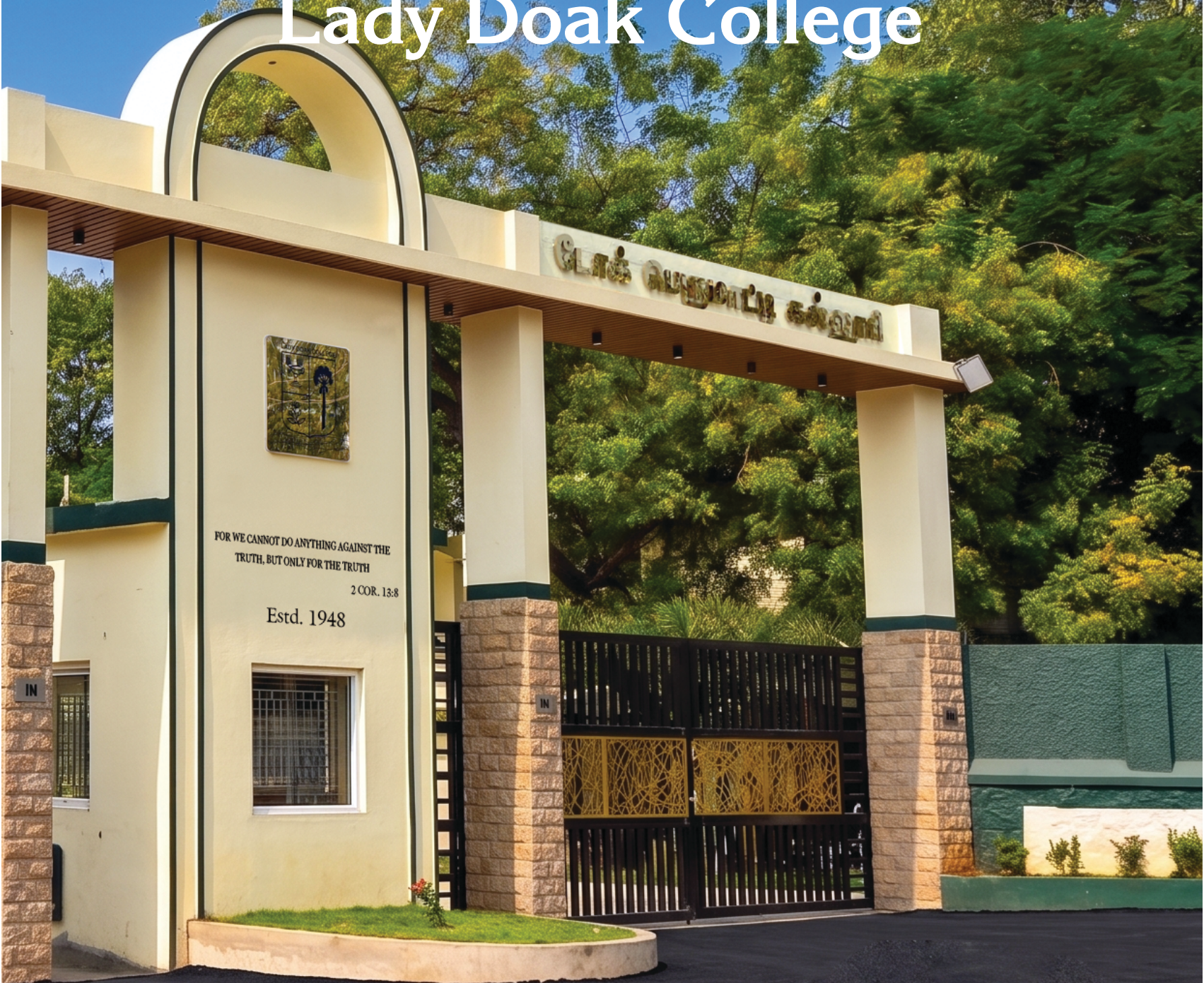




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Palm Leaves 2026



MISSION STATEMENT

To impart holistic education based on gospel values of love, justice, equality and peace to young women from all strata of society and enable them to develop as intellectually mature, morally upright, socially responsible and spiritually inspired women leaders of our nation. The learning process and experiences are geared to liberate, transform and empower the learner and the learned (Teacher).

Lady Doak College

MADURAI 625002, TAMIL NADU, INDIA

(An Autonomous Institution Affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University)

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*We cannot do anything against the truth,
but only for the truth. - II Cor. 13:8*

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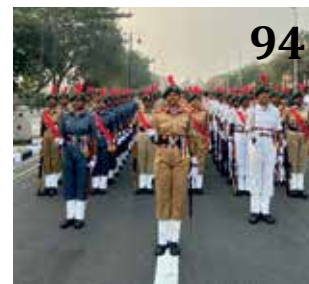
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FROM THE EDITORS

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His steadfast love endures forever."

– Psalm 136:1

The inspiring journey of Lady Doak College, from modest beginnings to its present eminence, truly reflects the power of faith and determination. The vision laid down by our founder, Katie Wilcox, has continued to flourish and grow stronger over the past seventy seven years. Today, the college is recognised as one of the premier institutions for women in South India, attracting students not only from different parts of the state and country but also from abroad. Over the decades, the institution has remained committed to shaping women who are ethically grounded, socially conscious, and spiritually enriched, and it continues to uphold these values with pride.

The academic year 2025–2026 was a year of remarkable accomplishments as the campus came alive with a variety of events and celebrations, bringing together Doakians in a spirit of joy and unity. Students actively took part in numerous programmes throughout the year, displaying their talents, creativity, and enthusiasm, thereby strengthening the sense of togetherness that defines the college community.

Palm Leaves 2026 presents a collection of the memorable experiences, creative expressions, and achievements of both faculty and students. Through these remarkable contributions, we collectively uphold and amplify our unwavering conviction in the transformative power of women's education and the progressive future toward which we steadfastly aspire. We hope that as you go through these pages, you will enjoy and appreciate the vibrant spirit of the Lady Doak College family!

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It gives me immense joy to reflect on the vibrant academic year 2025–2026, marked by growth, innovation, and a beautiful convergence of academic excellence, technological creativity, and whole-hearted community engagement, all firmly rooted in the enduring values of our institution. Sustained by the assurance in Isaiah 41:10 - “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand”, this journey has been made possible through divine strength and the steadfast dedication of Team LDC.

Our faculty and students have distinguished themselves through research publications, paper presentations, and active participation in national and international conferences. Several departments introduced interdisciplinary courses to equip students with relevant skills for a rapidly evolving world. Students also excelled in sports, cultural festivals, and intercollegiate competitions, bringing laurels to the institution. The Entrepreneurship Cell nurtured innovative ideas, enabling several student-led startups to gain recognition.

The faculty made significant research contributions, publishing articles in reputed journals and undertaking impactful projects. Altogether, faculty and students produced 283 research publications and presented 273 papers during this academic year. The College’s overall h-index stands at 41, and its research profile continues to grow steadily. Lady Doak College continues to set new benchmarks in education, research, and innovation, standing tall as a beacon of academic excellence.

Infrastructure development has also been noteworthy. A new main entrance, the first since 1963, has been constructed, significantly enhancing the campus’s accessibility and aesthetic appeal. Additionally, a new indoor stadium has been established, strengthening the institution’s sports infrastructure. With the launch of our visionary Satellite Campus Development Project, we look forward to extending quality education to rural communities.

This academic year has been a journey of grace, growth, and resilience. As we rejoice in all that we have achieved together, may we, as one College community, remain steadfast in our pursuit of excellence, reaching the unreached and extending our hands to those who need us most. In doing so, we empower future generations to rise higher, dream bolder, and thrive with purpose.



R. Beulah Jeyashree R.

Dr. Beulah Jeyashree R
Principal & Secretary



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WOMEN'S COLLEGE, MADURAI, INDIA
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Vision

To become a transformative leader in higher education fostering globally competent, value based, empowered young women.

Mission

To impart holistic education based on the Gospel values of love, justice, equality and peace in young women from all strata of society and enable them to develop as intellectually mature, morally upright, socially responsible and spiritually inspired women leaders to serve the society. The learning process and experiences are geared to liberate, transform and empower the learner and the learned (teacher).

Together We Build



About Us

Lady Doak College, the first women's college nestled in the vibrant, ancient city of Madurai in Tamil Nadu was established by Miss Katie Wilcox, an American missionary from Connecticut, USA. Founded with the fervor to empower women through higher education, today after seventy six years, Lady Doak College stands testimony to that wise and lasting investment that has given tremendous dividends. 'Built by many hands, of friends in many lands with a purpose that is common to all' - these lines from the College Song captures the founding principle of the College.

