

ST. THOMAS COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE  
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020

**"LET THERE BE LIGHT"**

We thank Almighty God for his abundant Blessing and Grace. He has guided us at every step and at all times carrying us in His arms. We feel honoured for the opportunity given to serve the Church and its Institutions.

We are extremely privileged and honoured in presenting annual report of St. Thomas College of Arts and Science for the Academic Year 2019-2020. With the effort of the management, staff's and students, the academic year 2019-2020 had seen multi-dimensional growth and development, contributing in turn, towards the growth of a healthy & happy society.

**Commencement of Classes:**

The Classes for the academic year 2019-2020 started for the II and III year UG of both Shift I and Shift II and II year PG students of Shift I on Monday, 17th June 2019,

New Course Additional Sections: The Inspection Commission consisting of panel members of University of Madras visited our college for the approval of 3 new courses and 2 additional sections in shift - I and 3 courses and 1 additional section in shift-II for the Academic Year 2019-2020 on 12.04.2019 and submitted its report to the University. Another Inspection was conducted with the panel members of University of Madras for the continuation of provisional affiliation of II B.Com General, II B.Com Corporate Secretaryship, II BBA & II BCA courses offered in Shift -II on 14.08.2019.

Admissions: Total admissions for the Academic Year 2019-2020 in various UG and PG courses under Shift - I is 1132 students and in UG courses of Shift-II is 457 students.

Fresher's Day: Fresher's Day for newly admitted students of both Shift-I & Shift-II was held on 12.07.2019. His Grace Dr. Yuhanon Mar Diascoros, our Chairman & Metropolitan of the Madras Diocese, inaugurated the Academic Year 2019-2020, blessed the new batch of students and delivered the keynote address.

**Centenary Building:**

Construction of Phase 1 of Centenary Building was completed as per schedule and the contractor handed over 24 class rooms. Students and faculties of B.Com (General), B.Com (Corporate Secretaryship) and BBA courses were allotted class rooms in the new building and students started using those class rooms and other facilities. The construction work at Phase II is expected to be completed as per schedule and will be used by students from the Academic Year 2020-2021. As the Interior work at Auditorium is a separate work, it is under discussion with Building Committee for interior, acoustic solutions, centralized AC and other requirement for the auditorium. Road work and drainage system within the campus is also under discussion. College will have solar facility with 100 KW capacity.

**Faculty empowerment and staff welfare:**

Staff welfare measures were taken by the institution to make sure that each faculty is having a career advancement and thus financial assistance for teaching Faculties were given for attending conferences, workshops and Faculty Development Programs during this academic year. This has helped the faculties to fulfil their requirements for their professional development thus assists faculty members in advancing their academic careers. Faculties who have attended outside the campus programs were 70 and a total of Rs 20, 825 is sanctioned from the fund allotted by the institution. This will encourage other faculties to attend more of such programs. A total of 143 faculties including teaching (110) and non- teaching (33) have attended faculty development program during this academic year. Apart from this, college has funded for in-house faculty development programs organised by various departments. All the faculties pertaining to the particular department were benefitted from this, and 5 department wise FDPs were conducted.

**Student empowerment:**

- **Value added courses:** Comparing to the last academic year institution was able to provide the students with an overall of 34 Value added courses and out of the 3438 students 2360 students were benefitted in this academic year.
- **Seminar:** Seven hundred of the students were able to participate in the 18 of the seminars organised by various departments during this academic year.
- **Skill development program:** Apart from this a number of Skill development programs were conducted, including Personality development, awareness programs, training programs etc. and around 967 students were benefitted from this.
- **Guest lectures** were conducted and college was able to invite special guests to address our students; this exercise proved to be very beneficial to our students.
- **Mou's -** College has also signed MoU's with five reputed companies and organisations to encourage the students in terms of career growth.
- **Career guidance program:** As part of this nine career guidance programs were organised and about 2972 students were benefitted.

**Infrastructure:**

22 new class rooms at Centenary Building were dedicated to the students use with all modern facilities including a lift. Dedication ceremony for Phase I was held on 12.07.2019 with the prayers and blessings of His Grace Dr.Yuhanon Mar Diascoros, Chairman and Metropolitan of Madras Diocese. New sophisticated Computer Lab with new high-end systems is created and given for the students of Department of Computer Science on the same day

**College growth on academic activities**

College strength: The total strength of the college is increasing year after year. In 2019-20, it stood more than 3,000. There were 2927 students in Shift 1 and 648 students in Shift II.

University Rank Holders:Our students secured a total of 28 University ranks this year from the University of Madras examinations held in April 2019. Course wise rank details:1 Rank in English, 1 Rank in BBA, Rank in B.Sc. Computer Science, 2 Ranks in B.Sc. Electronic Media, 1 Rank in B.Sc. Mathematics, 15 Ranks in B.Sc. Psychology, 3 Ranks in B.Sc. Visual communications, 3 Ranks in M.Sc. Electronic Media and 1 Rank in M.Sc. Visual Communication.

### **Student Achievements:**

Students of various departments participated in many competitions organised by colleges and organisations. They have won several prizes on events organised by Guru Nanak College, Thiruthargal Nadar College, S.A. Engineering College and Tamil Nadu Government. Students also participated in "No Problem" a live programme organized by Sun Music and "A talent hunt programme" conducted by "Radio Mirchi".

### **Staff Achievements:**

Dr.T.Selvaganapathi, Physical Director, Dr.(Mrs.) R.Manjula, Assistant Professor of Department of Computer Science, Dr.(Mrs.) C.Uma Maheswari, Assistant Professor of Computer Applications, Dr.G.Manoharan, Assistant Professor of Computer Applications (Shift II). Dr.R.Ramakrishnan, Assistant Professor of Tamil (Shift II) were awarded PhD.

