pandichelvi**, **Ku. Sandhya**, and **S. Thulasi Mani** won first prize in the Display Setup competition.
 - **C. Sharubarkavi** won first prize in the short story competition.
 - **T. Aishwarya** won second prize in the poetry competition.

- **Vai. Priyadarshini, K. Jagatheeswari, K. Manickapriya, and M. Srimathi** won prizes in the dance competition.

Kurinji Arts and Literature Festival:

- On 20.01.2024, at the Kurinji Arts and Literature Festival organized by the Tamil Research Center of American College:
 - Third-year Tamil students **Sri Soundarya, V. Priyadarshini, K. Manickapriya, and K. Jagatheeswari**, along with second-year students **M. Nandini** and **K. Arumugam Nachiyar**, won first prize in the dance competition.
 - **T. Aishwarya** won second prize in the "Extempore Speech" competition.
 - **T. Aishwarya** and **Ku. Va. Revathi** won third prize in the quiz competition.

Mamadurai Cultural Festival:

- On 17.02.2024, at the Mamadurai Cultural Festival held at Mannar College:
 - Third-year Tamil students **K. Manickapriya, K. Jagatheeswari, C. Srimathi**, and **Tha. Sri. Soundarya** won second prize in the dance competition.
 - Third-year Tamil students **M. Pandichelvi, V. Abinaya, M. Nargis Banu**, and **Nithya** won second prize in the Traditional Parade competition.

Thirukkural Promotion Event by Maniyammai Educational Institution:

- On 27.01.2024, at the "Thirukkural Nerai Vizha" organized by Maniyammai Educational Institution, second-year postgraduate Tamil student **A. Sivalakshmi** won second prize in the poetry competition, receiving ₹2,000, a certificate, and books as prizes.

Karmaveerar Kamarajar Birth Anniversary Celebrations:

- On 24.06.2023, during the 121st birth anniversary celebrations of Kamarajar, a state-level speech competition for school and college students was held. **T. Aishwarya**, a third-year Tamil student, won first prize and a cash prize of ₹10,000.

Bharathi Memorial Seminar:

- On 08.09.2023, during the Bharathi Memorial Seminar hosted by Sri Meenakshi Government Women's College in collaboration with the Tamil

Nadu Art and Literary Association under the theme "Born Anew Today," the following students won prizes in the speech competition:

- **P. Rajasree**, a second-year postgraduate Business Administration student, won first prize.
- **Lavanya**, a third-year Chemistry student, won second prize.
- **K. Mahathi**, a second-year Tamil student, won third prize.

On 12.09.2023, in celebration of Perarignar Anna's birthday, the Tamil Development Department conducted an oratory competition for college students at the Madurai district level. Representing our college, second-year Business Administration student Ms. P. Rajasri won the second prize, receiving ₹3,000.

On 13.10.2023, at a speech competition held in honor of Periyar's birthday by the Tamil Development Department, second-year Business Administration student Ms. P. Rajasri secured the first prize and was awarded ₹5,000.

Undergraduate and postgraduate students from the Physics Department of Lady Doak College, Madurai, participated in intercollegiate events organized by the Physics Departments of VHNS College, Virudhunagar, and Madurai College, winning several prizes.

Students from the Geography Department, S. Sharmila Devi and P. Nandini (2nd-year B.Sc. Geography, English medium), participated in a millet-based food preparation competition at Madurai Institute of Social Sciences on 06.12.2023 and won prizes for their exceptional millet recipes.

B.A. J. Janaranjani (3rd-year B.Sc. Geography, English medium) participated in a Hindi song competition at American College on 20.07.2023 and secured the first prize. She also participated in an intercollegiate group song competition at Fatima College on 25.08.2023 and won first place. On 22.01.2024, she won the second prize of ₹1,000 in a painting competition organized by the Election Commission.

From the Computer Science Department:

- J. Natasri participated in the national integration camp organized by Fatima College, Madurai, from December 11–17, 2023.
- G. Nagamalini attended a national integration camp at NITTE University, Mangalore, from February 12–18, 2024, and secured third place in cultural competitions.
- M. Anadhika participated in the national integration camp held at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, from May 5 to March 11, 2024, and attended a three-day environmental awareness program in Courtallam from February 15–17, 2024.

Training Programs:

- The Arunachalam Jesudas Foundation conducted English and computer training classes for 2nd and 3rd-year undergraduate Tamil students. Certificates were distributed to the trained students by Professor Padmashri Solomon Pappiah on 08.12.2023.

Postgraduate Tamil students received handcraft training at the self-employment program held at Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai, on 27.10.2023.

In the English Department, skill development workshops are conducted for students beyond regular coursework. On 10.01.2024, a workshop titled "*Reinforcement of Skills*" was conducted by Dr. A. Christopher Ramesh, followed by another workshop on 06.02.2024 titled "*Enhancing Communication and Leadership Skills*." On 06.03.2024, alumna Ms. A. Nasreen, currently an honorary lecturer at Sivagangai Raja Duraisingham Government College, conducted a workshop titled "*Bridging the Gap Between Education and Industry*." This event highlighted alumni contributions to the development of the college.

In celebration of Dr. Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi's centenary, the Tamil Nadu Silk Development Department, in collaboration with the Zoology Department of Sri Meenakshi Government Women's College, conducted a one-day professional training session on silk cultivation for Zoology students on 29.02.2024. The event was presided over by the college principal, Dr. S. Vanathi, and welcomed by the Head of the Zoology Department, Dr. V. Kapila, who delivered a special address.

Dr. A. Mahimashanthi elaborated on silk farming techniques in detail at Alanganallur. Mr. H.A. Sikandar, a junior researcher in the Department of Sericulture, explained the welfare schemes of the Tamil Nadu government. Mr. Krishnamoorthy, a technical assistant from the Central Sericulture Research and Training Center, Samayanallur, delivered the vote of thanks, marking the successful conclusion of the event.

Department Activities

Certificate Course:

The Department of Computer Applications of our college, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, offers a certificate course titled "*Advanced Technological Skills*" for postgraduate students.

Reader's Club:

For the academic year 2023–2024, Mrs. E. Suba, Assistant Professor, and Mrs. D. Keerthika, Guest Lecturer from the Department of English, are serving as coordinators of the Reader's Club. In the meeting held on 04.03.2024, 10 students from the first-year shift 1 and 12 students from the first-year second shift participated as book reviewers, sharing their reading experiences.

Drama Club:

For the academic year 2023–2024, Assistant Professors Dr. N. Prema and Dr. D. Shaheen are coordinators of the Drama Club. On 24.07.2023, second-year second-shift students performed scenes from the play "*Unity and Progress*" written by Tamil author U. Asaithambi. On 31.08.2023, first-year second-rotation students enacted excerpts from "*The Strength of Morality*" by V. Srinivasan and "*A Tale of Justice*" by R. Aravind. This club focuses on enhancing students' language and performance skills.

Reader's Forum:

For the academic year 2023–2024, Assistant Professors Dr. R. Zakira Banu and Dr. P. Arul Selvi Maria from the Department of English are the coordinators of the Reader's Forum.

- In the meeting held on 08.09.2023, four third-year first-rotation students and four second-year second-rotation students reviewed books.
- On 14.02.2024, another meeting saw four third-year first-rotation students and four second-year second-rotation students participating in book reviews.
- On 01.03.2024, three third-year first-rotation students and three second-year second-rotation students presented their book analyses.

