

**LEKSHMIPURAM COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE,  
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ANNUAL REPORT 2023 – 2024**

Lekshmipuram College of Arts and Science, a renowned institution both in terms of age and academic excellence stands up with greater pride. The college reopened for the academic year 2023–2024 on June 17, 2023. At present, the college offers 12UG, 5PG, 1 M.Phil, and 2 Ph.D. Programmes. The total number of students enrolled is 1350, of which 882 are girls and 468 are boys. The growth of the college has had the unwavering support of 87 teaching and 47 non-teaching staff members. The majority of the faculty are Ph.D. holders and research supervisors in their respective subjects.

**SENATE MEMBER AND UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE**

Dr. A. Sreekandan, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Tamil, is a member of the Senate of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University from April 2023. Dr. M. Udayakumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Plant Science, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, is the University Representative of the College.

**RETIREMENT OF TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING STAFF**

At the end of this academic year (2023–2024), one teaching faculty member and three non-teaching members will be retiring from service. They are

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name and Designation</b>	<b>Date of Retirement</b>
1.	Prof.R.Sivathanumalayan, Assistant Professor of Mathematics	30-04-2024
2.	Selvi.M.Elizabeth Lab.Assistant(SG)	30-04-2024
3.	Tmt.R.Padmini Amma, Record Clerk(Spl)	31-03-2024
4.	Tmt.K.Sujatha, Sweeper	29-02-2024

On behalf of the college and the management, we wish you a happy and peaceful retired life. With their retirement, the teaching staff strength will be reduced to 86 and the non-teaching staff strength to 44.

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

The college extends all types of assistance to the students to avail scholarships from the government under various schemes such as BC and MBC Scholarships, SC/ST Scholarships, Minority Scholarships, and Puthumai Penn Thittam.

S.No.	Name of the Scholarship	Total Number of Students	Amount Rs.
1.	BC Scholarship	374	4,50,726
2.	MBC Scholarship	9	10,654
3.	SC/ST Scholarship	42	4,33,000
4.	Puthumai Penn Thittam	60	7,20,000
	Total	485	1,614,380

The total number of students who benefit from various scholarship schemes is 485. Dr. S. Elamaran, Assistant Professor of Tamil, served as a nodal officer for the SC/ST Scholarship.

### **PUTHUMAI PEN THITTAM**

Under 'Puthumai Pen Thittam', girl students who complete their school education through government schools and pursue their higher education in college are provided Rs. 1000 per month to complete their higher education by the Government of Tamilnadu. The amount is directly credited to their account monthly. A total of 60 such beneficiaries are identified from our college and benefit from the scheme. Dr.R. Subramoniam, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, is the Nodal Officer for Puthumai Penn Thittam.

### **NAAN MUDHALVAN SCHEME**

Under 'NAAN MUDHALVAN SCHEME', the skill development programme is introduced for undergraduate students; a Cambridge English course

is recommended for all first-year students; Oracle Cloud Architecture courses for all second-year students; and a variety of courses in the third year, based on employment opportunities available in the respective fields. Before the implementation of the Programme, members of the faculty attended FDPs conducted by the respective agencies. Ten teachers attended FDP programme during 2023–2024.

Prof.R.Saravana Vel, Assistant Professor of Botany is serving as SPOC (Single Point of Contact) of our college for Naan Mudhalvan Scheme. I congratulate all those who directly or indirectly helped to make this programme a successful one.

### **NOON MEAL SCHEME**

This year too, 34 deserving students got benefitted through the noon meal scheme, which is run with the generous contribution of the faculty members. They also extend financial support to needy students for the payment of examination and tuition fees.