Core Values and Ethos



Milestones

- 14 July 1948 - Commencement as a Second Grade Institution with only the Intermediate course
- 1961 - Conferment of Permanent Affiliation by the Madras University
- 1978 - Conferment of Autonomous status
- 1989 - Commencement of Women's Studies Centre(UCC Support - 2005)
- 1999 - Accredited with Five Stars by NAAC (Cycle I)
- 2004 - Awarded the status of 'College with Potential for Excellence' by UGC X Plan, ISO 9001:2000 certified
- 2012 - Initiation of Online Education
- 2013 -Restructuring of Curriculum as Integrated Curricular Model
- 2023 - Launch of Satellite Campus Project



From the Principal

The remarkable 76 - year journey of Lady Doak College reflects its significant progress and enduring legacy. The growth we witness today ferries us back to the lofty dream of our founder Ms. Katie Wilcox, and her dream continues to grow hundredfold. We envision the Satellite Campus as a frontispiece of Ms. Wilcox's mission to empower women by reaching out to the unreached. Join us on this mission to light up the world with the gift of education and togetherness. Let us build a welcoming, model sustainable campus that can foster transformation in the local and global communities, thereby sustaining the legacy of excellence.

Dr. R. Beulah Jeyashree



"Back of any dream realised is always the courage, stamina, faith, wisdom and patient hard work of people like Katie Wilcox. If you seek her monument, go to India and look about".

Portrait of the Month
August 17, 1961.

Satellite Campus Project

Lady Doak College is embarking on the enterprise of building a 40 acre satellite campus at the Velichanatham village, a 20 minute drive away from the main campus.

We invite you to join us in this endeavor to build a model sustainable campus where women will come together to learn, grow, and thrive. This new campus will offer innovative courses dedicated to community development, sustainable futures and livelihoods, extending our reach to even more deserving students. This new campus will meet the increasing demand for both classroom space and residential accommodation, thus providing the necessary expansion to facilitate more students from the local community, stimulate local economy, and continue the tradition of building lives.

This initiative to empower rural women aligns with several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reinforcing its potential impact on goals like quality education, good health and wellbeing, gender equality and decent work and economic growth.

Your support will help us create a vibrant, inclusive educational environment that will build upon the dream of our founder, Ms. Katie Wilcox to reach out and build a future for our young women.

*Engage,
Educate,
Empower*

Building Dreams

1	Construction of Compound Wall and Gates 1 & 3	Completed (July 2024)
2	Academic Block, Support Systems	To be Completed by 2028
3	Chapel, Shanti Manual Centre, Sports Complex, Community Development Centre	To be Completed by 2032
4	Library, Auditorium, Residential Hall/Quarters, Guest House, Open-Air Theatre, Student Amenities	To be Completed by 2037

“Partner with us
In this Mission of Educating Young Women.”
“Empower Her Future:
Invest in Education,
Build the Satellite Campus of Lady Doak College!”

Donors of INR One Lakh and above will be honoured by having their names engraved on a wall of recognition.
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ADIEU, DEAR FRIENDS

JESSIE – MY COMRADE AND A TEACHER PAR EXCELLENCE

In the annals of Lady Doak College, certain names shine not merely for their accomplishments but for the spirit they embody. Today, we felicitate Dr. Jessie Ranjitha Jebaselvi, Associate Professor of English and Chaplain, in honour of a life deeply woven into the very fabric of this institution - a life marked by unwavering loyalty, selfless service, and radiant excellence.

For over three decades, Dr. Jessie, a dear friend and confidante, has been a steadfast pillar of Lady Doak College. Her unwavering sincerity, impeccable punctuality, and profound institutional loyalty have set a benchmark that generations of students and colleagues will continue to emulate. She has not only taught English literature but has also lived its finest values of discipline, integrity, and complete devotion to the College's mission.

Dr. Jessie's leadership has been both visible and subtle, quietly shaping the institution in countless ways. As the Convenor of Arcadia Club, she nurtured literary brilliance and inspired countless students to fall in love with the written word. As an NSS Programme Officer, she instilled in young minds the spirit of service and social responsibility. Whether guiding committees or mentoring individuals, her leadership has always been defined by wisdom, creativity, and warm collaboration.

Beyond her professional roles, Dr. Jessie is a true Renaissance woman. She is the athlete who runs marathons, teaching us the power of perseverance. She is the gifted musician whose violin and voice have uplifted hearts during chapel services and college gatherings. She is the friend whose warmth and cordiality have brightened every corner of Lady Doak College.

Her spirituality is not limited to words but is lived daily through acts of quiet compassion. As a Chaplain, she has been a gentle shepherd, guiding students and faculty alike with faith, grace, and kindness. Her life beautifully echoes the words of



Psalm 138:8: "The Lord will fulfill His purpose for you; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever." Her service at Lady Doak College is a celebration of a life that has touched countless hearts. It reminds us that true greatness lies not in titles or positions, but in sincere service, genuine friendship, and steadfast faith.

As Dr. Jessie steps into a well-deserved retirement, we pray that her days will be filled with joyful rest, continued purposeful service, and the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Though she may no longer walk these corridors daily, her legacy will remain eternally etched in the spirit of Lady Doak College, inspiring future generations to walk the path of excellence she has so beautifully illuminated.

Dr. Beulah Jeyashree R
Principal & Secretary



A LEGACY OF WISDOM, KINDNESS, AND FRIENDSHIP

Dr. Rathika kathirvelraj, Assistant Professor, stands as a shining example of dedication, integrity, and academic excellence in our institution. Her unwavering commitment to professional ethics and sincere approach to every responsibility entrusted to her have earned her deep respect and admiration from colleagues and students alike. Ma'am, as I fondly call her, joined as full time faculty in 1998. Till 2026, she has had a rich teaching experience of 28 years in Department of Commerce at Lady Doak College. She had served as the coordinator of B Com CA and B&I from 2015 to 2017, Internal Auditor for ISO, CPEC member and Prizes Committee convenor. She carries out her duties with remarkable discipline and a strong sense of accountability, ensuring that every task is completed with precision and within the stipulated time. Her consistent reliability and responsible attitude has made her a valued pillar of the academic community.

As a passionate educator in the field of commerce, Dr. Rathika demonstrates exceptional clarity, enthusiasm, and commitment in her teaching. She approaches every class with thorough preparation and strives to make complex concepts accessible and meaningful to her students. Her teaching goes beyond textbooks; she encourages critical thinking and connects theoretical knowledge with real-world practices. Students greatly appreciate her engaging style of instruction, which reflects both her subject mastery and her genuine interest in their academic growth.

In addition to her expertise in commerce, Dr. Rathika, from being a young, nervous faculty who thought that everything in the text book has to be taken to the students exactly the way it is to being more mature to be able to curate content from different books and other sources was what this college had made her as she always mentions while conversing. She loves teaching and she love her students. They say that personal is not political, but being the emotional person, she gets involved in the issues faced by the students and does two things, pray for them and help them through whatever means she can. She loves to read and, in every subject she teaches, she always incorporates the current trend or the current statistical data. She possesses a deep sense of interest in current affairs and developments across diverse fields. She constantly keeps herself updated with the evolving



world around her, bringing fresh perspectives into her academic discussions. This intellectual curiosity has enriched her classroom teaching and inspired students to broaden their understanding beyond conventional academic boundaries.

Another remarkable aspect of Dr. Rathika's personality is her love for reading. She is an avid and thoughtful reader, who finds immense joy in exploring books across different subjects. Her habit of continuous learning reflects her belief that education is a lifelong journey. This intellectual engagement strengthens her academic outlook and contributes to her effectiveness as an educator.

Dr. Rathika is also widely admired for her warm, compassionate, and helping nature. She shows genuine concern for the well-being towards me and of all staff members and is always willing to offer support whenever needed. Her affectionate and respectful attitude toward fellow staff members creates a friendly and cooperative atmosphere in the workplace. She strongly believes in unity and mutual respect among colleagues.

Her respectful demeanour towards senior faculty members and her ability to build strong professional relationships across departments have further

strengthened the spirit of collaboration within the institution. She maintains cordial and meaningful interactions with faculty members from various departments in Lady Doak College, reflecting her inclusive and positive approach to academic life.

Through her dedication to teaching, her love for knowledge, her concern for others, and her admirable professional conduct, Dr. Rathika continues to

contribute significantly to the growth and harmony of the institution. Her integrity, intellectual curiosity, and compassionate personality make her not only an outstanding educator but also a cherished member of the Lady Doak College community.

Dr. Angel Christy Praveena
Assistant Professor of Commerce



MRS. CHITRA – A PERSON OF FAITH AND DEDICATION

Mrs. Chithra is a God-fearing and deeply prayerful person, whose passion for reading the Bible has been truly inspiring. She has won numerous prizes in Scripture exams, quizzes, and competitions conducted on the Bible. At our college, she has consistently secured prizes over the years, reflecting her profound knowledge and devotion. Her dedication to Christian community service is remarkable. With unwavering faith in God and a life rooted in prayer, she has overcome many challenges with grace and a constant smile.

Mrs. Chithra has rendered 24 years of dedicated service to our institution, from 2002 to 2026. Throughout her tenure, she has taken on multiple roles across various departments, contributing wholeheartedly wherever she was placed. She began her journey as a Receptionist. She later worked in the Bursar's Office, contributing diligently to the administrative section. She also served for three years in the college clinic as an assistant to the nurse, offering care and support to students. In the phone booth, she efficiently managed all operations – handling multiple lines, ensuring proper use by students through ID verification, and maintaining accounts. During those busy days, the booth was heavily used, and her management ensured smooth functioning.

From 2010, she served as a Library Assistant at CHILD. Affectionately called “Grandma” by many children, she not only maintained records and accession registers but also lovingly cared for the children. From 2013 to 2026, for over a decade, she served at the J. X. Miller Library. She worked tirelessly in various sections, including Acquisition, Processing, Newspaper Clippings, and Periodicals.