The Reader's Forum strives to improve students' reading abilities and critical thinking.

Series of Lectures

A program titled "Lecture Series" was organized by the Department of English to introduce students to new dimensions and techniques.

- Dr. A. Christopher Ramesh, Assistant Professor in the Department of English, delivered a lecture on the topic "**Innovative Strategies for Enhancing Academic Excellence**" on **22.06.2023**.
- Dr. T.M. Amala, Head and Associate Professor of the Department of English, presented on the topic "**Creative Approaches to Literary Studies**" on **23.06.2023**.
- Dr. A. Ponmari, Assistant Professor, delivered a lecture on the topic "**Contemporary Perspectives in Critical Theories**" on **12.07.2023**.
- In the second phase of the series, Guest Lecturer Mrs. U. Shali spoke on the topic "**Modern Pedagogical Practices in Language Teaching**" on **24.07.2023**.
- **World Tourism Day:**
 - On 27.09.2023, World Tourism Day was celebrated in the History Department of our college. The special guest, Mr. L.U.A. Sree Balamurugan, Madurai District Tourism Officer, delivered a speech on the tourist attractions in Madurai. Additionally, Mr. Y. Sivagurunathan, the president of the Tour Guides Association, spoke about the qualifications required to become a tour guide and job opportunities in the tourism sector.
- **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's Birth Anniversary:**
 - On 31.10.2023, the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was celebrated. On this occasion, the students took the National Unity Pledge.
- **National Youth Day:**
 - On 9.01.2024, in commemoration of National Youth Day, Mrs. Nargis Farooq, a mental health trainer from Madurai Hospital, delivered a talk to the students on the topic "Mental Health and Stress Management."

· **United Nations Day:**

- On 5.02.2024, United Nations Day was celebrated with inter-departmental competitions. Essay writing on the topic "United Nations and Sustainable Development" and elocution on "The Role of the UN in Global Peace" were conducted.

· **Human Rights Day:**

- On 6.02.2024, in observance of Human Rights Day, students wrote essays on the topic "Human Rights and Violations."

· **Yoga Training:**

- On 04.10.2023, a yoga training session was conducted for second-year students. Mrs. Angayarkanni and Mrs. Shanti from Madurai Knowledge Temple highlighted the importance of yoga and trained the students in practical yoga techniques.

· **Guest Lecture on Solar Studies:**

- In the Physics Department, Dr. A. Ashok Kumar, the curator of the Kodaikanal Solar Observatory Museum, delivered a guest lecture on "Studies Related to the Sun."

· **Space Science Competitions:**

- Various competitions were conducted for students on the theme of "Space Science." Dr. Jebapriya, Assistant Professor and Assistant Controller of Examinations in the Business Administration Department, actively participated in the "Star Exhibit" contest, encouraging the students.

· **Anemia Awareness Camp:**

- On 31.10.2023, an Anemia Awareness Camp was conducted by the Physics Department in collaboration with Madurai Devadas Hospital and Soroptimist International. Dr. Lalitha, Dr. Aruna Mutharasi, and Dr. Hema Sathish delivered awareness lectures to the students.

· **World Nature Conservation Day (2023–2024):**

- On 10.08.2023, the Botany Department, in collaboration with the Dhan Foundation, celebrated World Nature Conservation Day at 10:00 AM. Dr. Grace Lydial Pushpalatha, Associate Professor and Head of the Botany Department, welcomed everyone and emphasized the importance of nature conservation. Mr. V. Venkatesan, Project Manager of the Dhanam Foundation, delivered a special address on "New Social Order for Nature Conservation." The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. S. Mo. Jenitta Nithya.

- Following the formal session, various competitions, including debates, poetry, poster-making, and painting, were held for young and senior Botany students. A total of 117 students participated and received prizes and certificates. Certificates were distributed to all participants. Mr. L. Elamugil, Project Manager, gave the concluding speech, marking the successful end of the event.

Zoology Department:

To raise awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation, the Zoology Department organized separate competitions for undergraduate and postgraduate students on 10.01.2024 as part of Wildlife Week celebrations.

For undergraduate students:

- Essay competition on the topic "**Your Role in Wildlife Conservation.**"
- Rangoli competition on the theme "**A Wild Species.**"

For postgraduate students:

- Photography contest titled "**An Animal That Resides on Our College Campus.**"
 - Short film competition on "**Environmental Issues and Their Solutions.**"
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Geography Department:

The Indian Geographical Society of the University of Madras conducts an annual examination for final-year undergraduate and postgraduate Geography students. The 14th competition for the 2023-2024 academic year was held on 05.01.2024.

- 95 undergraduate and 15 postgraduate students from the Geography Department participated.
 - Among 839 undergraduate participants, **L. Jayakauri**, a Geography student from our college, secured third place at the state level.
 - Among 234 postgraduate participants, **S. Bharathi** secured third place at the state level, bringing recognition to the department and the college.
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Psychology Department:

To commemorate **World Breastfeeding Week**, an awareness program was held on 03.08.2023. A **poster competition** on the theme "**The Importance of Breastfeeding**" was organized.

Computer Applications Department:

- On 30.08.2024, a **workshop** was conducted in the Computer Applications Department. The keynote speakers were Dr. Daisy, Head of the IT Department at Thiagarajar Engineering College, Madurai, and Dr. S. Naganandini Sujatha, Assistant Professor at Sri Meenakshi Government Women's College (Autonomous).
- On 01.09.2023, a **seminar** on "**Emerging Trends in Artificial Intelligence**" was organized for first-year postgraduate students of Computer Applications and MBA. Special guests included Dr. S. Sugandhi, Head of the Department of Business

Administration at AAA College, Virudhunagar, and Mr. A. Jayanth Sreedhar, IT Specialist from Chennai.

Innovation Club:

On 10.10.2023, the Innovation Club organized a **Photography Contest** on the theme "**The Charm of Nature.**" A special lecture on "**Fostering Creativity and Innovation**" was held on 20.02.2024.

Department of Business Administration:

- On 17.08.2023, the department celebrated **World Entrepreneurs' Day** on the theme "**Women's Journey into Entrepreneurship.**" The chief guest was Mrs. A. Rino Anguchamy, proprietor of *Azhagu 5 Manamagaigal* and Academy, Madurai.
- On 21.08.2023, a special guest lecture was conducted on "**Digitalization in Marketing**" by Mr. V. Raj Ganesh, CEO of *Roots Holistic Health*, Coimbatore.
- A **3-day orientation program** for first-year BBA students was held on 1st, 4th, and 5th September 2023.
- On 14.03.2024, the department organized the first session of a special lecture series on "**Corporate Structure and Job Opportunities in the Indian Retail Sector.**" The guest speaker was Mr. Rajkumar, Regional Sales Manager, *Ruchi Soya Industries Limited*.
- On 15.02.2024, a **quiz competition** on the **Union Budget 2024** was conducted for final-year undergraduate students.

March 15, 2024 (Friday):

The Business Administration Department conducted the second session of its 2023–24 Special Lecture Series on the topic "**Subsidies and Grants – The Key to Entrepreneurial Success.**" The guest speaker for the event was **Mr. A. Siva Ayyanan**, Retired Deputy Director of Industries and Commerce, Madurai.

Club Activities:

For the 2023–24 academic year, various clubs organized meetings for undergraduate and postgraduate students across all departments.