### **Ph.D AWARDEES:**

- Our staff, Dr.K. Sarojini, Assistant Professor of Bio-Chemistry, received a Ph.D. for her thesis titled "Studies on Isolation, Production, and Characterization of Bacteriocin from a Marine Bacterium *Bacillus Subtilis* Maquosoum VI for its Biopreservative, Probiotic, and Pharmaceutical Potentials." under the guidance of Dr. G. Immanuel at the Centre for Marine Science and Technology, Manonmaiam Sundarbnar University, Rajakkamangalam, on December 15th, 2023.
- Our staff, Dr.R.Johnsi Nesam,Assistant Professor of Commerce, received a Ph.D. for her thesis titled "A Study on Human Resource Management Practices in the LIC of India in Kanyakumari District" under the guidance of Dr. B.Nalatha Vijilin at Scott Christian College on June 6, 2023.
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## **RESEARCH OUTPUT FROM THE FACULTY AND RESEARCH CENTRES**

During the academic year 2023 – 2024

- ❖ A Ph.D. in English is awarded to S. Christopher Jacob for his thesis titled “Colonial Resistance, Cultural Fragmentation, and Cosmopolitan Commitment: A Postmodern Study of Select Fictions of Haruki Murakami” under the guidance of Dr. A. Xavier Chandra Bose, Head, Research Department of English. A viva-voce examination for the same was conducted through the Research Centre of English on September 29, 2023
  
- ❖ A Ph.D. in English is awarded to A.Jockens for his thesis titled “Resisting Stereotypes, Rewriting History, and Reclaiming Space: The Post-Colonial Reading of Select Texts of Edward Said” under the guidance of Dr. A. Xavier Chandra Bose, Head, Research Department of English. A viva-voce examination for the same was conducted through the Research Centre of English on July 14, 2023.

I congratulate both the Supervisor and the Scholars.

## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION 2023 – 2024**

During the academic year 2023–2024, 463 students appeared for their final year University Examination 2023–2024, of which 363 students have completed their UG, PG, and M.Phil. Programmes. Similar to previous years, this year we are also expecting university-level rank holders.

Subject-wise pass percentages are in the following table.

S.No.	Subjects	Programme	Appeared	Passed	%
Aided Courses					
1.	Tamil	UG	28	22	79
2.	English	UG	56	51	92
3.	History (EM)	UG	21	16	75
4.	History (TM)	UG	34	17	50
5.	Mathematics	UG	46	44	96

6.	Physics	UG	23	18	78
7.	Zoology	UG	29	10	34
Self - Finance Courses					
8.	Commerce	UG	48	33	69
9.	CDF	UG	13	13	100
10.	Electronics	UG	14	14	100
11.	Bio-Chemistry	UG	5	5	100
12.	IT	UG	24	10	41
13.	Tamil	PG	20	19	95
14.	English	PG	33	28	97
15.	Mathematics	PG	28	25	86
16.	History	PG	13	11	90
17.	Physics	PG	25	24	96
18.	English	M.Phil	3	3	100

**PUBLICATIONS OF ARTICLES IN JOURNALS/PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS BY THE FACULTY**

The members of the faculty show their academic excellence by contributing their articles to reputed refereed and indexed journals and books. They also participated in national and international seminars and conferences.

- ❖ Our teaching staff, Dr. S. Murugan, Dr. F. Starlet Priya, and Dr. S. Ramya, of the Bio-Chemistry department, have authored the "Text Book of Clinical Biochemistry." by Excellent Publishers.
- ❖ Our teaching staff, Dr. S.R. Ramya, of the Bio-Chemistry department, has released a book titled "Textbook of Introductory Microbiology" with the ISBN by Darshan Publishers.
- ❖ Two books were released on March 1, 2024: "Indian Constitution" by Dr. V.S. Prasanth, Dr. A. Azagesh, and Prof. G. Haribaskar, and "Western Political Thought" by Dr. A. Azagesh.
- More than 20 articles were published during the period by our faculty in reputed national and international journals.

- Four books were edited by the staff.
- More than 18 paper presentations at national and international conferences.
- Ten scholars have submitted their thesis under the guidance of our faculty through the research centre.

### **Staff Achievements**

- ❖ Prof.Y.Kiruba Femi, Assistant Professor of CDF, has been appointed as Chairperson of the U.G. Board of Studies in B.Sc. CDF., M.S. University.
- ❖ Dr.R. Shirley Fernando, Associate Professor of English, has been appointed as Member, U.G. Board of Studies in Part III, B.A. English, M.S. University.

### **FACULTY PARTICIPATION IN ORIENTATION/REFRESHER COURSE/SHORT-TERM COURSES/FDP**

Members of the faculty are always motivated to attend orientation courses, refresher courses, and short-term courses to update their knowledge and skills in their respective domains. The following teachers have participated in refresher courses and short-term courses.

