



பெரியார் கலைக் கல்லூரி PERIYAR ARTS COLLEGE

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Cuddalore, a coastal city in Tamil Nadu's Chola Mandal, has a rich history. It was once a dense forest filled with 'Aathi' trees, part of the Arkadu region. You can still find these Aathi trees along the riverbanks of the Kedilam River, which flows through our college's southern side, and in the Chidambaram Pichavaram area. This city has two historically significant rivers - the Kedilam River and the Thenpennai River. The confluence of these rivers gives it the name 'Koodalur'. The region is also known as 'Kedil Nadu', similar to how the area surrounding the Kaveri River is called 'Kaveri Nadu'. Tirunavukkarasar, who sang praises of the Lord of Tirupathiripuliyur, refers to himself as 'Kedil Nadu'.

Cuddalore is also significant because it's where Tirunavukkarasar was thrown into the sea with stones tied to his body by Jains and where he miraculously emerged. Notably, Cuddalore has served as Tamil Nadu's capital during foreign invasions and administrative changes, boasting not only water and land resources but also academic riches. The schools and colleges here have a rich history. In this regard, our Periyar Arts College is undoubtedly a historically significant institution. I am delighted to present the annual report for the academic year 2023-24.

Periyar Arts College, established in 1964, has celebrated its golden jubilee. This renowned institution, located on the silver beach, provides education to underprivileged rural students, enabling their progress and contributing significantly to society. The faculty members of this college have been doing an excellent job. The college has 22 departments, each with

faculty and students making valuable contributions. This annual report compiles the events conducted by each department and through various forums during this academic year.

37 teachers have completed FDPs and Various courses.

Currently 4518 students were disbursed with scholarships in 2nd and 3rd year of UG, 2nd year of PG and research. First year students are yet to receive the scholarships. 30 research papers and 22 papers have been published this year More than 60 seminar programs have been conducted.

Department of Tamil

- In this Academic year, seven Ph.D. Viva-Voce examinations were conducted in the department. Before the closing of this academic year four Ph.D. Viva-Voce examination will be conducted. Mr. Aravindhkumar, a Ph.D. Research scholar cracked NET, JRF exam.
- “NEITHAL TAMIL LITERARY ASSOCIATION” and “THAIMOZHI ASSOCIATION” functioning under the auspices of the department have conducted eleven events and competition from 23.08.2023 to 11.03.2024.
- The students of Tamil department bogged several prizes in the poetry, elocution, quiz and essay competitions conducted by various agencies.
- Prof. V.Panner Selvam, Prof.N.Bakaran, Prof.Syamala, Prof.A. Arunachalam, Prof.Janaki Raja, Prof.R.Murugan and Research scholars participated in various international conferences and published articles in journals. Dr. Murugan presented a paper in the international conference held in Dubai.
- Faculty from Tamil Dept. acted as resource persons, chairpersons of Board of studies and question paper setters.

- Dr.Syamala won a cash award of Rs10,000 for the publication of the book. Prof.A.Arunachalam and Prof.G.Pushpavalli have received MAHAKAVI awards. An article of a faculty has received Sahitya Academy Publication Rights.
- The department of Tamil conducted the semester exams for the 22 affiliated colleges of Annamalai University and Thiruvalluvar University.

PG and Research Department of English

In the academic year 2023-2024, the English Literature Forum was held on 19/10/2023 in the Department of English. Annamalai University English Department Professor Ph.D. Deivasikamani was the special guest and delivered a special speech. In this academic year PhD research students are R.Indira, Plimco Das, R.Nisha, S.Pavitra and K Velmurugan and C.Kavitha have successfully completed the oral exam respectively. The professors of the English department conducted the one-week training courses of the Tamil Nadu government's Nan Muluvan program at Annamalai University. Through this, the first year special classes in all the departments of the college were well conducted by the teachers of the English department. Jeevitha, a first year M.Sc. English student, won the first prize in a seminar held at Vivekanandan College of Arts and Science, Villupuram. All the teachers participated in the three-day international seminar held at Annamalai University Department of English and presented their papers.

PG Research Department of History

- The inauguration of History Associations was held in 05.10.2023.
- The Department conducted a workshop on The Preservation of Artefacts along with Cuddalore Museum on 24.01.2024.
- A Quiz programme on The Achievement of Anna was conducted on 06.02.2024.
- A Seminar was conducted under the auspices of History Association on 07.03.2024. The former Vice-Chancellor of TTEU Prof.Panchanathan delivered the key-note Address on “Students and Society”.