To encourage students, a variety of competitions were held, including:

- Essay writing
- Elocution
- Poetry writing
- Rangoli
- Painting

- Quiz competitions
- Poster-making

Prizes and certificates were awarded to the winners of these competitions.

Exam Results:

SRI MEENAKSHI GOVERNMENT ARTS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (A), MADURAI-02
UG – PASS PERCENTAGE – 2022-23

S. No.	Department	Students Enrolled	Students Passed	Pass Percentage (%)
1	HISTORY	115	113	98.26
2	ECONOMICS	120	116	96.67
3	ENGLISH	131	125	95.42
4	TAMIL	122	118	96.72
5	COMMERCE	131	126	96.18
6	MATHEMATICS	119	109	91.6
7	PHYSICS	53	48	90.57
8	CHEMISTRY	73	67	91.78
9	ZOOLOGY	65	63	96.92
10	GEOGRAPHY	78	73	93.59
11	HOME SCIENCE	22	21	95.45
12	COMPUTER SCIENCE	56	56	100
13	BOTANY	35	34	97.14
14	COMPUTER APPLICATION	44	43	97.73
15	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	62	58	93.55
Total	Overall Result	1226	1170	95.43

SRI MEENAKSHI GOVERNMENT ARTS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (A), MADURAI-02
 PG – PASS PERCENTAGE – 2022-23

S.No.	Department	Students Enrolled	Students Passed	Pass Percentage (%)
1	HISTORY	31	30	96.77
2	ECONOMICS	17	15	88.24
3	ENGLISH	25	25	100
4	TAMIL	24	23	95.83
5	COMMERCE	29	29	100
6	MATHEMATICS	35	34	97.14
7	PHYSICS	19	19	100
8	CHEMISTRY	26	26	100
9	ZOOLOGY	21	17	80.95
10	GEOGRAPHY	19	18	94.74
11	HOME SCIENCE	20	20	100
12	COMPUTER SCIENCE	22	22	100
13	BOTANY	13	13	100
14	COMPUTER APPLICATION	19	19	100
15	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	27	26	96.3
Total	Overall Result	347	336	96.83

SRI MEENAKSHI GOVERNMENT ARTS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (A), MADURAI-02
M.PHIL – PASS PERCENTAGE – 2022-23

S. No.	SUBJECT	2022-2023		
		Total Students	Passed Students	Pass Percentage
1	COMPUTER SCIENCE	31	30	96.77

Gandhian Thought Education (2023 - 2024)

Dr. Ku. Muthupandiyam, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics, has been serving as the Coordinator of Gandhian Thought courses. A total of 666 students registered and wrote the examinations for the Certificate Course in Gandhian Thought, while 589 students registered for the Diploma Course.

In 2024, Mr. Natarasan, Special Educational Officer from the Gandhi Memorial Museum in Madurai, conducted special classes on Gandhian Thought over two days, March 6 and 7, 2024.

Sports Department

The college Sports Committee operates efficiently under the leadership of the Principal, Dr. S. Vanathi, and with guidance from committee members.

Sports Committee Members

- **Chairperson:** Dr. S. Vanathi - Principal
- **Secretary:** Dr. S. Ramesh - Physical Education Director
- **Members:**
 1. Dr. A. Beula Mary - Department of Physics
 2. Dr. V. Indiradevi - Department of History
 3. Dr. P. Selva Veerakumar - Department of Business Administration
 4. Ms. K. Sakthimari - Student Sports Secretary

At the beginning of the academic year, priority admission was given to students with exceptional sports talent. Special quotas were allocated as follows: 3% for undergraduate arts and science programs and 2% for postgraduate arts and science programs. Admissions were made based on eligibility criteria.

Achievements in Sports

International Level:

- *Silambam*: Third-year Zoology student Ms. T. Swetha won a gold medal at an international Silambam competition held in Malaysia.
- *Karate*: Ms. T. Swetha also earned a gold medal in a karate competition at Madurai American College.

Regional and University-Level Competitions:

- *Basketball*: Third-year Tamil student Ms. S. Nandhini represented the college in a basketball tournament for South Zone Universities.
- *Football*: Undergraduate Chemistry student Ms. M. Kaviya was selected to play in the football team.
- *Rifle Shooting*: Third-year Computer Applications student Ms. S. Vidyasree excelled in the 10-meter air rifle shooting competition.
- *Swimming*: Second-year postgraduate Physics student Ms. S. Jothika, second-year undergraduate Chemistry student Ms. M. Aarthi, and third-year undergraduate Commerce student Ms. A. Swetha participated and won in swimming competitions, representing Madurai Kamaraj University.

Other Notable Achievements:

- *Weightlifting*: Third-year Business Administration student Ms. K. Sakthimari performed well in weightlifting competitions.
- *Throwball*: Second-year undergraduate Commerce student Ms. P. Alagumuthu demonstrated exceptional skills and was selected for the Madurai Kamaraj University team.

These accomplishments have brought great honor and distinction to the college.

Sports Achievements of Our College

Third-year undergraduate History student Ms. S. Annapoorani excelled in gymnastics by securing the first place in a competition. She was also selected to represent the Madurai Kamaraj University team in the All-India Inter-University Gymnastics Championship held at Guru Nanak Dev University, Punjab, which brought great pride to our college.

First-year undergraduate Chemistry student Ms. M. Gayathri was selected to play chess for the Madurai Kamaraj University team in the South Zone Inter-University Chess Tournament held at Ambedkar Law University, Chennai.

The Madurai Kamaraj University Inter-College Cricket Tournament was conducted at Arulanandar College, Karumathur, our college team made history by defeating all participating private colleges and winning the championship title. This remarkable achievement garnered attention from both government and private colleges. Among the players, third-year undergraduate Commerce student Ms. R. Pavithra, third-year undergraduate Economics student Ms. A. Tharika, second-year undergraduate Business

Administration student Ms. S. Sandhya, first-year undergraduate Mathematics students Ms. S. Sandhya and Ms. S. Sharmila excelled in their performance. They were selected to play for the Madurai Kamaraj University team in the South Zone Inter-University Cricket Tournament held at Alagappa University, Karaikudi.

Postgraduate second-year Physics student Ms. Jothika, second-year undergraduate Physics student Ms. Aarthi, second-year undergraduate Commerce student Ms. E. Swetha, and third-year undergraduate Commerce student Ms. P. Srimathi participated in relay races, securing first, second, and third places, respectively, bringing immense pride to the college.

In the Madurai Kamaraj University Inter-College Judo Tournament held at American College, third-year undergraduate History student Ms. P. Amirthadevi won second place in the 63 kg category, and first-year undergraduate Economics student Ms. R. Jayaprada secured third place in the 48 kg category, marking a milestone in the college's sports achievements.

At the university level, in weightlifting and powerlifting competitions across various weight categories, third-year undergraduate History student Ms. J. Nagarani, second-year undergraduate English student Ms. M. Harini, third-year undergraduate Business Administration student Ms. K. Sakthimari, and second-year undergraduate Business Administration student Ms. S. Sandhya won several awards.

In the university-level athletics competition, second-year undergraduate Tamil student Ms. R. Mahasakthi participated in the long jump, and second-year undergraduate Economics student Ms. M. Vellaiyammal competed in the 3000-meter race, both securing third place and bringing distinction to our college.

