



Lekshmipuram College of Arts and Science
Neyyoor-629802
(Affiliated to Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli)
Kanyakumari District, Tamilnadu

Institutional Distinctiveness

Lekshmipuram College of Arts and Science, Neyyoor-629082, Kanyakumari District, Tamilnadu has played a pivotal role in providing higher educational opportunities to the weaker and socially deprived section of the society namely the rural and coastal belt of Lekshmipuram village, Mondaicadu, Colachel and the neighbouring areas of the district. The College has completed 63 years of its existence by promoting higher education and advancement of the physical, mental and cultural development of the down-trodden student community and thereby it tries to achieve its vision of promoting research in basic science as well as emerging areas of scientific importance for the upliftment and development of the neighbourhood areas. At present, the institution is recognised by the Government of Tamilnadu and affiliated to Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli and recognised by the UGC for 2(f) and 12B. The institution earned its reputation in the academic arena and is well-known in the district in terms of academia, sports and cultural activities.

The location of the college is endowed with a greenery environment full of trees of medicinal and rare species and the stakeholders enjoy the feel of mother nature, which is a conducive environment for teaching-learning. Every year sapling of trees is carried out by the NSS, Eco-Club and similar agencies. The vacant land of the campus is used for agriculture and all their efforts made the campus a more eco-friendly environment.

The institution ensures social inclusiveness by strictly adhering to the reservation policy as implemented by the government time-to-time both in the admission of students as well as the appointment of teaching and non-teaching faculty. Moreover, the recent trends for admission in UG, PG and pre-research programmes show that the majority of the admission seekers of the institution are female students of the above-said areas, most of them are first-generation learners in the last decades and now the wards of alumni. In proportionate to the number of female students, the institution has appointed female teaching, supporting and non-teaching positions, which also shows institutional initiative for women's empowerment and socialisation. The institution regularly organises gender sensitization programmes, awareness programmes on women's rights, on welfare measures meant for them. These activities help them directly or indirectly for the upliftment of the downtrodden, weaker section of society.

The institution started with Pre Degree Courses (PUC), and later on, it offered an undergraduate programme in traditional subjects with the aid of the State Government, later the trend changed, and the institution also changed according to the changing needs of society, from 2001-2002, the institution offered self-supporting courses to ensure employability of undergraduate students and simultaneously post-graduate programme, pre-research and research programmes. The UG programme in Information Technology, Costume Design and Fashion Technology, Electronics and Commerce demands more students due to employability. At present institution has seven aided UG programmes, seven UG programmes, six PG programmes, four pre-research programmes and two Ph.D programmes under the self-finance category. Thus, the institution has changed its perception towards the future prosperity of stakeholders. The institution's vision is partially attained by establishing university-recognised research centres in Tamil and English, and university-recognised research supervisors in other subjects. Ninety per cent of the members of the faculty are PhD holders, continuously contributing their research findings in refereed and index journals; they have undertaken minor and major projects from the various funded agencies. The total number of articles published under the institutional affiliation in Scopus-indexed journals is 51, and we expect more in the

coming years. Members of the faculty are also the authors of books published by reputed national and international publishers. Thus, it moves towards the realisation of its vision.

The institutional infrastructure facilities are comparatively when compared with urban and city colleges. It started its academic career in a building donated by one of the philanthropists, on those days some of the buildings were old. Meantime institutions make efforts to construct new buildings by replacing the old structure. Now buildings were erected and the face value of the institution in terms of infrastructure is upgraded. Likewise, laboratories are equipped with sophisticated equipment and the latest technology. ICT infrastructure is also enhanced not in all points but wherever necessary.

Institution adopts student-centric methods to supplement the traditional classroom teaching of lecture method. A participatory approach is followed for understanding the concepts wherever necessary. Individual care and attention are provided for intellectual development and personal counselling through a mentor-ward system. It helps to establish a good rapport with students and their parents with the teachers and the institution. All the departments are equipped to provide ICT integrated teaching-learning strategy for effective classroom instruction. The pass percentage of the institution is comparatively higher at the university level and they are placed in reputed institutions. Career guidance information as well as training for competitive examination is also provided.

The social responsibility of the institution is a highly appreciable one. It carried out the extension activity in terms of cleaning programme, awareness programme, and rallies stressing social issues like voting rights, anti-drugs, women's rights, road safety week, medical camp, NSS special camp and so on. These activities are carried out by the NSS, NCC, YRC, RRC and the like. During the calamity (Tsunami), these agencies help the victims in various ways. Wherever the national calamity occurred they rendered their service in any form for the well-being of the affected community. The NSS conducts the special camp in the neighbourhood village annually and renders highly appreciable work. The NCC cadets qualify for B and C certificates and are placed in military service. The members of the teaching staff provide a free noon meal scheme to the needy students, an average of 20-30 students are benefitted daily through this scheme, which is appreciated by the higher authorities, they also provide financial assistance to the needy students for remitting tuition fees, examination fees and other medical expenses. The institution adopts a village library, free tuition to homes of different categories, and financial assistance to old age homes It clearly shows institutional commitments to society and the students.

The institution earns its reputation for sports and games. The college is famous for 'Kabbadi', it won many titles in Kabbadi at various levels such as inter-collegiate, state, and university levels. Similarly, it nurtures and motivates the students to develop the innate talents of the students in cultural activities, students participate and bring laurels to the institution at the inter-collegiate and other level cultural competitions. Special efforts are taken by the institution on quality aspects too. It was accredited twice by the NAAC under 'B+' and 'B' grades. Thus, the institution reflects its distinctiveness in different dimensions to excel in its performance.



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