Department of Economics

- Prof.K.Kottai Veeran’s book “Micro Economics” was released on 07.12.2023.
- Economics Association’s event was held on 06.08.2024. Painting and Elocution competition were held on 06.02.2024. Essay Competition was held on 08.02.2024. Quiz competition was held on 13.02.2024.
- A conference on “Income and Expenditure” for students was held on 01.03.2024.
- In the Economic Association function held on 04.03.2024 a workshop and exhibition was conducted on the use of palm products.
- Prof. K.Kottai Veeran delivered a special lecture in Vivekananda College on 12.03.2024. He also gave a talk on “Coding-Decoding”

along with a special lecture on “My First Job” in Annamalai University.

Department of Political Science

- NM classes was conducted. The District Collector distributed prizes to students.
- Honourable Minister of the department of Sports gave appointment orders to the students elected in NM scheme.
- Third year student Mr.Gemini bagged third prize in all Intra Swimming Competition. Mr.Sudarsan bagged a silver medal, Prasath and Narasimman received from 3 certificates.
- Miss.Abinaya of third year bagged the third prize in the District level Elocution Competition.
- Mr.Prasath from PG won a silver medal at South Zone competition. Mr.Rupasri of PG I year qualified the exam of Tamilnadu Police Board and joined government service.
- In the Voter’s awareness programme held on 24.01.2024. Vasu,Gugan, Duraikumaran,Ajaykumar,Yuvari and Kowsalya from the second year received certificate from the District Collector.
- Political science Association inaugural event was held on 27.03.2024. The Principal of our college delivered the presidential address. Prof. Purushothaman from Pondicherry University offered the keynote address.

Department of Social Work

- Disease Prevention Awareness Programme was conducted on 28.07.2023. A workshop on the same was conducted on 03.08.2023 and certificates were distributed.
- PG student Mr.Jeyaraj participated in the all India Disaster management Awareness workshop conducted in Haryana on 15.08.2023.
- Tamilnadu Seerudai Paniyalunar Service commission conducted Exam for second grade police serving in Prison and Fire Service Men from 23.09.2023 to 29.03.2023.
- The induction programme for I year PG students was conducted from 26.09.2023 to 28.09.2023
- The New Delhi Indian Civil Administrative management of Cuddalore branch conducted a conference on 27.09.2023.
- The plantation of palm tree was held under the auspices of Kalingar Centenary event on 01.10.2023. Hundred saplings were planted with aid of Mahindra Finance and Empowerment Trust on 05.10.2023.
- On 09.11.2023 new dresses and sweets were distributed to the inmates of an old age home. Students assisted the District Administration to send the relief to the people affected in the great flood.
- Mr.Vetriselvan from I year MSW was awarded the “Best Social worker” award on 17.12.2023.
- Mr.Pugazhendi from II year MSW availed NET exam on 19.01.2024.

- A faculty development programme was conducted on 19.01.2024.
- The district Colector awarded The Best Social Workers award to the students on 26.01.24.
- A conference was conducted under the auspices of Cuddalore Tamil Sangam on 29.01.2024.
- A cancer awareness programme was conducted in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Social Workers department on 26.02.2024.
- Students were given training in Folk performing Art from 09.02.2024 to 11.02.2024.
- Village social Work camp was conducted in Alagiyatham village from 28.2.2024 to 24.03.2024.
- A workshop was conducted for frontline workers in collaboration with JIPMER and Arupadaiveedu Medical college on 16.03.2024.
- World social service day was celebrated on 19.03.2024.

Dept.of Public Administration

- Mr.R.Sumitra from II year UG bagged National championship in the all university Mallar Kambh competition.
- Mr.Sivakumar from III year bagged second place in World storytelling competition.

- Mr.P.senthamaraikannan and Sudarvizhi participated in National level JUDO competition in Punjab. Mr.S.Varunraj from the same class participated in Hammer Throw competition in Punjab.

Department of Mathematics

- Ms.Divya bagged second prize in the Javelin Throw contest conducted by Annamalai University.
- Agnes, an agency from Cuddalore offered a mini workshop to the second year students on the use of electrical and electronics objects.