In various district-level handball tournaments conducted by different clubs, prize amounts of ₹5,000 and ₹1,000 were awarded.

The primary objective of the college competition was to provide opportunities for all female students to participate in sports. To encourage this, various events were conducted across multiple categories, including those specifically designed for differently-abled students.

A total of 14 sports competitions, including Kabaddi, handball, basketball, volleyball, kho-kho, throwball, cricket, badminton, football, chess, yoga, table tennis, dodgeball, and athletics, as well as shot-put competitions for differently-abled participants, were organized.

Students were also motivated to participate in marathon events with the aim of fostering lifelong awareness about maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Department of Home Science

On July 29, 2023, under the initiative of the "**Empowering Young Women**" program, 28 students from the Department of Home Science participated in a marathon event and received certificates of participation.

Aartral Amudhu - Nutritional Food Program

For all the achievements accomplished this year, the "**Aartral Amudhu**" **Nutritional Food Program**, supported by Member of Parliament Honorable Su. Venkatesan and

implemented through Mr. Madan, Chairman of the **Tenpulam Foundation**, played a significant role. Over the past year, 65 female students benefited from this program, which was a strong source of support and encouragement.

It was an honor to have **Mr. P. Sivakumar**, National Athlete and Physical Education Director of Salem Government Arts College, and **Mr. S. Karthikeyan**, Physical Education Inspector of Sivagangai District, attend our college sports festival. Despite their busy schedules, they motivated the students with their inspiring speeches and presented the prizes, which added prestige to the event.

National Cadet Corps (NCC) Activities 2023-24

Under the leadership of the Principal, the National Cadet Corps operates at our college under the guidance of NCC Officer Dr. R. Muthuchelvi, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry. This academic year, the college has a total of 104 cadets in the Army Wing: 34 first-year students, 35 second-year students, and 35 third-year students.

1. **Annual Training Camp (6.4.23 to 15.4.23):**

30 students participated in the camp held at Idayapatti NDA.

2. **All India NCC Girls' Mountaineering Expedition (6.5.23 to 13.5.23):**

Sergeants M. Sathyapriya and B. Vimalajothi represented the college in this expedition.

3. **Inter-Unit Competition Camps:**

- o 8 students participated in the camp at Idayapatti NDA from 17.5.23 to 26.5.23.
- o 25 students participated in the **UIC Camp-2023** from 16.6.23 to 25.6.23.
- o 8 students attended the selection camp from 17.7.23 to 26.7.23.
- o 7 students participated in the **IUC Sub Unit Camp** from 17.8.23 to 26.8.23.
- o 5 students attended the camp from 17.9.23 to 26.9.23.

4. **International Yoga Day:**

Celebrated on 21.6.2023 on the college premises with participation from NCC cadets.

5. **Director's Visit:**

The NCC Director's visit to Lady Doak College, Madurai, on 4.8.2023 was attended by the ANO and 30 cadets.

6. **Cleanliness Drive:**

On 27.9.2023, 50 cadets participated in a cleanliness drive at the Gandhi Museum, organized under SPT-23.

7. **National-Level Camps:**

- o **CATC and RDC Group Camps:** Held at Idaiyapatti NDA from 1.10.23 to 10.10.23, attended by students.

- **UIC Sub Unit Camps 2023:** 5 students attended from 21.10.23 to 30.10.23, and 3 attended from 11.10.23 to 20.10.23.
8. **Swachh Bharat Initiative:**
Conducted Shramdaan activities as part of the campaign on 1.10.23.
 9. **CRPF Rally:**
Held at Ambika College on 8.10.2023, where 10 students participated.
 10. **SNIC Participation:**
L/CPL M. Keerthana participated in the SNIC at Kevadia, Gujarat, from 17.10.23 to 2.11.23.
 11. **Basic Leadership Camp:**
Held at KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore, from 25.10.23 to 5.11.23, attended by the ANO and 2 students.
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 1. **NCC Day Celebrations:**
NCC Day and a mini-marathon event were held at Yadava College ground, with 12 cadets and the ANO participating.
 2. **International Year of Millets:**
To promote awareness about millets, an essay competition was conducted on 14.12.23 for Tamil Nadu students at Madurai P.N.2.
 3. **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camp:**
Sergeants M. Vimalajothi, M. Muthumeena, and L/CPL M. Dharani participated in the camp held at Idayapatti NDA from 18.1.24 to 29.1.24.
 4. **C Certificate Examination (3.3.24):**
26 cadets appeared for the examination, and all passed with flying colors.
 5. **B Certificate Examination (23.3.24 and 24.3.24):**
36 cadets appeared for the examination.

These activities highlight the dedication and achievements of our NCC cadets, showcasing their commitment to service and excellence.

National Service Scheme Annual Report 2023-2024

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Jayakumari Gnana Deepam, Dr. T. Renuka, Dr. S. Usha Bhuvaneshwari, and Mrs. G. Sudha, who serve as NSS officers.

Key Activities and Achievements:

1. **International Yoga Day (21.06.23):**

NSS units collaborated with the Natural State Yoga Foundation to celebrate International Yoga Day. Yoga expert Mr. Senthilkumar and his team demonstrated various yoga postures for the students.

2. **Drug Abuse Awareness Rally (26.06.23):**

In collaboration with the Anti-Drug Forum, an awareness rally was organized to mark International Day Against Drug Abuse. Police officer Mr. Ranjith and other officials led the rally from the college to the Thevar Statue. Students distributed pamphlets and conducted talks to raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse.

3. **Seminar on Violence Against Women and Dowry (07.07.23):**

The NSS, in association with the Tamil Nadu Social Welfare and Women's Rights Department, organized a seminar on "Domestic Violence and Dowry Harassment" under the leadership of Principal Dr. Su. Vanathi. Speakers Mrs. Vasuki and Mrs. Diana addressed issues related to dowry, economic abuse, cyber harassment, and available helplines, particularly for third-year students.

4. **Life-Saving Training (17.07.23):**

In collaboration with the Billion Hearts Foundation and Apollo Hospital, the NSS organized a special training program on first aid and CPR for 32 students. Dr. Jude Vinoth from Apollo Hospital provided personalized CPR training to the participants.

5. **Tree Plantation (01.08.23):**

Students from Units 52, 53, and 55 participated in tree plantation activities at Kallanithiri village under the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" program. Events continued until 14.08.23, with tree planting both on-campus and in nearby villages. Students collected soil samples from their villages for the "Amrit Kalash Yatra" and pledged to promote environmental conservation.

6. **Flag Hoisting and Patriotism (15.08.23):**

As part of the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" initiative, the Indian National Flag was hoisted to honor the sacrifices of freedom fighters. Students took an oath to uphold the spirit of patriotism.

7. **Health Insurance Camp (17.08.23):**

The NSS, under the guidance of Principal Dr. Su. Vanathi, organized a health insurance camp to register students for the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. Coordinators Rajasekaran, Madan, and Prema explained the process of downloading the app and registering for health ID cards. On 18.08.23, Albendazole tablets were distributed to the students.

Social Justice Day Pledge

On September 15, 2023, aligning with the Tamil Nadu Government's announcement to observe the birthday of Periyar, September 17, as Social Justice Day, all NSS students enthusiastically took the pledge.