Her sincerity, commitment, and involvement in library work have been exemplary.

She is also a compassionate counsellor, always ready to guide and pray for her colleagues. In times of distress, she went out of her way to support others. As a senior member of the institution, she has shared her knowledge and experience with sincerity, discipline, and care. Mrs. Chithra's long years of faithful service, humility, and dedication will always be remembered and cherished by our institution.

Dr. Lt. Sangaranachiar S
Librarian



Mega Carnival - VASANTHAM '26



KATHIR '26



Carol Service



Carol Service



College Day Celebration



SANGAMAM '25



Teachers' Day Celebration



NSS Camp



Open Source Lab



Annual Sports Day



60th Graduation Day



Annual Sports Day



College Day Chief Guest



Non Teaching Staff Volleyball Tournament



Triune Celebration



VIYAN '25



YUGAM '26



Graduation Day



Annual Sports Day



College Day Celebration

YONDER EXPERIENCES

NUMBERING THE DAYS: REFLECTIONS FROM OBERLIN

I had the opportunity to stay at Oberlin College as a Visiting Scholar during the Spring 2025 semester (February 2025 to May 2025) as part of the Faculty Enrichment Program Abroad (FEPA). The following are some of the things that made strong impressions in my mind:

The Writing Centre at Oberlin was particularly impressive. Trained student writing associates guide their peers through the writing process during scheduled or drop-in sessions, helping them organise ideas and structure their work. Importantly, they do not generate content but only facilitate idea development. I also had the opportunity to give a guest lecture on the topic *Grey is Gorgeous*, where I spoke about stereotypical notions regarding ageing and ugliness in popular literature. The Gaithersburg Book Festival in Washington DC, which I attended on 17 May 2025, was more than just book and food stalls. Many of the exhibits were by the authors themselves, making it almost surreal to hear so many writers speak about their books. Workshops on topics such as memoir writing and drafting publication proposals were conducted simultaneously.

One of the things I found particularly interesting was that many events in Oberlin had a very small number of participants. Initially, I found this strange, but I later noticed that conducting events with a small number of interested participants facilitated individual attention, fostered social connections among like-minded people, and supported meaningful engagement. Inspired by the Productivity Hours organised by the Center for Student Success and the Accountability Table facilitated by the Writing Center at Oberlin, a structured one-hour Accountability Table was introduced exclusively for the students and faculty of the PG Department & Research Centre of English. Participants share their goals during the first five minutes and reflect on their progress in the final five minutes. Based on the model of the Writing Center's workshops at Oberlin, Arcadia – the English Literary Club – organised a Research Workshop Series to support student research and publication.



Participation in the book club discussions during my stay at Oberlin was thought-provoking and intellectually enriching. I particularly liked the way people shared opinions contrary to the majority in a respectful and professional manner. Based on this experience, an online book discussion was conducted here for the students, alumnae, faculty, and former faculty of the PG Department and Research Centre of English. The participants appreciated the effort and requested that this practice continue. I thank God for this enriching experience. I am deeply grateful to our Principal & Secretary, Dr. Beulah Jeyashree R, and to Dr. Jessie Ranjitha Jebaselvi C, Head-in-Charge of the Department of English, for their encouragement, support, and guidance throughout the application process, my stay at Oberlin, and the implementation of these initiatives.

During my stay at Oberlin, I maintained a journal using a template I had devised for this purpose. It covered different aspects of life such as academic, physical, spiritual, and social dimensions, along with reflective questions like, "Can any of what I learnt today be implemented in Lady Doak College?" Of course, I did not have answers to all these questions every day. However, this habit of record-

ing and reflecting on the day's affairs encouraged me to remain conscious of doing things that would truly be purposeful. When time is limited and brief, one often takes serious steps to make it productive and meaningful. Life on earth, too, is limited. No

one lives forever. It made me wonder: have I truly realised that?

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12)

Dr. Hillela P
Assistant Professor of English

ACROSS CONTINENTS AND CLASSROOMS: MY EXPERIENCES AT OBERLIN

Would it be hard to believe if I told you that visiting Oberlin has been an 18-year-old dream? I joined Lady Doak College as a student in the year 2006 to do my Under graduation in English Literature. The very same day I got to know about the International Study Centre and Oberlin. The Oberlin fellow that year was Ms. Sandra who took a course called Classical Literature in Translation for Undergraduate English students. Motivated by her, every day, I would visit the ISC to check for new books, to watch movies and just to spend time there flipping through all brochures and pamphlets of colleges abroad. As a student, Oberlin was a dream beyond my grasp. When I joined in 2016 as an assistant professor, once again I visited ISC. I became a member of the International Study Centre and helped clean up the Oberlin ISC library. With my kid so young and old parents, Oberlin was still a dream that I dreamt of.

Then began the arduous journey of applying for the fellowship to successfully getting it and then travelling to the United States of America in August 2025. Oberlin Shansi House at Oberlin, Ohio is a warm place to live and explore. **Donnie Harris**, Grants and Fellowships Coordinator of Oberlin Shansi was also my guide and mentor when it came to the know how of the



Oberlin Memories



house and the city. With Donnie's help, I enrolled in two wonderful courses at the Oberlin College.

The first course I audited was One Hundred Poems – literally the course had a hundred poems that were

listed for us to study. Through this course, I learnt new pedagogy for teaching poetry, experienced a new classroom culture and made new friends. The next course I audited was Theatre Lighting and Design. It was a full-fledged practical course where I learnt a lot about theatre and lighting. Lighting was explored not merely as a technical necessity but as an expressive tool that shapes mood, atmosphere, and narrative. It reaffirmed my own artistic curiosity about how lighting can become a central element in storytelling and theatrical performance.

The theatre culture at Oberlin was particularly fascinating. The institution nurtures an environment where students and faculty treat theatre as both an art form and a mode of inquiry. Rehearsal spaces, studios, and performance venues buzzed with creative energy. Watching rehearsals and interacting with theatre practitioners allowed me to witness how performance emerges from collaboration, experimentation, and dedication. I was lucky enough to watch two Broadway shows – “Death becomes Her” and “Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812”. I also watched the inhouse production of Aaron Posner’s “Stupid F**king Bird” and several student productions. I was excited to experience the behind the scenes and the workings of the inhouse production.

Beyond the classroom and theatre spaces, the experience also opened avenues for meaningful cultural exchange. Conversations with faculty and students often turned into discussions about culture, identity, and performance traditions from different parts of the world. Sharing insights about Indian theatre practices and learning about global artistic perspectives created enriching moments of dialogue. These exchanges highlighted how the arts can bridge cultures and create spaces for mutual understanding. Celebrating Halloween, Thanksgiving and Diwali at Oberlin was definitely a different experience.

Life on the Oberlin campus also taught me to be individualistic, self-made and self-reliant. From going to markets to exploring the town on my own, I had to be responsible for every small decision—navigating unfamiliar streets, managing my time, planning my meals, and adapting to a new cultural environment. These seemingly simple acts of

independence gradually built a quiet confidence within me. Living away from familiar support systems encouraged me to trust my instincts, solve problems independently, and embrace solitude as a space for reflection and growth. In many ways, Oberlin did not just expand my academic horizons; it also strengthened my sense of identity and resilience.

My trip to New York and Washington was one of the most memorable parts of my journey. Travelling as a solo traveller, I gradually learnt how to confidently navigate a new city—reading maps, following subway routes, planning itineraries, and managing my time independently. Each journey across the city became a small lesson in self-reliance. I experienced almost every mode of transport—from subways and buses to trains and long walks through bustling streets.

Visiting iconic landmarks such as the Brooklyn Bridge and the Statue of Liberty was truly surreal. Standing in places I had only seen in books and films filled me with a sense of wonder. Exploring these historic spaces on my own made the experience even more meaningful, as each step through the city felt like both a personal adventure and a journey through global history.

My time at Oberlin reaffirmed an important truth: education flourishes when we step beyond familiar boundaries and engage with diverse communities of learning. The exposure to new ideas and teaching methods continues to influence my approach in the classroom and in theatre practice. I look forward to sharing these experiences with my students and colleagues, encouraging them to explore theatre with curiosity, creativity, and confidence.

Across Continents and Classrooms, what began as a journey to learn ultimately became a journey of becoming—shaped by new places, new people, and the quiet courage of stepping into the unfamiliar.

Dr. Keerthana M

*(Recipient of Oberlin Shansi Visiting Scholar Award
Under Faculty Enrichment Programme Abroad
(FEPA) Fall Semester 2025 (Aug – Dec)
at Ohio, Oberlin, USA)*

Assistant Professor of English



If you are planning to join a student exchange programme, you'll get to live and study in a new environment, not just visit it. You'll learn inside and outside the classroom through people, places, and everyday experiences, all while growing more independent and open-minded. You'll return with a broader perspective and memories that will stay with you.

Shubhashri M

(International Christian University)



My time in South Korea felt very different in terms of lifestyle, technology, and culture. Working on embedded projects, exploring alone, and meeting new people made me more independent. I learnt a lot and would tell others to definitely try this experience.