Department of Statistics

- Students from Statistics bagged prizes in sports events, running race, kolam competition and body building competition.
- An employability awareness programme was conducted for higher secondary school student on 04.01.2024 to 05.01.2024.
- In the November 2023, Annamalai University semester exam M.Savitha and K.Kalaimathi scored cent percent in Real Analysis and Numerical Method respectively.
- A national seminar was conducted in the Detp.of Statistics on 16.03.2024.
- In the academic year Ms.Abinaya (I B.Sc), Sriram K (II B,Sc), riba (III B.Sc), Gayathri G (I M.Sc) and Narmatha P (II M.Sc) have got 100% attendance.

Department of Computer Science

- Ms. Mugina from III yr ha bagged prizes in District level Elocution and Debate Competition along with cash awards. The Inner heel club of Cuddaore has honoured her by awarding the “Budding Talent Award”.
- Students participated and bagged prizes in several sports in everal spoerts competition for the academic year 2023-2024, ultimately wining the overall championship award.
- A conference was held on the title “Seminar on Research Methodolgy” in view of National Science Day on 28.02.2024.
- Prof. Murugarajan P was conferred the Doctoral Degree by Bharthiyar University in March 2024.

Department of Physics

- National Science Day celebration was held on 01.03.2024.
- A workshop was conducted under the auspice of Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore, New Delhi, National Science Academy and Pragma Raj National Academy on the title The Social Utility of Higher Dimensional Objects at the Dept. of Physics from 13.03.2024 to 15.03.2024.
- Mr.Inba Tamilan bagged third prize in Elocution competition conducted by Chennai Youth Literary Festival. The same student bagged third prize in the Elocution competition conducted by the Cuddalore District Police dept on 14.03.2024.
- Students from econd and third year bagged prizes in Kabadi competition in the annual Sports Meet of the Academic Year 2023-24.

Department of Chemistry

- A state level CPE exam was conducted under the auspices of Prof. Ramu Subbu Jearaman Science Trust on 18.02.2024.
- A written exam and interview was conducted for Job offer by Cleplast company on 07.03.2024.
- A students visit was organized taking students to visit the centre of Advanced Studies in Marine Biology in Parangipattai.
- S. Priyadarshini, a first-year postgraduate chemistry student, won the first prize in the district-level Silambam competition organized by the Cuddalore District Amachu Silambam Sangam and a silver medal in the All India Boxing Competition.
- A. Ezilarasi, a first-year postgraduate chemistry student, won:
 - - First prize in the Chem-Click competition at the university level
 - - Third prize in the essay competition at the Neythal Book Festival
 - - Participated in the "VIKSIT BHARAT @2047" seminar and the Vaagi Thamizh Sangam essay competition
- R. Vijayakumar won the first prize in the 60kg wrestling competition organized by Annamalai University.
- K. Aranganathan participated in the District-level Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Training program.

Department of Botany

- The Botany Department's Green Brigade initiative has planted trees within the college campus. Under the Tata Chemicals Botany Department's Greening Agreement, around 1500 diverse medicinal plants have been planted and maintained. Additionally, 100 varieties of medicinal plants, trees, and rare plants are systematically maintained.
- An artificial sparrow nest has been created in the Botanical Garden to conserve the sparrow species. The ponds within the campus have been dredged and protected based on pond ecology.
- The administrative office's rear almond tree is being conserved and maintained. On 15.02.2024, the Botany Department organized a one-day seminar for college students to raise awareness about biodiversity and conservation.

Department of Microbiology

- A two-day workshop on 'Protein Isolation and Purification Analysis by SDS-PAGE' was conducted on 07-08 September 2023.
- Third-year students visited the Tamil Nadu Government Microbial Fertilizer Production Center on 13 September 2023.
- Students from the second year won the second prize in the district-level Nehru Yuva Kendra Parliament Games on 12 March 2024.
- Second-year students secured the first prize in the college-level quiz program held on 18 October 2023.
- Srikant V, a second-year student, won a silver medal in the All India University Bench Press Competition.

- Students from the Microbiology Department participated in the Entrepreneurship Development Training program organized by the Cuddalore District Collector's Office from 13-15 February 2024.

Department of Psychology

- Four final-year students of Psychology received employment orders for STORY TELLING under the 'Naan Muthalvan' scheme on 06 October 2023.
- First-year Psychology student Bose Rajaguru participated in the 37th National Games and won a silver medal in the Bench Press competition. He received a cash prize of ₹2.25 lakhs from the Sports Minister on 23 February 2024.
- First-year Psychology student Selvi A Kavia won third prizes in the 100-meter track and field event and long jump competition in the college sports meet.