Fire Safety Awareness

On September 15, 2023, Sri Meenakshi Government Women's Arts College, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services, Madurai District, organized a fire safety awareness and demonstration program. Officials from the Madurai Main, Tallakulam, and Anuppanadi fire stations, led by Mr. Vinod and Mr. Pandi, demonstrated techniques to control unexpected fires and rescue affected individuals.

Awareness on Child Marriage and Adolescent Pregnancy

On September 25, 2023, the NSS units (51–55) of Sri Meenakshi Government Women's Arts College, in association with the Madurai Corporation – Health and Family Welfare Department, organized a special awareness program against adolescent pregnancy and child marriage. Dr. N. Manivannan, Deputy Director of Family Welfare, explained the health issues and complications related to adolescent pregnancy and childbirth.

NSS Day Celebration

On September 26, 2023, NSS Day was celebrated by units 51–55. Dr. Pandi, NSS Coordinator of Madurai Kamaraj University, addressed 250 NSS volunteers, highlighting the importance of being an NSS volunteer, their roles, responsibilities, and contributions to society.

Poshan Abhiyan (Nutrition Campaign)

On September 27, 2023, the NSS units of Sri Meenakshi Government Women's Arts College, in collaboration with the Department of Home Science, organized a nutrition awareness program at Bharathiar Municipality Higher Secondary School. Our college students explained nutritional concepts and practices to students from grades 6 to 8, emphasizing traditional diets and micro-nutritional values.

Swachhata Hi Seva – 2023

On October 1, 2023, under the Prime Minister's Cleanliness Campaign, NSS volunteers (units 52, 53, and 55), in collaboration with Ottakkadai Panchayat and Rotary Club, conducted a cleaning drive at Ottakkadai Bus Stand.

Khadi Mahotsav

On October 16, 2023, NSS units 52, 53, and 55 organized a one-day exhibition promoting khadi and village industries at the college campus. Tamil Nadu Gandhi Smarak Nidhi showcased and sold various natural products like shampoos, sarees, handmade crafts, oils, soaps, pickles, and food items.

Slogan Competition on Voting Rights

On December 7, 2023, a slogan competition titled "Responsibilities of a Voting Citizen" was conducted by the NSS units to emphasize the importance of voting rights in a democratic society. Around 25 students participated and received prizes.

Distribution of Sanitary Napkins and Vitamin Tablets

On December 21, 2023, sanitary napkins and vitamin tablets were distributed to students.

"Towards Excellence" Program – Naan Mudhalvan Initiative

On January 23, 2024, under the Tamil Nadu Government's "Naan Mudhalvan" scheme, NSS units organized a one-day program, "Towards Excellence," for 12th-grade students from six government and aided schools. The event showcased higher education opportunities, scholarships, infrastructure, and support networks provided by the college. Mrs. S. Karthika, Chief Education Officer of Madurai District, addressed the students about the significance of higher education.

National Voter's Day Pledge

On January 24, 2024, all students above the age of 18 took a pledge to celebrate the essence of democracy and actively participate in the electoral process, emphasizing the importance of voting rights.

Road Safety Awareness

On January 29, 2024, the NSS units, in collaboration with the Highways Department – Road Safety Division, conducted a road safety awareness program. Officials, including Engineer R. Varalakshmi and Assistant Engineer M. Santhini, explained various methods to prevent road accidents.

Drug Awareness Program

On February 5, 2024, in collaboration with the Madurai District Tobacco Control Division, Rotary Club, NSS units, and the Anti-Drug Awareness Club conducted an awareness session on the dangers of tobacco and drug use. Experts, including Mr. Iniyan and Mrs. Ramalakshmi, detailed illnesses caused by addiction and methods for overcoming such habits. Mrs. Adilakshmi, District Coordinator for Young Women's Welfare, also addressed topics on AIDS and personal hygiene.

Achievements of NSS Students

The NSS students of **Sri Meenakshi Government Women's Arts College** brought glory to the institution by their participation and achievements in various national integration camps:

- **J. Nathashree** and **Nagamalini**, second-year B.Sc. Computer Science students participated in the National Integration Camp organized by Madurai Kamaraj University from **December 11, 2023, to December 17, 2023**, at Annai Fathima College, Thirumangalam.
- **M. Ananthika**, a second-year B.Sc. Computer Science student, participated in the National Integration Camp held in **Mangalore, Karnataka**, from **February 12, 2024, to February 18, 2024**, at Deralakatte.
- They also represented the college at the National Integration Camp held at **Bharathiar University, Coimbatore**, from **March 5, 2024, to March 11, 2024**, earning accolades and prizes for their remarkable contributions.

Central Library of the College

The college operates a **Central Library** along with **15 departmental libraries**, serving the academic needs of students and faculty. Key highlights include:

- A collection of **75,203 books**, **200 project reports**, **25 periodicals**, **200 CDs**, and **5 newspapers**.
- All books are classified and indexed systematically under the **Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC)** system for ease of access.
- Faculty and students can borrow books efficiently using **library software** integrated with **barcode labels** for tracking.

Modern Library Features:

1. Digital Facilities:

- Introduction of **RFID (Radio Frequency Identification)** systems to enhance library operations.
- Students are required to scan their ID cards for library access, and books are issued and returned through the library software.

2. Access to Resources:

- Students can explore the available books using an **online public access catalog (OPAC)** feature integrated into the library software.
- The library is a member of **INFLIBNET's N-LIST program**, granting access to **6,000 e-journals** and **3,000,000 e-books**, which can be utilized from any location with internet access.

3. Encouraging Competitive Exam Preparation:

- A wide range of books catering to various competitive examinations is available in a dedicated **reference section**, aimed at motivating and equipping students.

4. Annual Additions:

- For the academic year 2023–2024, **425 books** worth **₹2,00,000** were purchased with government funding to support various departments.

5. Enhancing Research:

- The library facilitates access to **Shodhganga**, an INFLIBNET repository for research and thesis submissions, to link the works of all faculty members. This initiative is expected to significantly encourage and support faculty research endeavors.

Through these initiatives, the central library of Sri Meenakshi Government Women's Arts College continues to play a pivotal role in enriching the academic and intellectual pursuits of its students and faculty.

Educational Scholarship

Educational scholarships are provided to students belonging to the following categories:

- **Adidravidar, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Minorities, and Visually Impaired** students.
- Scholarships are disbursed under government schemes to eligible students.
- **Tamil Medium Education Scholarship:** Students pursuing education in Tamil medium are eligible to receive this scholarship.

Internal Quality Assessment Committee (IQAC)

All activities of the **Internal Quality Assessment Committee (IQAC)** for this academic year are carried out under the guidance of **Dr. S. Vanathi, Principal**.

Key Members:

Director: Dr. J. B. Sharmila, Head of the Department of Home Science.

Coordinators:

- Dr. R. Punitha Ponmalar, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science.
- Dr. R. Selvi, Associate Professor, Department of History.
- Dr. V. Glory Selvam, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce.

Events and Activities:

Faculty Development Programme on Research Enhancement:

- **Date:** December 18, 2023.
- **Resource Person:** Dr. M. Amalraj, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Arul Anandar College, Madurai.

Faculty Development Programme on Research Enhancement (Second Session):

- **Date:** December 18, 2023.
- **Resource Person:** Dr. M. Marudupandiyam, Curator, Government Museum, Madurai.