Abinaya S K

(Handong Global University)



My semester at Handong Global University, South Korea was fulfilling, inspiring, and academically enriching. I experienced a new academic setup and it gave me great exposure in my own discipline. Through teaching children (Children's ministry) I've found my passion for the same, while the experience itself has made me more confident, independent, and mature.

Janella J

(Handong Global University)

I learned to become more independent, adaptable, and confident while managing academics and daily life in a new country. Being part of clubs like ISU (International Student Union) gave me a strong sense of belonging and helped me build meaningful connections. Making international friends was one of the best parts of this journey, and I am still in touch with many of them. Exploring places like Busan, Seoul and experiencing the beautiful campus during fall made the experience even more memorable.

Sahana M

(Handong Global University)



At Handong Global University, my first week of orientation felt alive - cultures learned not in classrooms, but by living them. I'm deeply grateful to God for this blessing, especially in a place where people reflect such care and sincerity. Our saeseoms (student-helpers) cared for us like older siblings who never grow tired, giving with a full heart, willing to pay the cost of time, effort, and sacrifice. Adjusting meant new routines and real responsibility, but I was never alone. This experience has grounded me, leaving me with quiet gratitude and a deeper understanding of selfless, committed love and has awakened in me a deep desire to live life as the light and salt we are called to be!



Hepsibha Sharon A
(Handong Global University)



Over the past month, life has changed in ways I never expected. Navigating a new university system, from choosing subjects and tracking attendance to understanding grading and homework, was a real challenge at first. But through it all, I have grown a lot. This experience has sharpened my communication and adaptability, and taught me how to balance academic life with the joy of exploration. To future Handong exchange students, I say this: embrace every moment, say yes to every opportunity, and use this time to explore and redefine who you are.

Saindhavi G
(Handong Global University)

During our stay, we learned how to adapt to a new culture and manage things on our own. Living in a different country encouraged us to become more independent and responsible, as we had to handle new situations, communicate with people from diverse backgrounds, and adjust to unfamiliar surroundings. These experiences also helped us gain confidence in ourselves, allowing us to better understand who we are as individuals and how we interact with the world around us.



Gayathri S
(Ateneo de Manila University)

Through this journey, our worldview expanded significantly. We were able to see life from different perspectives and appreciate cultural differences. Interacting with people from various backgrounds helped us develop greater empathy, open-mindedness, and respect for diversity.

Rajashri Harini
(Ateneo de Manila University)



Studying abroad in Indonesia at Petra Christian University was a unique and enriching experience. The campus environment and learning atmosphere were comfortable, supportive, and well-organized, which made it easy to adapt to a new academic setting. The people I met were friendly, welcoming, and open-minded, which helped me build meaningful connections and make many new friends.

Nafila Begum A
(Petra Christian University)

My exchange at Petra Christian University, Indonesia, exposed me to diverse cultures, new academic systems, and meaningful travel experiences. It improved my adaptability and independence. This journey broadened my perspective, and I encourage future students to embrace every opportunity confidently.

Sunantida S C
(Petra Christian University)



The education system and culture differed greatly from India, which strengthened my adaptability skill and open-mindedness. This opportunity will help future applicants understand themselves, grow personally, and form lasting international friendships while creating meaningful memories.

Karishma E
(Petra Christian University)

My months abroad were an enriching journey that combined learning, cultural exposure, and spiritual growth. From adapting to a new academic system to exploring Korean traditions and building friendships with students from across the world, every experience contributed to my personal and academic development.

Infant Dolly Didina
(ACUCA)





At first, adapting to a new country felt overwhelming, but slowly I found my rhythm. This experience taught me independence, resilience, and openness to new cultures. It changed me for the better, and I encourage future students to embrace the journey fully.

Sharon Priyadharshini
(ACUCA)

My experience abroad exposed me to diverse cultures, independence, and new perspectives on education. I learned adaptability and confidence. This journey made me more open-minded. I encourage future applicants to embrace every opportunity—it's truly life-changing and unforgettable.

Zafira M
(Japan Service-Learning Programme)



The Service-Learning Programme offered insight into Japan's educational practices, work culture, and social values such as discipline, respect, and collective responsibility. Interactions with students, educators, and community members allowed the exchange of perspectives and ideas, fostering mutual understanding and global awareness.

Bala Sri Skanthini J M
(Japan Service-Learning Programme)



My experience in the Philippines was truly memorable and transformative. One of the most unique aspects I noticed was the strong sense of community and the warmth of the people, who were incredibly loving and welcoming. I will never forget the experience and the kindness they showed me.

Riana Peeter
(Ateneo de Manila Service-Learning Programme)



KALEIDOSCOPE

JESSIE MA'AM AND THE ART OF REBUKE



Of the many admirable qualities that Dr. Jessie possesses, her art of rebuke deserves special mention. She never loses her cool and communicates her disagreements in a professional and firm manner. I was never rebuked by her when I was her student. But while working as one of the faculty members in charge of the Arcadia Club, with Dr. Jessie as the Head (i/c), no event was conducted without me being rebuked by her at least twice.

She never raises her voice. Her words of rebuke are not manifestations of personal frustration, nor do they arise from an inability to control one's emotions. Public rebuke is something she carefully avoids. She ensures that correction never becomes a public spectacle or an embarrassment. Her words of rebuke are always shared in private, and she keeps them confidential too. She appreciates in public and rebukes in private.

I have often wondered how she manages to rebuke people without hurting them. It is certainly an art. I offer many praises to the Almighty God for granting me the

opportunity to work with her. This reflection would be incomplete if I did not mention how she never despised my amateur attempts at cooking and gave specific feedback for improvement in a very calm manner, however horrible they might have been.

Dr. HILLELA P

Assistant Professor of English

TEACHING IS ITS OWN REWARD

As far back as I can remember, thanks to the extraordinary housewife my darling mother was, I wanted to be a housewife, and, hold your breath, have three children - Susie, Lucy and Nancy! Yes, as you can see, I named them too! But God had a very different plan and purpose for my life; for each of our lives. I guess my Creator knew better than to leave me to my own devices, and that's how I landed up teaching in a college, something that never

occurred to me even in my dreams! Before I knew it, I was on the faculty in a renowned women's college in a quaint little city! How this came about is quite a story in itself which I shall reserve for another time.

I'd be lying through my teeth if I said I was ecstatic about my job, for, I knew nothing about relating to a room full of teens, let alone teach them! But this being my portion in life, I slipped into my role of a teacher, unconsciously emulating all that I had

imbibed from the great teachers I had been blessed with in my alma mater, the one and only Madras Christian College - a beautiful life experience!

My charming cosmopolitan upbringing and my 'wonder-full' years of study at MCC helped me understand and employ the concept of "relating to" as opposed to "dealing with" other people. This was what I ventured to uphold in my job, which soon became my "Calling". The learning curve for me as a teacher was as steep as it was necessary and useful. And learn, or, unlearn as the case may be, I did!

The beauty of being a teacher comes with the loss of the bliss of being a student. No two ways about it. As a student, I did not pore over my books, but once a teacher, well, now, that's a different story altogether! I quickly learnt that preparation for class is a serious affair, and that it was my responsibility to assist my dear students discover for themselves the sheer joy of learning.

And, literature being what it is - holding a mirror up to life - well, I knew that it was up to me, their teacher, to be my students' GPS as we navigate through the subtle nuances of life reflected in the different genres. 'Uncovering' a text in class can help us discover a positive or negative trait (a strength or a weakness) we never knew existed in us, and that that knowledge can help change us for the better.

Teaching, as I learnt, helps us teachers grow and develop in ways unimaginable - to take the good, bad and ugly incidents of life in our stride, to know how to give and forgive, when to hold back and when to let go. My "Calling" taught me never to take anyone or anything for granted, to make wisdom

and discernment, love, respect, understanding, and, above all, Prayer, my constant companions.

Let us not forget that we teach through and with our life more than from a book. Our dear students look up to their teacher in more ways than one. We then become, when the need arises, counselor, confidante, a listening ear, a shoulder to lean on, and at times, yes, even a punching bag! The teacher and her teaching have to consciously and continuously cultivate a congenial atmosphere for all around. I lived in such an atmosphere every day of my student life in MCC and strove to give, even if in a little way, my dear students here what I had enjoyed back then, there.

We teachers are more blessed than blessing. And no, I am not exaggerating! When we teach with all our faculties wide open, we ingest qualities that can enhance and enrich our lives too, and our interaction with others. Best of all, any open-minded teacher has the ability to absorb the goodness and cheer emanating from each of her dear students. I, for one, enjoyed going to every class of mine, leaving it thoroughly nourished in body, mind and spirit, thanks to all my dear students. Not that I did a good job in all my classes. Oh no, please don't run away with wrong idea. There were times when I found myself falling flat on my face as a teacher! Gifted with the God-given quality of sensitivity, I could feel the pulse of my class and never failed to catch that knowing look of "here lies one who died waiting for the bell to ring!" Teaching is a humbling, life-long learning experience, a Reward in itself!