Department of Visual Communication

- This academic year, 50 third-year students went for an internship and worked in television channels for a month.
- On 06-10-2023, under the 'Naan Muthalvan' scheme, 7 students received employment orders for STORY TELLING from the Sports Development Minister.
- Second-year student Selvi Karthika was selected as an assistant director for the film "Purananuru" produced by 2D Entertainment.
- Third-year student Selvan Murugadas was selected as a Creative Person at I-Fox Media and Advertising.

- In the college sports meet, the Visual Communication department secured second place in Kabaddi.

First-year student Selvan Srikant won the first prize in Yoga.

In the Young Literacy Festival:

- E. Manojkumar won the first prize of ₹5000 in Collage Making.
- P. Danaseelvam won the second prize of ₹4000.
- T. Krishnaraj won the third prize of ₹3000.

In the PROMPT ENGINEERING competition:

- S. Rajesh won the first prize of ₹5000.
- T. Krishnaraj won the second prize of ₹4000.
- V. Murugadas won the third prize of ₹3000.

Computer Applications

- In the college sports meet:
 - S. Suriyamurthi won first place in Badminton.
 - R. Jeganathan won second place in High Jump.
 - G. Divakar won third place in High Jump and second place in 100-meter running.
- In the Debate Competition held during Pongal celebrations, K. Bhagyalakshmi won the third prize. On 04-05 January 2024, the Computer Applications department created awareness about job opportunities among 12th-standard students from government schools.

Department of Commerce

- On 01.09.2023, Dr. P. Gnanavel was appointed as the Coordinator of the College Entrepreneurship Development Cell by the College Principal.
- Dr. R. Prabakaran was appointed as the Coordinator for the College-level Civic Club.
- As per the instructions of Umashankar (IAS), CEO of Tamil Nadu Entrepreneurship Development Association, a program was organized at the college on 29.12.2023 to promote entrepreneurship development.
- The National Consumers Day and Consumer Rights Day were celebrated at the college on 22.02.2024. Various competitions such as essays, poetry, and painting were held, and cash prizes and appreciation certificates were awarded by the District Collector.
- On 15.09.2023, third-year ([link unavailable](#)) students (I & II shift) visited the Paal Dairy Farm in Puducherry for field study on milk production and sales.
- Our college students participated in the Entrepreneurship Development Training program organized by the Cuddalore District Collector's Office from 13-15 February 2024 and received certificates.
- On 21.03.2024, a Parent-Teacher Meeting was held for ([link unavailable](#)) students.
- Dr. So. Kannadasan and Dr. K. Kalaiselvan, guest lecturers, released two books on Financial Accounting and Cost Accounting.

Department of Business Administration

- Commerce students Jhon Swathi, Vignesh, Jeevanandam, and Hari Prasad participated in the National Service Scheme camp at Ramapuram village.
- Students from the second and third years visited the Pushpam Industry factory for industrial training.
- Third-year student Shema Margaret participated in the National Cadet Corps at the national level and received a medal and appreciation certificate.
- A seminar on investing money in banks was held for students.
- An induction program was conducted for students to introduce them to the department's specialties.
- Yuvraj, a third-year student, won the second prize in the general knowledge quiz competition at CONQUER '24, an inter-college competition held at Mayilum Engineering College.
- Our students won several prizes in various inter-departmental sports competitions held at the college.

Pass percentage of Students

Program Name	Number of students appeared in the final year examination	Pass%
Bsc Botany	60	47
M.sc Botany	17	94
B.C.A	55	62
B.Sc.Chemistry	62	40
B.Sc. Ind. Chemistry	35	20
M.Sc. Chemistry	25	44
B.Com Commerce	136	85
M.Com Commerce	28	100
B. Sc. Computer Science	72	47
M. Sc. Computer Science	24	88
BA Economics	162	49
MA Economics	19	89
B.sc Statistics	22	64
M.Sc Statistics	9	100
B.Sc Physics	55	40
M.Sc Physics	16	75
B.Sc Maths	82	26
M.Sc Maths	19	89
III B.A. Tamil	114	49
II M.A. Tamil	29	100
B.Sc Vis Com	50	70
B.A.Public Administration	77	57
M.A.Public Administration	7	100
M.Sc. Zoology	19	79
B.Sc. Zoology	60	83
Social Work	19	100
Micro Biology	56	93
BA English	90	13

Program Name	Number of students appeared in the final year examination	Pass%
MA English	25	80
Psychology	60	80
B.A History	86	71
M.A History	8	100
B.B.A.	74	92
B.A Political Science	77	70
M.A Political Science	15	73

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