Translation:

- On **December 9, 2023**, a Faculty Development Programme on "**Showcasing the Potential of AI in Education**" was conducted. The resource person was **Dr. M. Thangavel**, Assistant Professor, Thiagarajar College, Madurai.
- On **December 20, 2023**, an **Awareness Program** was organized as part of the **International Day for Persons with Disabilities 2023**. The Chief Guest was **T.M.T. Indirani Ponvasanth**, Mayor of Madurai Corporation, and the event featured notable attendees, including **Dr. P. Vijayalakshmi**, Principal, Vision Rehabilitation Center, Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai.
- On **December 21, 2023**, a Faculty Development Programme on "**AI Tools for Academicians**" was conducted. The resource person was **Dr. S. Muthumani**, Principal, Government Arts and Science College, Coimbatore.
- On **December 22, 2023**, a Student Development Programme, **Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav**, was held in celebration of **Bharathiar's Birth Anniversary**, organized in collaboration with the Department of Economics.
- On **February 10, 2024**, an **Alumni Connect Program** was organized with the theme "**My Education, My Journey Abroad.**" The speaker was **Sindhu Pugazhendhi**, an alumna (2019–2022) who spoke about her experience in international relations.
- On **February 13, 2024**, an **Awareness and Training Program on Handicrafts** was conducted. The resource person was **Mr. R. Natarajan**, Education Officer, Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai.
- On **March 8, 2024**, a Student Development Programme in the form of a **Women's Day Poster Design Competition** was organized.

Career Guidance and Employment Cell

The Career Guidance and Employment Cell of **Madurai Sri Meenakshi Government Women's Arts College** operates under the visionary guidance of the Principal, **Dr. Mrs. S. Vanathi**. The coordinator of this cell is **Dr. R. Saradha**, Associate Professor of the Department of Home Science. Additionally, one professor from each department serves as a member of this cell.

Initiatives and Achievements:

1. Free Training for TNPSC Group I-A Exam

Madurai IAS Academy provides free coaching sessions for the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC) Group I-A examination to 15 students, with one student selected from each department of the college. These special classes, which began on **September 18, 2023**, are conducted every Sunday and are ongoing.

2. Natural Farming Training for Science Students

In collaboration with Mahindra Pride Classroom through the Nandhi Foundation, training on natural farming was conducted for 50 final-year undergraduate science students from the Departments of Zoology, Botany, and Home Science from **September 25, 2023, to September 27, 2023**.

3. Job Placement through QSpiders

Seven alumni from the college successfully secured job offers after clearing a telephonic interview conducted by **QSpiders**, a Bengaluru-based company. This included three undergraduate Computer Applications students and four postgraduate Computer Science students.

4. Mega Job Fair

On **October 14, 2023**, the college hosted a mega job fair in association with the **Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women** and the **Tamil Nadu Urban and Rural Livelihood Mission**. Over 150 companies participated in the event, providing employment opportunities to both current and former students, as well as the general public.

5. "Naan Mudhalvan" Training Initiative

As part of the Tamil Nadu government's "**Naan Mudhalvan**" employment initiative, a two-day program was organized on **November 1, 2023, and November 2, 2023**, for second- and third-year undergraduate students. A total of 1,846 students, including 946 second-year and 900 third-year students, participated and benefited from this training.

6. Campus Recruitment Drive by DLO Technologies

A campus recruitment drive was conducted by **DLO Technologies Private Limited**, a Madurai-based private company, on **January 31, 2024**. The event saw the

participation of 190 final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students, of whom 10 students successfully received job offer letters.

The private company **Aurolab**, operating in Madurai, conducted an on-campus recruitment drive at our college on **February 9, 2024**, where **115 final-year undergraduate students** participated. Among them, **73 students** successfully secured job offers and were given appointment letters.

To motivate our college students preparing for the **Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC) Group I-A exams**, a seminar titled "**Journey to Success: Insights from TNPSC Group I-A Achievers**" was held on **February 28, 2024**. The event featured speakers such as **Ms. Abhinaya Aarthi**, **Ms. Petchiyammal**, and **Mr. Mohammed Absar**, junior assistants currently working after succeeding in the TNPSC Group I-A exams. They shared strategies and tips for success, benefiting **138 participating students**.

In the upcoming days, additional campus recruitment drives are planned to ensure employment opportunities for our students. For example, on **March 23**, a skill assessment session aimed at enhancing employment opportunities for **final-year differently-abled students** in private organizations will be conducted in collaboration with the NGO **Nesam Charitable Trust**.

Throughout this academic year, the Career Guidance and Placement Cell's efforts have significantly contributed to enhancing students' employability and securing suitable job opportunities.

Achievements:

1. **Ms. I. Zehra**, a student from the Economics department, won the **first prize** in Pencil Sketch and Poster Making competitions at inter-collegiate events held at Fatima College, Madurai.
2. **Ms. L. Arimeenakshi**, a third-year undergraduate student from the Chemistry (English medium) department, qualified for a government position.
3. On **February 9, 2024**, during the Aurolab recruitment drive, **19 students** were hired for various positions.
4. Four Computer Science students secured jobs as **web and software developers** at Teal Technologies. Out of 100 students, six were selected as **Scout Scholars**, a program organized by the British Council and the **Naan Mudhalvan** initiative.

Alumni Initiatives:

To foster talent recognition and confidence among students, a motivational event was conducted with **R. Sivaranjani**, a second-year postgraduate student in Tamil literature, and **V. Vasuki**, a third-year undergraduate student in Tamil literature who cleared the **Police Constable Exam**. They shared insights under the topic "**Preparing for Exams**", marking a new milestone in the Tamil department's history.

Naan Mudhalvan Initiative Report (2023-2024):

The Naan Mudhalvan Initiative Committee is chaired by **Dr. S. Vanathi**, with coordination by **Dr. R. Sathyabama** (Associate Professor, History), and contributions from **Dr. A. Dhuraikannan** (Commerce) and **Dr. Chandrasekar** (Mathematics).

In the 2023-24 academic year, skill enhancement training was introduced for students in the first, third, and fifth semesters of undergraduate arts and science programs as part of the Naan Mudhalvan curriculum. Representing the initiative, **Dr. J.B.Sharmila**, Head of the Department of Home Science, and **Dr. R. Sathyabama**, Naan Mudhalvan Coordinator, participated in the curriculum alignment meeting held in Chennai on **July 14, 2023**.

During both semesters, **Madurai Kamaraj University** conducted a three-phase training program for professors under its **Quality Improvement Scheme**, with approximately **30 professors** participating and benefiting.

Academic Activities and Initiatives:

1. Curriculum Enhancement for Students:

- **First-Year Students:** A foundational curriculum focused on personal development.
- **Second-Year Students:** Skill-specific training tailored to their disciplines.
- **Third-Year Students:** Career-oriented curricula aligned with employment opportunities.

On **September 1, 2023**, **Mr. Kalyanakumar**, the State Coordinator for the Naan Mudhalvan Initiative, discussed the introduction of a new curriculum with professors and students.

2. **University-Level Discussions:** On **January 22, 2024**, at Anna University, a discussion was held with the **Secretary of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (SD&E)** as part of the Naan Mudhalvan initiative. Two students, **Jayakala** from the Commerce Department (third year) and **Sribala** from the Computer Science Department (second year), represented the college.

Additionally, on **January 23, 2024**, in Chennai, an event was conducted to integrate skill enhancement training for students in the second, fourth, and sixth semesters under the Naan Mudhalvan curriculum.