Dr. BEATRICE ANNE D'COUTO (BETTY)

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தமிழ்ச்சோலை

சமூகப்பிரதிபலிப்பு ஒளிகள்

சொற்களில் சுவாசம் வீசும்!
சமூகத்தின் உணர்வைப் பறைசாற்றும்!
மனதின் வலிகளை வரிகளாக்கும்!
உன்னதர்கள் கவிஞர்கள்!
மௌனத்தின் மொழியைப் புரிந்து
மனங்களின் துயரத்தைத் தழுவி
இன்பமும் துன்பமுமான வாழ்வை
இனிமையான வரிகளாக்குபவர்!
காலம் மாறினாலும்
கவிதையின் குரல் மாறாது
மனிதத்தின் உணர்வை
மென்மையான ஒளியாக்குபவர்!
இருளில் விளக்காய் நின்று
இலக்கியத்தின் வீரியமாய்!
உண்மையை உணர்த்தும்
சமூகப்பிரதிபலிப்பு ஒளிகள்!

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பிறப்பு முதலே போராள் – பெண்

அவள் பிறந்ததாலே,
வீட்டில் எழுந்தது
ஒருகேள்வி – “மகள் தானா?”
ஆனால் அவள் சிரிப்பு
அனைத்து பயங்களையும் கரைக்கிறது.
அவள் நடந்தால்,
“சிலைக்குக் கால்கள் வந்தன போல”
அவள் பேசினால்,
“அழகு, அமைதியாக இருந்தால் போதும்”
என்று உலகம் வரையறுத்து விடுகிறது.

ஆனால் அவள் மௌனம் உடைந்தவுடன்,
கனலும் கோதுமைபோல
வீசுகிறது அவளின் சொல்...
அனைவரின் நெஞ்சம் பதறும்,
ஏனெனில் அவள் வினாகேட்கிறாள்,
பதில் கேட்கவில்லை!

அவள் அழகா?
அவள் பலமா?
அவள் பாசமா?
அவள் கோபமா?
அவள் எல்லாவுமாக.
அவளை வரையறுக்காத உலகம் தான் சிறிது!

இன்று அவள் எழுதுகிறாள்,
தன் பெயரை மட்டும் அல்ல,
தன் உரிமையையும்!
தோளில் தோள் சேர்க்கும் ஆண்மையை
விரும்புகிறாள்,
தோளில் சுமக்கும் ஆண்களை அல்ல.
அவள் ஒரு பாலினம் அல்ல...
ஒரு பரிணாமம்.
எதிர்காலத்தை மாற்றும்
பெண்சக்தி!

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உலகை வென்றவன் எவனும் இல்லை

ஒரு சமயம் வெட்டவெளியில் படுத்து இருந்தார் ஞானி. அப்போது அங்கே அவர் முன் குதிரையில் வந்து இறங்கினான் மாவீரன் அலெக்சாண்டர். ஞானியின் புகழைப் பற்றிக் கேள்விப்பட்டு, அவரைக் காண்பதற்காக நேரில் வந்திருந்தான் அலெக்சாண்டர்.

அலெக்சாண்டரைக் கண்டதும் "யார்" என்ற பாவனையுடன் அவனைப் பார்த்தார் ஞானி. ஞானியின் பாவனையின் அர்த்தத்தைப் புரிந்துகொண்ட அலெக்சாண்டர்,

"நான் உலகம் முழுவதையும் வென்ற மாவீரன் அலெக்சாண்டர்" என்று கூறினான். ஞானி சிரித்தார். பின் அலெக்சாண்டரைப் பார்த்து,

"நீ ஒரு மாவீரனாக இருக்கிறாய். ஆனால், சாதாரண அறிவு கூட உம்மிடம் இல்லை. நீ பேசுவதே அதற்கு நல்ல சான்று" என்று ஞானி கூறினார்.

"என்ன இப்படிச் சொல்கிறீர்கள்" என்று ஞானியைப் பார்த்துக் கேட்டான் அலெக்சாண்டர்.

"வீரனே சொல்கிறேன் கேள். இந்த உலகை வென்றவன் எவனும் இல்லை" என்று கூறினார் ஞானியார்.

"இந்த இந்தியாவை நான் வெற்றி கொண்டுள்ளேன். இது உங்களுக்குத் தெரியாதா" என்று அலெக்சாண்டர் ஞானியிடம் கேட்டான். அலெக்சாண்டர் கூறியதைக் கேட்டு ஞானி மீண்டும் சிரித்தார். தமது மான்தோலை அவனிடம் கொடுத்தார்.

"மான் தோலை என்னிடம் கொடுக்கிறீர். இதை நான் என்ன செய்யவேண்டும்" என்று கேட்டான் அலெக்சாண்டர்.

"இந்த மான் தோலை விரித்துப் போட்டு அதன் மேல் உட்கார்" என்று அலெக்சாண்டரிடம் கூறினார் ஞானி. மான் தோலை விரித்து அதன் மீது அலெக்சாண்டர் உட்கார்ந்தான்.

ஓரூ நிமிடங்கள் கழிந்தன. அலெக்சாண்டரைப் பார்த்து,

"எழுந்திரு" என்று கூறினார் ஞானியார். அவன் எழுந்ததுமே மான் தோல்விரிப்பு பழையபடி சுருண்டுகொண்டது. ஞானி அலெக்சாண்டரிடம், பார்த்தாயா நீ மான் தோலை விரித்து அதில் அமர்ந்து கொண்டாய். ஆனால் நீ, எழுந்தவுடன் அது சுருண்டுகொண்டது. நீ படையுடன் வந்தாய்.

நாடுகள் உனக்குப் பணிந்தன. அதனை உனது வெற்றி என்று எண்ணிக் கொண்டாய். ஆனால் நீ அந்த நாடுகளை விட்டுப் போனதும் பழையபடி அவை நிமிர்ந்துவிடும்." என்று கூறினார் ஞானி. ஞானியார் இவ்வாறு கூறியதைக் கேட்ட அலெக்சாண்டர் அவரைப் புதிராகப் பார்த்தான். அவரை மேலும் கீழும் நோக்கினான். ஞானி அலெக்சாண்டரைப் பார்த்து அன்புடன் இவ்வாறு கூறலானார்:

"அலெக்சாண்டரே கவனமாகக் கேள். நதியானது பிரவாகமாகப் பெருக்கெடுத்து ஓடும். ஆனால், அதில் உனக்குத் தேவை ஒரு விழுங்குதான், அதாவது ஒரு மொடக்குத்தான். கை நிறைய அள்ளிக்குடி. அதில் தவறேதுமில்லை. ஆனால், ஒட்டு மொத்த நதியையும் உனது என்று சொந்தம் கொண்டாடாதே. பாத்திரம் நிறைய நீரை ஊற்றலாம். பாத்திரம் நிரம்பிய பின்னும் அதில் நீரை ஊற்றினால் அந்த நீர் வீணில் கீழே தான் வழிந்து ஓடும். களஞ்சியம் பூராவும் நெல் கொட்டிக் கிடக்கிறது என்று வைத்துக் கொள். ஆனால் உண்ணப் போவது ஒருபிடி தானே அரண்மனை முழுதும் ஆடைகள் இருப்பினும் நீ அணியப் போவது ஒரு ஆடையைத் தானே! உலகம் முழுவதும் நிலம் இருப்பினும் கடைசியில் நீ உறங்கப் போவது ஆறடியில் தானே உனது பொக்கிஷம் முழுவதும் தங்கம் நிரம்பி இருப்பினும், அது உன்னைக் காக்கவில்லை. நீதான் அதனைக் காத்துக் கொண்டு இருக்கிறாய்" என்று அடி மனதில் படுப்படி ஞானியார் விளக்கமாகக் கூறினார்.

இவ்வளவு தூரம் ஞானியார் விளக்கமாக எடுத்துக் கூறியும், அலெக்சாண்டரால் எதையும் புரிந்து கொள்ள முடியவில்லை. மனக் குழப்பத்துடன் அந்த இடத்தை விட்டு அகன்றான். மரணத்தருவாயில் தான் அவனுக்கு ஞானம் ஏற்பட்டது. அவன் தனது தளபதிகளை அழைத்து, தான் இறந்தபின் சவப்பெட்டியில் தன் உடலை வைக்கும் போது தன் இரண்டு கைகளையும் வெளியே தெரியும்படி வைக்கவேண்டும் என்று கட்டளையிட்டான்.

அலெக்சாண்டர் ஏன் இவ்வாறு கட்டளையிட்டான் என்றால், "உலகையே வென்றதாகக் கருதப்பட்டவன் வெறும் கையுடன் தான் போகிறான் என்பது அனைவருக்கும் தெரியட்டுமே" என்பதற்காகத்தான்.

எனவே, நிறைய செல்வம், உயர்ப்பதவி, கூடவே ஆணவம் இவை அழிவை மட்டுமே கொண்டுவரும்.

அதனால், நம்மால் முடிந்ததைப் பாடுபட்டுச் சம்பாதிக்க வேண்டும். அதே சமயம், அதே புகழுடன் விலகிவிட வேண்டும். உலகம் நமக்காக இல்லை. நாம் தான் உலகுக்காகப் படைக்கப்பட்டோம். பூமி நம்மில் பிறக்கவில்லை: நாம் தான் பூமியில் பிறந்துள்ளோம் என்று உணர்ந்தவர்கள் தான் தம் கடமையைப் பூர்த்தி செய்து அழியாப் புகழுடன் வரலாற்றில் நிலைத்து நிற்கின்றனர்.