S.No.	Name of faculty	Course	Agency	Date
1.	Dr.S.Elamaran	Refresher Course in Tamil	Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore	05-07-2023 to 18-07-2023
2.	Dr.T.Manjusha	Refresher Course in Tamil	Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore	20-07-2023 to 02-08-2023
3.	Dr. P. Muthirulan	Refresher Course in Chemistry	Pondicherry University	05.07.2023 to 18.07.2023
4.	Dr.C.Senthamarai	Refresher Course in Research Methodology	Ramanujan College	28.07.2023 to 10.08.2023

5.	Dr.S.Jeyanthi	Refresher Course in Advanced Research Methodology	Ramanujan College	21.06.2023 to 05.07.2023
6.	Dr.S.Jeyanthi	FDP-Tourist and Travel Guide	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University	08.01.2024 to 12.01.2024
7.	Dr.S.Sridevi	Refresher Course in Advanced Research Methodology	Ramanujan College	22.08.2023 to 05.09.2023
8.	Dr.G.Yesudhas	FDP-Graphic Design	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University	08.01.2024 to 12.01.2024
9.	Prof.D.Suresh Kumar	FDP – Cambridge Course	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University	18.01.2024 to 19.01.2024
10.	Dr.P.Nandhakumari	FDP – ICT	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University	08.02.2024 to 12.01.2024
11.	Prof.A.Sheeba	FDP Microsoft	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University	10.01.2024 to 12.01.2024
12.	Prof.D.Vetha Shiny	FDP-Content Writing	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University	08.01.2024 to 12.01.2024
13.	Dr.S.Murugan	FDP-Bioinformatics	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University	08.01.2024 to 12.01.2024
14.	Prof.A.Jegatheeswari	FDP-Oracle Cloud	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University	18.01.2024 to 19.01.2024
15	Dr.R.JOHN SI NESAM	FDP-Retail Banking	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University	18.01.2024 to 19.01.2024

## **DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES**

I would like to highlight the activities of various departments

- ❖ The Department of History organized an international-level seminar on “Social Reform Movements in South India with Special Reference to Vaikom Satyagraha” on September 26-09-2023. It was inaugurated by Mr. T.R. Pencer Xavir, Senior Research Fellow, Anglican University Rome, Italy, and Dr. Vinitha Vijayan. More than 150 papers were presented by the scholars.
- ❖ The Yoga Awareness Programme was conducted in our college on June 21, 2023, on the eve of World Yoga Day.
- ❖ On February 29, 2024, the Department of Electronics organized a placement drive for the post of Trainer and Facilitator in Electronics through the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (Chennai Chapter). In that K. BHUVANA (2012–2015) batch, she got placement and is supposed to work in government schools in Kanniyakumari District.
- ❖ The Biochemistry Department and Zoology Department organized a one-day seminar on the title ‘Challenging against Cancer CAC-2024’ on February 23, 2024.
- ❖ The department of Bio-Chemistry organized an “International Science Day” on February 28th, 2024, by organizing a range of competitions, including Rapid Fire, Quiz, and Skit.
- ❖ The PG and UG departments of physics have together organized a college level seminar on the title ‘A Technical insight of journey to other planets and satellites’ on September 25, 2023, to commemorate the successful launch of Chandrayan-3 and Aditya-L1 by ISRO. Dr. J. Sheeba Rani, Associate Professor, Department of Avionics, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, was the resource person.
- ❖ The department of physics collaborated with SSUN, Tamil Nadu, organized a “one-day workshop on modern E-Tools & Advanced Techniques for Drafting Research & Developed Projects” on October 7, 2023. Around 50 students from various colleges have participated.

- ❖ The department of Tamil and Sahitya Academy collaborated and organized a one-day seminar on the topic "Raf £BLûRL°u x§VúTôdĪLs." on February 9, 2024,
- ❖ On July 31, 2023, the soldiers of Pancode Military Camp observed the "Colachel Victory Pillar "celebration, which included History final year students, the principal, and faculty members.
- ❖ The third-year students from the department of mathematics participated in the Nann Mudhalvan Placement event on February 10, 2024, at Pioneer Kumaraswamy College, Nagercoil. Out of the attendees, six students successfully secured job offers from different firms in Chennai.

### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Students are motivated to participate in and out-reach programmes of both curricular and co-curricular activities.

- ❖ On March 25, 2024, B.Com students participated in the National Level Management Fest at St. Xavier's Catholic College of Engineering, Department of Management Studies, Chunkankadai, Nagercoil.
- ❖ On February 10, 2024, a mega placement drive was conducted by the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation under the Naan Mudhalvan Scheme at Pioneer Kumaraswamy College Nagercoil, in which 59 students participated, among whom 19 got appointments.
- ❖ In 2024, S. Sutharslin Femi, a third-year student, won the Tamil Nadu Inter-University Noorul Islam Centre for Higher Education, Athletics Championship.
- ❖ One of our students, R.K. Ajin, has been awarded the Guinness World Record for performing the chin stand pose on January 19, 2024.
- ❖ A first-year student, Mounika, participated in the essay writing competition on "online education", won the second prize, organized by the Kumari district administration, and the youth welfare department of our college, on August 3, 2023.
- ❖ Anusha, a second-year student, participated in the Manavalakurichi IREL Essay Writing Competition and won the second prize.

- ❖ PG Tamil students have participated in a conference titled “CûQkÕ CXd|Vj\$|]ônÜ” organized by NMCC College, Marthandam, on August 7, 2023.
- ❖ Six of our PG History students participated in a quiz Programme organized by the Dr. Radhakrishnan History Teachers Association, Tiruttani, on August 15, 2023.

### **Students Union**

An essential part of campus life, the college student union is a formal organization with a chairman, a secretary, members, and department secretaries. The Students Union provides a forum for advocacy and representation of students. Members ensure those students opinions are heard and needs are met by playing a critical role in decision-making. By working together, they create a lively campus community, plan activities, and advance the interests and welfare of students, making college more enjoyable for everybody. M. Agash, a third-year History major, was elected to serve as the Students Union Chairman. Third-year Zoology student Sarasi was elected to the role of Student Union Secretary.

### **PLACEMENT CELL**

The placement cell of the college is committed to providing a successful future to students by organizing different kinds of programmes. It has organized many career guidance programmes, and orientation programmes. It has prepared them for competitive examinations for TNPSC and others. It is convened by Prof. G. Haribaskar and Prof. M. Siva Ganesh.

- ❖ The activities of the placement cell for the years 2023–2024 have been started for the students with the “personality development” seminar on June 23, 2023. Mrs. S.J. Parvathi, Vice President, Dr. Mohan’s Diabetes Specialties Centre, Chennai, was served as a resource person.
- ❖ On September 25, 2023, the Employment Awareness Programme was conducted by the National Career Service, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India, to motivate the students to appear for the various examinations. Miss K. Sathaya, a young professional, addressed the students.

- ❖ On December 13, 2023, the Placement Officer and Entrepreneur Development Coordinator attended a one-day mentor training programme at the District Collectorate, Nagercoil, organized by the Skill Development Programme, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

### **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

Many of our college students have participated in various programmes like writing essays, elocution, poster presentations, music, dance, rangoli, etc., bringing laurels to our institution. I congratulate the youth welfare coordinator, Dr. V. Sarojini, Department of Physics, for her efforts to encourage the students to participate in various competitions.

The talent show for the year 2024 was organized with a variety of competitions at the solo and group levels. The final stage programme was conducted on April 17, 2024. The overall championship was bagged by the Department of English, Dr.S.Ganesh, Associate Professor of Tamil made all arrangements for the conduct of the Talent Show 2024.

### **SPORTS**

Our college has won many laurels in the field of sports and games. The annual sports day is celebrated along with College Day today, and the Physical Director, Dr. A. Jerin Jose, will present the sports achievements for 2023–2024.

### **LIBRARY**

The total number of books available in the College General Library is 22,650. The total number of books available in the Self-Financing Library is 4867.

### **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The Alumni Association of our college maintains a network among the students who have completed their programmes and are better placed in various sectors. 477 students were newly enrolled in the association, so the total strength of the alumni association is 10409 annual members and 199 life members. The association was registered in the Eraniel Sub-register office on December 7, 2023. I congratulate its executive staff members, Dr. V. Sarojini, Dr. A. Azahesh, and other members.