3. **Skill Development Initiatives:** The Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC), in collaboration with the **British Council** under the Naan Mudhalvan scheme, provided training for 28 students from our college:
- **26 Computer Science students.**
 - **2 Applied Computer Science students.**

Out of these, **6 students** advanced to the third level of training, including **K. Gayathri, N. Naveena, S. Pratheksha, M. Sakthipriyadarshini, Sivaranchani, and Vidya.**

Youth Red Cross (YRC) Activities:

The college's Youth Red Cross operates through two units, coordinated by:

- **Mrs. K. Janaki**, Assistant Professor of English.
- **Mrs. S. Bhashya Prabha Ushaanandini**, Assistant Professor of History.

The YRC actively encourages students to participate in various programs, including:

- Awareness campaigns on women's education, cleanliness, and social welfare.
- A **three-day workshop (March 19–21, 2024)** at Madurai Kamaraj University, where **19 students** from the English and History departments participated.
- A **one-day leadership training program (March 22, 2024)** for coordinators, attended by **Mrs. S. Bhashya Prabha Ushaanandini**.

Women's Development Committee (WDC) Initiatives:

The **Women's Development Committee** of **Sri Meenakshi Government Women's Arts College** has been instrumental in empowering rural students through awareness and skill enhancement programs:

1. **Health and Hygiene Awareness:** On **September 26, 2023**, in collaboration with Madurai Medical College, a camp on "Hand Hygiene and Organ Donation Awareness" was organized for first-year students. Medical college faculty and students conducted informative sessions and live demonstrations.
2. **Skill Development Training:** A hands-on workshop titled "**Empower 101**", organized in collaboration with Luminary Solutions and Viyoga Creations, was held on **December 28–29, 2023**, where **1,045 students** actively participated.
3. **International Women's Day Celebration:** On **March 8, 2024**, the committee celebrated Women's Day with:
 - A guest lecture by **Dr. S. Vanathi**, College Principal.
 - A debate on the topic: "**Does Modern Civilization Empower or Constrain Women?**" chaired by **Dr. Hemamalini**, Professor, Sivagangai Government Arts College.
 - Active participation from faculty members, including **Dr. M. Beulah (English)**, **Dr. A. Bhuvaneshwari (Engineering)**, **Dr. M. Thenmozhi (Commerce)**, and **Dr. A. Kalaiarasi (Biology)**, along with students **T. Rajasree (II M.A.)**, **M. Nivetha (II M.Sc.)**, and others.

The events were successfully coordinated by **Dr. K. Vigneshwari**, WDC Coordinator, with the support of committee members, including **Dr. S. Shanti (Chemistry)**, **Ms. N. Prema (English)**, **Ms. Nirmala (Physics)**, and **Ms. Yuvarani (Biology)**.

Entrepreneur Development Cell (EDC)

On **August 21, 2023**, in celebration of **World Entrepreneurs Day**, the Entrepreneur Development Cell of our college, in collaboration with the Chemistry Department, organized

a **workshop** titled “**Gandhian Constructive Programs & Rural Industries**” for final-year undergraduate, postgraduate, and hostel students.

The workshop included hands-on training in:

- Making liquid soap, soap powder, dishwashing liquid, phenyl, shampoo, floor cleaner, pickles, and snacks from millet.

A total of **192 hostel students** participated. Another training session was held on **February 13, 2024**, in association with the **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**, with **73 students** benefiting. Guest speakers included **Mr. R. Natarasan**, Educational Officer at the Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai, and **Thiru. A. Mahalakshmi Ramadasu**, who provided hands-on training. The program was coordinated by **Dr. S. Chandra**.

Electoral Literacy Club (ELC)

Following guidelines from the **Madurai District Election Office**, the Electoral Literacy Club organized various activities:

1. **January 2, 2024**: A **singing competition** was conducted, where **Janaranjani**, a third-year Geography student, won **₹2,000** and qualified for a state-level competition.
2. **October 27, 2023**: A **poster competition** on the theme “**Vote for the Nation – Voting is My Right**” was organized by Tamil Department faculty members **Dr. K. Sathya** and **Dr. P. Nirmala Devi**.
3. **March 19, 2024**: In anticipation of the **2024 General Elections**, essay and speech competitions were conducted under the theme “**Voter Education and Electoral Participation**”.

The events were coordinated by:

- **Dr. S. Kavitha** (Professor, Business Administration).
 - **Dr. A. Vijaya** (Professor, Computer Applications).
 - **Dr. V. Indira Devi** (Professor, History)
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Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

The **Parent-Teacher Association** of the college operates under the leadership of:

- **Dr. S. Vanathi**, College Principal (President).
- **Dr. A. Gandhimathi**, Assistant Professor of Geography (Secretary).
- **Dr.T. Arumugakkani**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics (Treasurer).

The PTA employs **22 staff members** in the college:

- **2 office assistants**
- **6 teaching staff**
- **6 lab assistants**

- **7 cleaning staff**
- **1 gardener**

Annual department-wise PTA meetings are conducted to strengthen parent-teacher collaboration.

Community Service Scheme (CSS)

The **CSS Unit** of the college functions under the leadership of:

- **Dr. S. Vanathi**, College Principal (Chairperson).
- **Dr. V. Kapila**, Head of the Zoology Department (Vice-Chairperson).
- **Dr. S. Chandra**, Head of the Tamil Department.
- **Dr. M. Emimal Victoria**, Assistant Professor of Zoology.

Support is provided to **136 students** from economically weaker sections, including visually impaired and differently-abled students, with financial aid of **₹360 per student** from the **Social Welfare Fund** during the academic year 2023-2024.

Consumer Forum Activities 2023-2024

During the academic year 2023-24, the **Consumer Forum**, in collaboration with the Departments of Economics and Commerce, has been functioning successfully. The college principal, **Dr. L. Vanathi**, serves as the Secretary of the Consumer Forum, with **Dr. M. Aruna**, Associate Professor of Economics, as the Coordinator.

The year **2023-24** was declared the International Year of Millets by the Department of Food Supplies and Consumer Protection. Following this, on **December 8, 2023**, a **Millet Food Festival** was organized by the Consumer Forum at Madurai Social Sciences College, under the leadership of the District Collector. The event aimed to raise awareness about millets among young consumers. Students from our college participated and showcased their culinary skills by preparing millet-based dishes, earning certificates for their efforts. Prizes and certificates were distributed to the participating students by the Principal of our college.

On **January 20, 2024**, to mark World Consumer Day, poetry, essay, and painting competitions were conducted at the Madurai District Collectorate. On **February 14, 2024**, the District Collector, **Mrs. M. Sow. Sangeetha**, presided over the National and World Consumer Rights Day celebrations and honored the winners with shields and certificates. Notably, **S. Mariyammal**, a third-year Economics student from our college, won the **third prize** in an essay competition involving eight colleges.

Grandparents and Students Club (2023-2024)

The **Grandparents and Students Club** of Sri Meenakshi Government Women's Arts College held a meeting on **March 15, 2024**, at 10:30 AM in the RUSA Hall. The event commenced with a prayer, and **Dr. G. Vijayam**, Assistant Professor of the Department of

Postgraduate and Tamil Studies, welcomed the attendees. The Principal, **Dr. L. Vanathi**, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing the importance of elders in the family.