ஸ்ரணிஷா ஜெப்ரீன் R
21MAT055

எழு

தூங்கும் விழிகளுக்குத் தூரம் அதிகம்
துணிந்த விழிகளுக்குத் துயரம் குறைவு!
விழுந்த இடமெல்லாம் முடிவல்ல
மீண்டும் முளைப்பதற்கான முகவரி!
சிறகு உதிர்ந்தால் வருந்தாதே!
வானம் இன்னும் மிச்சமிருக்கிறது!
வேர் அறுந்தால் கலங்காதே,
விண்மீன் உனக்குக் காத்திருக்கிறது!
உன்னைச் செதுக்கும் வலிகள் எல்லாம்,
உன் சரித்திரத்தின் வரிகள்!
தடைகளை உடைக்கத் தயங்காதே...
நீ நெருப்பு - உன்னை
அணைக்கப் போதாது ஒருகடல்!
எழு! வெற்றி உன் வசமாகட்டும்!

ராஜ ராஜேஷ்வரி S
24COM052

நானும் என் கலையும்

நெற்றித் திலகம் ஒளியூட்ட,
நாணம் நிறைந்த விழிபேசு,
சிலம்பின் ஒலியில் சக்தி மலர,
மேடையில் தேவியே உருவாகிறாள்.
கரங்களில் கலைபிறக்க,
அங்க அசைவில் அருள் பொங்க,
பெண்ணின் பாதம்
தரையைத் தொடும் போது,
பரதநாட்டியம் தெய்வமாகும்!!!

தேவபுரீ V
25COBE007



ILAMATHI U
24ENGE007

தமிழ்

247 எழுத்துகள் இருந்தும் உனை
வருணிக்க அவை போதவில்லையே!
சமஸ்கிருதம் பழமையான மொழியெனில் -
அதற்கு முன்பே குமரிக்கண்டத்தில்
பேசப்பட்ட எம்மொழி செம்மொழி.
உன்னை தமிழ்த் தாயெனப்
பெண்ணுடன் ஒப்பிடுவதே சிறப்பு,
உன் தலைமுடி அனைத்தும்
உன் கிளை மொழிகள்.
உன் நெற்றிப் பொட்டோ உனக்குப்
புதுமை பல புகுத்திய மகாகவி பாரதி.
தமிழ்ச் செய்யுள்கள் அனைத்தும்
உன் அணிகலன்கள்.
எட்டுத்திக்கும் பறக்கும் உன் கூந்தலோ
சிதறிக்கிடக்கும் உன் புகழின் குறியீடு.
சிறப்புகள் பலபெற்ற இத்தமிழைத்
தாய்மொழியாகக் கொண்டதே எம் பெருமை!

நித்யா நேத்ரா T
24ENG043

கடந்து வந்த பாதை

(டோக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரியின் வரலாற்றையும்
கேட்டி வில்காக்ஸ் அவர்களின் பெருமையையும்
உணர்த்தும் நோக்கில் இயற்றப்பட்ட ஒரு கவிதை)

தட்டிக்கூரைகளால் தொடங்கிய உறவு!
தடைகளைத் தாண்டி உயர்ந்தது!
வீட்டிலிருந்த பெண்களை
வெளியுலகிற்குக் காட்டியது!
கேட்டி வில்காக்சின் முயற்சியால்
டோக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரி பிறந்தது!
பாரதி, காமராசரின் கனவு பலித்தது!
அமெரிக்காவில் இருந்து
கீழ்த்திசையின் ஏதென்ஸாக கேட்டி!
பெண்களுக்குக் கல்வி வழங்குவதே
அவருடைய அம்பின் ஈட்டி!
வீடு வீடாகச் சென்று
மாணவிகளைத் துணிவுடன் திரட்டி
தூங்காநகரில் அறிவுவிளக்கு
ஏற்றினார் வில்காக்ஸ் பிராட்டி!
நூறுக்கும் குறைந்த மாணவிகளுடன்
தொடங்கிய முயற்சி! - இன்று
நாலாயிரத்திற்கும் மேலான
மாணவிகளைப் பெற்றதே அதன் வளர்ச்சி!
மதுரையின் முதல் பெண்கள் கல்லூரி
எனும் பெருமை பெற்றது இந்நிறுவனம்!
உண்மையையும் மேன்மையையும்
பொருந்தியது இதன் நறுமணம்!
எம் கல்லூரி கடந்து வந்த பாதை! இதுவே,
இதன் புகழைப் பாடப் போதாது ஓராயிரம் காதை!
இப்புரட்சிப் படைப்பின் தாய் வில்காக்ஸ் மேதை!
இறைவனின் ஆசியால் என்றும் நம்பிக்கையின்
ஊற்றாய் விளங்கும் இக்கதை!

கௌசல்யா K
24ENG029

என் நினைவில் என்றும் மறவாஎன் கல்லூரி

பள்ளி என்ற கருவறையில்
இருந்து வந்த என்னை!
கல்லூரி என்ற அன்னை
என்னை வளர்த்து எடுத்தாள்!
மண்ணுக்குள் விதையாக இருந்த எனக்கு
அறிவின் மழையைப் பொழிந்து
என் கனவுகளை முளைக்கச் செய்து
நம்பிக்கை என்னும் சூரியனைக் கொடுத்து
என்னைப் பசுமை வாய்ந்த
மரமாக்கியது என் கல்லூரி!
எனக்குள் இருந்த திறமைகளை
வெளிக்கொண்டு வந்தது
என் கல்லூரி!
வெறும் பாறையாக இருந்த என்னைக்
கல்வியெனும் உளியால் செதுக்கிய சிற்பி
என் கல்லூரி!
என் நினைவில் என்றும் மறவா என் கல்லூரி!

பாவனா S
23TAM004



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“மதிப்பை அறிந்த நாள்”

ஒரு சிறிய கிராமத்தில் அருண் என்ற சிறுவன் இருந்தான். அவனிடம் இருந்த ஒரு கல் மிகவும் சாதாரணமாகத் தோன்றியது. அருண் அதை எல்லோரிடமும் காட்டினான். முதலில், ஒரு தோட்டக்காரர் பார்த்து, “இது எனக்குப் பயன் இல்ல. பத்து ரூபாய்க்கு வாங்கலாம்,” என்றார்.

அருண் அதை ஒருநகைக் கடையில் காட்டினான். அங்கே இருந்த நகைவியாபாரி அதைக் கண்டு ஆச்சரியப்பட்டார். “இந்தக்கல் சாதாரணமில்லை! இதுமிகவும் அரியரத்தினம். நான் இதற்கு ஒரு லட்சம் ரூபாய் குடுக்கலாம்!” என்றார்.

அருணுக்கு அதிர்ச்சியாயிற்று. அதே கல், ஆனால் இரண்டு பேருக்குப் வேற வித மதிப்பு. அருண் அப்போது புரிந்துக் கொண்டான்: “உன் மதிப்பை எல்லாரும் புரிஞ்சுக்க மாட்டாங்க. ஆனால் சரியான மனிதர் பார்க்கும் போது தான் உன் உண்மையான மதிப்பு தெரியும்.”

மழை

அழகிய மாளிகை அது, அங்கிருந்து கொண்டு
கண்ணாடியோடு நான் காண்கிறேன் எழில்மிகு
மழையை!
சிறிய ஓட்டு(டை) வீடு அது, அங்கிருந்து கொண்டு
வீட்டிற்குள்ளேயே நான் காண்கிறேன் எமகாதக
மழையை!

இறக்கும் வரை பிறப்பதில்லை

கோபம் பிறப்பதில்லை பொறுமை இறக்கும் வரை!
தோல்வி பிறப்பதில்லை முயற்சி இறக்கும் வரை!
தனிமை பிறப்பதில்லை அன்பு இறக்கும் வரை!
வன்மம் பிறப்பதில்லை மனிதம் இறக்கும் வரை!
தீயவை பிறப்பதேயில்லை நல்லவை இறக்கும் வரை!

தனலட்சுமி S
25ECE014

பள்ளிக்கூடம்: கடந்தகால நினைவுச் சின்னம்!

பள்ளிக்கூடம் - நம்
வாழ்வின் கலைக்கூடம்!
பேதைகளை மேதைகளாக
மாற்றும் அறிவுக்கூடம்!
பள்ளிக்கூடம் - நம்
வாழ்வின் அன்றாடம்
சிலையாய் நம்மைச் செதுக்கி
நல்லகலையாய் ஆக்கும்!
பள்ளி - அதுவே
அறிவின் தொடக்கப் புள்ளி!
ஒழுக்கத்தை எடுத்துச் சொல்லி
மேதை ஆக்கும் நம்மை!
கேள்விச் செல்வம் கிட்டும் இல்லம்
கல்விச் செல்வத்தின் இருப்பிடம்!
ஒழுக்கச் செல்வத்தின் வாழிடம்!
அதுவே நம் பள்ளிக்கூடம்!
பள்ளி - ஞானத்தின் ஊற்று!
ஒழுக்கத்தின் சாற்று!
இறைவனைப் போற்று - அவன்
அருளைப் பெற்று
புகழ்மிக்க மனிதனாக உலகைச் சுற்று!
உலகம் உன்னைப் பார்க்கும் உற்று!
பிறகு நீ ஓய்வெடு சற்று!
ஒழுக்கத்தைக் கூறும்
பள்ளியிடமிருந்து கற்று
சிறப்புமிக்க மனிதனாகத்
திகழ் வெற்றி பெற்று!