### **PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (PTA)**

The Parent Teachers Association of our College functions effectively, catering to the various emergent needs of the campus. It takes care of the payment of the teaching staff who are appointed under the PTA category, both in the aided and self-financing streams. Some of the basic amenities on campus are also carried out with the PTA fund.

### **NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)**

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) assists cadets in enhancing their overall character by imparting leadership skills, discipline, honesty, teamwork, time management, high self-confidence, physical fitness, selflessness, social service, and the responsibility of serving the nation as a responsible citizen. It trains young people for military service and creates a ready reserve from which the Armed Forces can easily draw in times of national emergency. In the academic year 2023–2024, the total enrollment of 104 NCC Cadets comprised 72 boys and 32 girls. The details are as follows:

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name of Camp</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>No. of Cadets attended</b>
01	Annual Training Camp (ATC)	24.05.2023 to 02.06.2023	Noorul Islam Centre for Higher Education, Kumaracoil	25
02	Annual Training Camp (ATC)	11.07.2023 to 20.07.2023	Scott Christian College, Nagercoil	15
03	RDC IUC – I	17.07.2023 to 26.07.2023	NTA,Idayapatti, Madurai	05
04	Annual Training Camp (ATC)	22.08.2023 to 31.08.2023	Rohini College of Engineering, Angigramam	20
05	Annual Training Camp (ATC)	21.09.2023 to 30.09.2023	NTA, Idayapatti, Madurai	15
06	CATC CUM DTE RDC Launch I Camp	08.12.2023 to 17.12.2023	NTA, Idayapatti, Madurai	05

Some of the achievements of the NCC unit are:

- ❖ Cadets completed NCC certificate examinations for ‘B’ Certificate 28 cadets and ‘C’ Certificate 33 cadets.

- ❖ NCC C Certificate examinations three cadets Jebinth. J.P, Bhavithra. S and Nibisha. M.E received A grade.
- ❖ NCC Cadets attended the firing competitions conducted by 11 TN BN NCC, Nagercoil.
- ❖ NCC cadets attended the Anti-drug awareness programs.
- ❖ NCC Cadets had involved social activities like Tree Plantation and Blood Donation.

### **NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)**

The NSS units at Lekshmipuram College provide students with an opportunity to participate in community activities and contribute to the nation's growth. We conduct a diverse range of activities every year to foster the idealism of the younger generation. Their role is to educate kids and society on a variety of topics such as health, cleanliness, raising awareness, and motivating people. The NSS curriculum at our college is a two-year program divided into four semesters. Programme Officers: 1. Thiru. R.Saravana Vel (Unit No: 78) 2. Dr.S.Jeyanthi (Unit No:79) 3. Dr.T.Manjusha (Unit No: 84) 4. Dr. S.Mejila Jeevi(Unit No: 85)

- ❖ Unit No. 79 conducted a beach cleaning program on March 2, 2024, at mandaicadu.
- ❖ Unit 79 organized an Independence Day celebration on August 11, 2023, at the seminar hall.
- ❖ Hamara Sankalp Viksit Bharat: An outreach activity held on December 22, 2023, at 10 a.m. near Mondaicadu Bhagavathy Amman Temple.

### **YOUTH RED CROSS (YRC)**

The Youth Red Cross (YRC) of Lekshmipuram College of Arts and Science is a constituent of the Indian Red Cross Society (Tamilnadu). A student of any discipline can become a YRC member. Dr.R. Rajasekar is the coordinator of the Programme.

- ❖ Organized a blood donation camp and awareness Programme by YRC with Government Hospital, Thuckalay, on September 29, 2023. 11 student volunteers have donated blood to the blood bank.

- ❖ Organized an awareness Programme on the topic “Breast Cancer Awareness” for the girl students in collaboration with Sree Mookambika Medical Institute, Kulasekaram, on October 11, 2023, at the Research Centre Hall.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to our college secretary, Prof. K. Rajagopal, the members of the management, and the staff for their cooperation and involvement in all activities for the development of the institution. I wish all my students a bright and prosperous future.

Lekshmipuram,

**Dr.K.Chithamparathanu Pillai**

29.04.2024.

**Principal – in – Charge**