Dr. S. Chandra, Head of the Department of Postgraduate and Tamil Studies, delivered a special lecture on the significance of joint family systems, the value of relationships, and elders as a nation's asset. Grandparents shared heartfelt and joyous experiences, while students highlighted the joy of living with their grandparents.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by **Dr. M. Kalaiyarasi**, Assistant Professor of Zoology, followed by a folk song. The program was coordinated by **Dr. M. Kalaiyarasi** and **Dr. G. Vijayam**, along with their respective departments.

Women's Empowerment Forum

The **Women's Empowerment Forum** of the college, in collaboration with **NAN Foundation** and **SUYAM NGO**, Chennai, organized an awareness program titled "**Nan Dvani**" on **December 21, 2023**. Topics such as domestic violence, cybercrime, and sexual harassment were discussed interactively. Over **1800 undergraduate and postgraduate students** benefited from the program.

Niche Forum

On **September 25, 2023**, the **Niche Forum** conducted an insightful session at **DIET Thiruverumbur-23**. **Dr. Rajesh**, Professor of Zoology from American College, Madurai, educated students about the significance of butterflies. Fifty third-year Zoology students from our college participated, identifying around 25 butterfly species across the campus.

Alumni Association

The **Alumni Association of Sri Meenakshi Government Women's Arts College** was formally registered on **May 29, 2015**, under Section 10 of the Societies Registration Act and has been functioning efficiently. The association operates with a ten-member executive committee, with **Dr. S. Vanathi** as President, **Dr. A. Rajeshwari Pushpam** as Secretary, and **Dr. A. Sameem Banu** as Treasurer.

Annual graduation ceremonies are organized through the Alumni Association, involving undergraduate, postgraduate, and Ph.D. scholars. In the academic year **2023-24**, the association hosted a reunion for Geography students from 1983-1988 on **August 13, 2023**, at the RUSA Hall. **Mrs. Y. U. E. Shanthi**, an alumna, donated a **sound system and stage** setup for the department and an **air-conditioning unit** for the college, enhancing the institution's facilities.

Science Forum

On **28th February 2024**, the Science Forum organized a special lecture to celebrate **National Science Day**. The lecture was delivered by **Mrs. N. Bodhumani**, Associate Professor of Geography, on the topic "**Atmosphere**."

University Grants Commission (UGC) Coordination Team

Under the leadership of the Principal, the UGC coordinators of the college for the academic years **2021–2022** are:

- **Dr. S. Senthamarai**, Associate Professor, Department of History
- **Dr. K. Selvarani**, Associate Professor, Department of Physics
- **Dr. S. Jagirabanu**, Assistant Professor, Department of English

The college's **autonomy status** has been extended until the academic year **2027–2028**.

For the academic year **2023–2024**, the Tamil Nadu State Higher Education Council's recommended syllabi have been implemented. To support students' academic growth, the Curriculum Development Committee of the college has successfully introduced updated syllabi. Meetings of subject-specific syllabus committees across departments have also been conducted. Further, all departmental forums, clubs, student empowerment committees, career guidance committees, sports committees, library committees, online committees, and the science forum committees held meetings and received approval in the Academic Council meetings. Additionally, meetings of the **Planning and Evaluation Committee**, **Finance Committee**, and **Governing Committee** have been conducted.

Muthamizh Vizha (Classical Tamil Festival)

The **Muthamizh Vizha** was held on **20th March 2024** at **Sri Meenakshi Government Women's College**. The event began at 10:00 AM in the **Kayal Auditorium** with a recital of the Tamil Thai Vazhthu (Invocation to Mother Tamil). The gathering was welcomed by the college's Controller of Examinations, **Dr. S. Chandra**, Head and Associate Professor of the Postgraduate Tamil Studies Department. She delivered a speech highlighting the greatness of the Tamil language and the contributions of distinguished guests. She also emphasized **Swami Vivekananda's** call for a hundred youth to bring about social transformation.

The Principal, **Dr. S. Vanathi**, presided over the event. In her address, she eloquently spoke on Tamil's timeless heritage as a language that bridges tradition and modernity. She detailed her commitment to student welfare and presented a memento to honor the chief guest.

Debate Competition

A highlight of the Muthamizh Vizha was a **debate** on the topic, "**The Home or the Streets: Which Plays a Greater Role in Guiding Today's Youth?**" The debate featured two teams:

1. **For the Home:**

- **Dr. R. Geetha**, Assistant Professor, Karaikudi Ramasamy Tamil College
- **Mr. S. Selvakumar**, Tamil Teacher, Sivagangai Mannar Higher Secondary School

2. **For the Streets:**

- **Mr. M. Seyamkondan**, Postgraduate Teacher, Karaikudi Vidhyagiri Higher Secondary School
- **Mrs. A. Arivuchelvi**, Tamil Teacher, Karaikudi Vidhyagiri Higher Secondary School

The debate, moderated by **Dr. S. Murugesan**, Head of the Tamil Department at Alagappa Government Arts College, was conducted in two rounds. After evaluating the arguments, the moderator declared that "**The Streets**" play a greater role in shaping today's youth.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Mrs. K. Sathya, Associate Professor of Tamil, who expressed gratitude to all faculty and students for their active participation. Dr. A. Valarmathi, Assistant Professor of Tamil, meticulously coordinated and presented the event.

The festival ended on a grand note with a cultural celebration featuring folk performances.

Fine Arts Club

The Fine Arts Competitions for the academic year 2023-2024 were conducted on February 20, 2024. The college campus was adorned with vibrant rangoli, intricate dot kolams, mehendi designs on students' hands, and colorful face art, showcasing the creativity of the students. The participants displayed their talents in various competitions such as bouquet making, preparing healthy fireless recipes, singing folk melodies, enacting roles from significant historical and literary characters, and more.

On February 22 and 23, 2024, the stage competitions of the Fine Arts Club were inaugurated by the College Principal, Dr. Su. Vanathi Amma, by lighting the traditional lamp. Students participated enthusiastically in various competitions, including Bharatanatyam, folk dance, Tamil and English dramas, fusion of Indian and Western dance forms, mime performances conveying profound messages, cultural costume displays representing Indian states, and diverse cultural dances. Participants competed department-wise, securing prizes in these events.

College Bazaar

The Commerce and Business Administration Departments of Sri Meenakshi Government Arts College for Women, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu State Rural and Urban Livelihood Mission, organized a College Bazaar on August 24 and 25, 2023. This event was inaugurated by Mr. Saravanan I.A.S., Additional Collector of Madurai District and Director of the Tamil Nadu State Rural and Urban Livelihood Mission.

The bazaar featured 35 self-help groups from Madurai district, with students from the Business Administration Department assisting in marketing the group's products. The total revenue generated from the bazaar was ₹1,00,000.

Mentorship Program

The college implements a mentorship program where a faculty member from each department serves as a mentor for a group of students, ensuring their well-being and academic growth. Advisory meetings are conducted on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month across all departments.

Through these mentorship sessions, students are guided on the importance of education, discipline, and punctuality. Mentors also reach out to parents when necessary, discussing the students' academic progress and providing advice and recommendations.

This academic year, the college acknowledges and expresses heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Tamil Nadu, the University Grants Commission, the Director of Collegiate Education, the Joint Director of Education of the Madurai region, Madurai Kamaraj University, the District Collector, the Parent-Teacher Association, the Alumni Association, dedicated professors, non-teaching staff, other workers, media friends, and the students for their contribution to the college's growth, distinction, and development, particularly in promoting women's empowerment.


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