ரஃபீதா M
24ENG045



RITHIKA S.
24MAT043

மன்னிப்புக் கடிதம்

உனது எதிர் பாலினமான நான்
உன்னை எதிர்த்த ஆண்
எழுதும் மன்னிப்புக் கடிதம்!
உனது பிறப்பை வெறுத்ததற்கு
உனது உயிரைப் பறிக்க நினைத்ததற்கு
மன்னிப்பு வேண்டுகிறேன்!
உன்னைச் சமையல் அறையில் அடக்கி
சாஸ்திரங்களின் பெயரால் முடக்கி
உனது சாதனைகளை ஒடுக்கி
உன்னை ஏளனம் செய்து
ஏட்டைத் தொடவிடாமலும் செய்த
பாவிகள் நாங்கள்!
பொட்டின் அளவுமுதல் கூந்தலின் நீளம்வரை
சிரிப்பின் சத்தம்முதல் உடையின் நிறம்வரை
எல்லாவற்றிலும் எல்லைக் கோட்டோம்!
அன்னம் அளித்த கைகளை
அரைவயிற்றுடன் உறங்கச் செய்தோம்!
அராஜகம் செய்தோம்! அடிமைப்படுத்தினோம்!
உங்களின் அடையாளம் ஆண் தான் என்றோம்!
உங்கள் உணர்வுகளை அறிய மறுத்தோம்!
மன்னிப்பு வேண்டுகிறோம்!
மாற்றத்தை நிகழ்த்துவோம்!
இப்பொழுது உணர்கிறேன்
உரக்கச் சொல்கிறேன்!
ஆணுக்கு இணைபெண் அல்லர்!
எப்பொழுதும்
ஆணுக்கு ஒருபடி மேல் பெண்ணே!

ஆல்டெர்சி பெர்டினாண்டு V
24ZO0001

ஆண்மையின் அர்த்தம்

நிதிவேண்டாம் நீதிவேண்டும்
தாமதம் வேண்டாம் தண்டனை வேண்டும்
சமாதானம் வேண்டாம் சகமனிதம் வேண்டும்.
கற்பை வெல்வதில் ஆண்மை வேண்டாம்.
காமப் பார்வையில் ஆண்மை வேண்டாம்;
மனிதத்தில் ஆண்மை வேண்டும்.
மனதைப் புரிதலில் ஆண்மை வேண்டும்.
உறுதுணையாக இருப்பதில் வீரம் வேண்டும்.
கண்ணியப் பார்வையில் ஆண்மை வேண்டும்.

வேல்விழி S
23TAM030

கல்லூரியே அஞ்சயமாக!

எண்ணில் அடங்கா வெற்றிப்பயணம் மேற்கொண்டு
தன் சாதனை சரித்திரத்தை நீளமாக்கியதால்
எமது கல்லூரியும் சீனப்பெருஞ்சுவர் தான்!

தரமான கல்வியை எளிய முறையில் கற்பித்து
சாதாரண மாணவியரையும் சாதனை மாணவியராக்கி,
சிகரத்தைத் தொட்டதனால் எமது கல்லூரியும்
எவரெஸ்ட் சிகரம் தான்!

நேர்மையாகக் கிடைக்கும் வெற்றியே நிலையானது
எனக் கற்றுக் கொடுத்த எமது கல்லூரி
ரோமாபுரிச் சட்டமன்றம் தான்!

மகளிர் அறிவு குடும்ப உயர்வு எனும்
தாரக மந்திரத்தை நிலை நிறுத்திய
எம் கல்லூரி தென்னாட்டின்
தாஜ்மஹால் தான்!

சமூக ஏற்றத்தாழ்வுகளை நீக்கி
அனைவருக்கும் கல்வியின்பால் மீட்பளித்த
எம் கல்லூரி மீட்பரான இயேசு தான்!

நல்லதே செய் எனும் நல்லுணர்வைப்
பைந்தமிழ் பூக்களில் பரவவிட்டதால்
எம் கல்லூரி பாபிலோன் தோட்டம் தான்!

முததமிழ் வளர்த்த மதுரை மாநகரில்
அளப்பரிய சாதனை உச்சமாக உருவெடுத்த
எம் கல்லூரி ஈபில் டவர் தான்!

அராபின்பானு Y
24PCHE11



JENEFA PADMA SARAL J
25ZO0016

காற்றின் கூற்று

உங்கள் பூக்களில் நானேவசந்தம் !
முங்கிலின் துளைகளுள் மெல்லிசையும் நானே.
தெற்கிலிருந்து தோன்றினேன்
தென்றல் என்றீர்கள் !
வடக்கிலிருந்து வெளிப்பட்டேன்
வாடை என்றீர்கள் !
கிழக்கிலிருந்து கிளம்பினேன்
கொண்டல் என்றீர்கள் !
என் திசையறிந்து பெயரிட்டமைக்கு
திகைத்து நகைத்தேன்.

அனிமாயீட்டர் கொண்டு
என் வேகத்தின் அளவுகண்டு,
புயலென்றும் சூறாவளி என்றும் வகைப்படுத்தினீர் !
வியப்போடு ரசித்திருந்தேன்.

விஞ்ஞானம் வளர்ச்சிகண்டீர் !
தொழில் நுட்பம் நூறுகண்டீர் !
அதன் விளைவாய்
ஏவுகணை சோதித்த புழுதிப்புகை
வாகனங்களின் டீசல் புகை
தொழிற்சாலையின் கழிவுப்புகை !
அய்யகோ ! என் கண்ணாடிமேனிக்கு
கரியமிலம் ஆகாதே !
போகி என்ற பெயரில் பழையன எரித்தீர் !
நரகாசுரனைக் கொழுத்த பட்டாசு வெடித்தீர் !
கொண்டாட்டமென்று சொல்லித் துள்ளிக் குதிக்காதீர் !
திண்டாட்டப்படுவீர்கள் ! மூச்சுவிடவும் திணருவீர்கள் !

நினைவில் நிறுத்துங்கள்
காற்றுமண்டலம் தான் என்றும் கவசம் பூமிக்கு !
கதிரவனின் கொடுங்கதிற்களை வடிகட்ட
ஓசோன் வேண்டாமா ?
காற்றழுத்தம் இல்லையெனில்
மழையில்லை அவனிக்கு !

இன்று நல்லதண்ணீரை
விலை கொடுத்து வாங்கும் நாம்
சுவாசிக்கும் காற்றையும்
வாங்கித் தயாரா ?
பிராணவாயு என்பது உயிருள்ளபோது
சுவாசிக்க மட்டுமல்ல !
இறந்த பின் உங்கள் சடலங்களை
எரிக்கவும் தான் !

முனைவர் நா. தூரிகை

உதவிப்பேராசிரியர், தாவரவியல் துறை

அவளுக்கென்று ஓரிடம்!

பிடித்ததைப் படிக்க
நினைத்ததை முடிக்க
அயர்ந்து உறங்க
ஆற அமர கண் விழிக்க
அழுது புலம்ப
தெளிந்து திரும்ப
அவசியம் வேண்டும் !
அவளுக்கென்று ஓரிடம் !
ஆம் !
அவள் அவளாக இருக்க
அவசியம் வேண்டும் .
அவளுக்கென்று ஓரிடம் !

முனைவர் பி. தனலட்சுமி

உதவிப்பேராசிரியர், தமிழ்த்துறை

அப்பா !!!

தன்னலமில்லா அன்பு !
தன்னிலும் மேலாய் நேசிக்கும் பண்பு !
தூரத்தில் இருந்தாலும் அருகில் இருந்தாலும்
எண்ணத்திலும் நினைவிலும் அணுக்கமாய் வாழும்
தாய்மையின் அடையாளம்தான் அப்பா !
பிள்ளையின் வாழ்விற்காய்,
தம் வாழ்வைக் கரைத்தாய் உப்பாய் !
தம் பிள்ளையின் அடையாளத்துக்காய் !
வழிகாட்டும் கலங்கரைவிளக்காய் !
கடமைஆற்றிபலன் எதிர்பாராது
ஓடாய் தேயும் உழைப்பாளியாய் - இவர் !
எவ்வூர் சென்றாலும்
பிள்ளைகளுக்குப் பிடித்த உணவை
மறக்காமல் வாங்கி வந்து நடுநிசியானாலும்
உண்ண வைத்து மகிழ்வாய் !
அல்லன கடிந்து நல்லன சொல்லும் ஆசானாய்,
எல்லாக் காலத்திலும் உடனிருக்கும் உடன்பிறப்பாய்,
பன்முகத்தின் ஒருருவாய்
நமக்காய் நமக்காக மட்டும்
யாதுமானவராய் வாழும் உறவே !
இறை கொடுத்த வரமே !
அப்பா அப்பா அப்பா !!!