The International Conference on "Emerging Paradigms in Higher Education 2020 and beyond" was organised by Stella Maris College, Chennai. Our College IQAC Co-ordinator, Four Staff Members and four Students attended the same on 22nd January 2020.

Nineteen of our staff members has published articles in various reputed journals during this academic year.

### **Activities of clubs and associations:**

Department of Media studies organised LUMENS' an Art, Design and Photography exhibition and inter collegiate competition, seminar on "Media Career Guidance", "Career in Film Industry", a Photography exhibition "MADCHE-380" for celebrating the Chennai Day, a workshop on the Topic "Qualitative Research Methods and Quantitative Research Methods, and conducted Short Film Competition" FILM of 19in which 63 short films were screened.

- Department of Psychology organised a seminar on "International day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking" and another seminar on "Careers in Psychology".
- Department of Corporate Secretaryship organised a seminar on the topic " Financial Planning".
- Department of Computer Applications organised seminars on the topic "Digital Effective Technology" and "Python Programming".
- Department of Computer Science inaugurated "Cyberize" Cheb with a guest lecture on "Big Data Analysis". It also organised two days' Workshop on Python

- Programming". Department of English inaugurated Literary Association with a guest lecture on "Participation is the Universal Principle of Knowing". It also organised inter-collegiate workshop on Story Telling as part of Chennai Literary Fest in collaboration with University of Madras
- Department of Business Administration organised a workshop on "Skills required by students to face Interview",
- Department of Tamil in association with University of Madras and Chennai Literary
- Fest organised inter-collegiate workshop on Archaeological Studies It also organised Pongal Celebration. The Department of Tamil (Shift-II) inaugurated Literary Association
- VAAGAI and Celebrated "Teachers day" by organising "Tamil Pattimandram".
- St. Thomas Green Club organised several seminars on topics such as "Medical Plant Cultivation & Sustainable Development", "Herbs to Cure Deadly Diseases" and "Sustainable Economy and Agriculture".
- St. Thomas Consumer Club organised guests lecture on "Salient Features of Consumer Protection Act" and "Legal Aspects of Consumer Protection". > Entrepreneurship Development Cell had organised workshop "Explore the seed in you" on the topic "Current Business Opportunities" and a seminar on "Hand on Training in Crafting Eco-friendly Products".

**ERP Software:** The College Automation Software of our college was released by our honourable Chairman His Grace Dr.Yuhanon Mar Diascoros last year on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Collaborating with i-boss management, the ERP software was updated, thus it could be used for effective monitoring like, lesson plan, student's attendance etc. Institution will be able to manage day to day activities through the proper implementation of this software.

### **IQAC:**

IQAC conducted workshop to all staff members under UGC-PARAMARSH-2019 on benefits of getting accreditation, preparation and documentation process of SSR. It also organized Faculty Development Programme on "Importance of Documentation" on NAAC Accreditation and another Faculty Development Programme on "Student Support and Progression" on NAAC..

### **NSS:**

NSS conducted "International Aids Infection & Prevention Awareness Campaign" alongwith students of Arizona University, U.S.A in our College campus. NSS collaborated with Lions Club conducted a cycle rally to provoke the awareness on Rain Water Harvesting & preservation of underground water.

## **College Programs**

### **Graduation Day:**

17 Graduation Day was held on 23.10.2019. Mr. K. Yuvaraj, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights, awarded the degrees to the graduates and His Grace Dr. Yuhanon Mar Diascoros, Chairman and Metropolitan of the Madras Diocese, presided over the function and distributed Endowment Prizes to meritorious students.

### **College Annual Day:**

The 20th College Day was held on 6 March 2020. The Chief Guest Dr. Indra Raja singh, Dean & Professor, School of Advanced Science, VIT. Chennai, addressed the students and distributed the prizes.

### **Christmas Carol Services:**

"Christmas Carol Services" was held on 20 December 2019. Mr. Jong-Sung Kim, Managing Director, KB Auto Tech India Pvt. Ltd. Chennai was the Chief Guest and delivered the Christmas message.

### **Onam Celebration:**

Onam was celebrated in our college on 14th September 2019. Mr. S. Sreekumar, Teacher & Poet, Malayala Vidyalayam School, Chennai was the Chief Guest.

### **Inter-departmental cultural program:**

Our College conducted "Thom Talenzia 2K20" inter-departmental cultural program on 7 March 2020 to exhibit the talents of our students.

### **Scholarships:**

The College has taken all the necessary steps to ensure that finance should not be a barrier for the children in continuing their studies. In order to achieve this, Zachariah Mar Dionysius scholarship is given to deserving students. The College also extends its support through scholarship schemes from Central Government and from Government of Tamil Nadu. Five hundred and twenty-four students availed the scholarship provided by the government of Tamilnadu, and 2872 students were granted with management scholarship.

### **Placement:**

Career Guidance and placement cell of our college organised a Free Training Workshop for Placement" through Mahindra Pride School for all final year students. Equitas Bank conducted a campus drive on 10th February 2020 for all final year students. 23 students were shortlisted for placement.

Job Fair: Annammal Institute of Hotel Management, Chennai has organized "10" Hospitality Job Fair" on 22 February 2020 in our College campus. More than 4,000 people participated Job Fair and attended interview

We wish you to place on record our sincere thanks to the Bishop, our Chairman, all the Members of the Management Board, Principal and all the staff members of College for their continued support. Our thanks are also due to all members of St. Thomas Cathedral, Broadway, our College Bankers and Auditors, prominent Guests of our College and everyone who made this year a grand success.

May God Almighty bless our College, Long live St. Thomas College of Arts and Science.

With Prayers,

Biju Chacko  
Secretary

Alex Abraham.  
Treasurer