முனைவர் பொ. ஸ்டெல்லா ஜீஜீபாய்

உதவிப்பேராசிரியர், தமிழ்த்துறை

என் அம்மாவின் பயணம்

ஒரு காலத்தில், ஒரு விதை மண்ணில் ஆழமாகப் புதைக்கப்பட்டது. அதற்கு வெளிச்சமும் கிடைக்கவில்லை, தண்ணீரும் சரியாகக் கிடைக்கவில்லை. “நீ இங்கேயே இருக்க வேண்டும், மேலே வரக்கூடாது” என்று சொல்லும் சூழ்நிலைகளே அதைச் சுற்றி இருந்தன. அந்த விதைதான் என் அம்மா. சின்ன வயதிலேயே அவளுக்குக் கல்வி கிடைக்கவில்லை. கனவுகள் இருக்கக்கூடாது என்ற மாதிரி, அவளைத் திருமணம் செய்து அனுப்பிவிட்டார்கள். அங்கே காதலும் இல்லை, ஆதரவுமில்லை. வாழ்க்கை அவளுக்கு ஒரு பாடமாக இல்லை. அது முழுக்க ஒரு போராட்டமாகவே இருந்தது. நாளை எப்படி கடக்கப்போறோம் என்றே தெரியாமல், அவள் நாலு குழந்தைகளைச் சுமந்து, வளர்த்து, தன் ஆசைகளை மனசுக்குள்ளேயே அடக்கி வைத்தாள். தனக்காக ஒரு நிமிடம் கூட வாழாமல், குழந்தைகளின் நல்ல வாழ்க்கை தான் அவளின் ஒரே கனவாக இருந்தது.

ஆனால் அந்த விதைக்குள்ளே ஒரு ஆசை இருந்தது. ஒரு நாள் ஆசிரியையாக வேண்டும் என்ற கனவு. பல வருடங்களுக்குப் பிறகு, அவள் வாழ்க்கையில் ஒரு சின்ன வெளிச்சம் வந்தது. அந்த வெளிச்சம் அவளுடைய குழந்தைகள் தான். “அம்மா,

நீங்க படிக்கலாம்; நாங்க உங்களோட சேர்ந்து வரோம்” என்று அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். அம்மா மட்டும் இல்லாமல், குழந்தைகளும் அவளோட வகுப்பறைக்குப் போனார்கள். சமையலையும் வேலையையும் சுமந்த கைகள், இப்போது புத்தகங்களைச் சுமந்தன. கண்களில் தூக்கம் இல்லை. உள்ளத்தில் மட்டும் உறுதி இருந்தது. வயசு தடையாகவில்லை, கஷ்டங்கள் தடையாகவில்லை, சமூகத்தின் பார்வையும் அவளைத் தடுக்கவில்லை.

பலமுறை விழுந்தாலும், மீண்டும் எழுந்து முயற்சி செய்தாள். நீண்ட நாட்களாக மண்ணுக்குள் புதைந்திருந்த அந்த விதை, ஒருநாள் அழகாக மலர்ந்தது. ஒரு நல்ல நிறுவனத்தில் ஆசிரியையாக நியமனம் பெற்ற நாள், அது அவளுக்கு மட்டும் இல்லை. அவளுடைய குழந்தைகளுக்கும் ஒரு வெற்றி நாளாக அமைந்தது. அப்போது தான் எல்லாருக்கும் புரிந்தது. தாமதமாக மலரும்பூ கூட, அழகில் ஒருபோதும் குறையாது. “ஒரு பெண்ணின் கனவு தாமதமாகத் தொடங்கலாம். ஆனால் தைரியம் இருந்தால், அது நிச்சயம் நிஜமாகும்.”

சரண்யா துர்கா K

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அம்மா

அறிவால் ஆள்பவள்,
ஆதரவாய் நிற்பவள்,
இன்பத்தைக் கொடுப்பவள்,
ஈகையைக் கற்பித்தவள்,
உண்மையாய் உழைப்பவள்,
ஊனை வருத்துபவள்,
எதிர்பார்ப்பு இல்லாதவள்,
ஏக்கம் தீர்ப்பவள்,
ஐயம் போக்குபவள்,
ஒப்பற்றகுணமுடையவள்,
ஓயாத அன்புடையவள்,
ஒளடதமானவள்.

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MIND ART

THE DAY SHE SPOKE!

Meera learned early how to be invisible. In school, teachers praised the loud ones and classmates followed the fearless. Meera watched from the side, believing that confidence belonged to other people, people who never stumbled over words or second-guessed their worth. College did not change that belief. She attended classes, sat by the window, and wrote notes no one would read. Her ideas stayed trapped in her notebook, safe and unseen. When group discussions began, her heart raced, but her silence always arrived first.

One afternoon, a literature professor announced a storytelling competition. Participation was optional. Applause echoed in the classroom, but Meera felt only dread. She loved stories, yet the thought of sharing one felt like stepping into harsh light. That night, Meera opened her notebook and read her old writings. The words were honest. Gentle. Alive. She wondered why she trusted paper more than herself. For the first time, she asked a quiet question: "What if I stop hiding from my own voice?"

The day of the competition arrived. Meera's hands shook as she walked to the podium. Her voice was soft, but the story was strong. It spoke of fear, of learning to stand alone, of choosing kindness toward oneself. The room fell silent, not out of judgment, but attention. When she finished, the applause came. It was warm, but distant.

The real change happened later, when Meera returned to her seat. She realized she no longer needed the claps to feel whole. She had spoken. She had stayed. From that day on, Meera did not become fearless; she became honest. And slowly, that honesty grew into confidence.

Not loud.

Not perfect.

Just real.

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GOD'S PRESENT

You receive birthday presents from your first birthday,
But God gave it way before,
On the day you were out of the womb.
It was a mystery wrapped in an unfathomable package,
That can't be unwrapped just like that,
You unwrap it bit by bit, moment by moment.
With every unwrap, a new face reveals.
Sometimes, it drowns you in the depths of sorrow,
And at times, it takes you over the moon,
Once the package completely unwraps,
And you try to comprehend it,
You realise that you are no more.
Yes, that is life!

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KAMBAN AND SHAKESPEARE: TIMELESS LITERARY VOICES

“Great minds think alike.” Though separated by language, culture, and time, Kamban and William Shakespeare stand together as unparalleled poets whose works reflect lofty thoughts and universal human values. Their writings overflow with profound ideas on love, fate, morality, and human character, making them timeless voices of humanity.

One important area of comparison is scene construction. Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet* is globally renowned for the balcony scene, which captures youthful love through poetic intensity. A comparable scene appears in Kamban’s *Ramayana*, where Sita first sees Rama in Mithila. Without elaborate dialogue, Kamban conveys love through exchanged glances filled with emotion. Shakespeare

similarly elevates love through imagery, as Romeo describes Juliet’s beauty as brighter than daylight. In both poets, love is spiritualised and made universal through artistic scene-building.

Another major life principle explored by both poets is fate. Kamban presents this idea through Lakshmana, who initially claims that human effort can guide fate. However, during the golden deer incident, Lakshmana realises that he cannot overcome destiny, echoing the belief that human will is limited. This idea closely resembles Shakespeare’s *King Lear*, where Gloucester compares humans to flies and the gods to cruel boys who destroy them for sport. Both poets portray fate as an overwhelming force that humbles human pride.

The poets also excel in characterisation, especially in showing how noble minds can be corrupted by evil counsel. In Kamban’s epic, Kaikeyi, once a loving and virtuous mother to Rama, is poisoned by Manthara’s deceit, leading to Rama’s exile. Likewise, in Shakespeare’s *Othello*, the noble general Othello is manipulated by Iago, whose lies turn love into destructive jealousy. Both poets show how trust, when misplaced, leads to tragic downfall.

After the war between Rama and Ravana, Ravana lay dead on the battlefield not because he lacked strength or courage, but because he was defeated by his uncontrolled desire for Sita. Kamban shows that even the greatest hero can fall when he becomes a slave to passion. Ravana, who had conquered many warriors, was ultimately destroyed by his improper lust, which clouded his judgment and led to his downfall. A similar idea appears in Shakespeare’s *Antony and Cleopatra*, where Antony, a brave Roman general, loses his sense of duty after falling in love with Cleopatra. His excessive passion weakens him and finally brings about his ruin. Thus, both Kamban and Shakespeare portray how unchecked desire can destroy even the mightiest heroes.

Rama, after helping Sugriva regain his kingdom by defeating Vali, explains the principles of



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justice that a king must follow, emphasising that causing suffering to others, whether knowingly or unknowingly, will inevitably return as suffering in one's own life. He cites his own experience, saying that he endured many hardships because he had unknowingly caused pain to Manthara in his childhood. A similar idea appears in *The Merchant of Venice* through Antonio, who, though generous, repeatedly insulted and humiliated Shylock. When Bassanio needed money, Shylock lent it on the condition of a pound of Antonio's flesh if the loan was unpaid. When Antonio failed to repay, Shylock refused further money, driven by resentment born

of Antonio's cruelty. Thus, the episode shows that injustice and insults inflicted on others can bring severe consequences later.

Thus, Kamban and Shakespeare, though different in language and tradition, speak with one voice. Their vision transcends national boundaries and centuries. Like the confluence of two oceans, their works inspire awe in every reader. With their mastery of language, Kamban and Shakespeare remain the uncrowned kings of world literature, unforgettable to all who experience true literary pleasure.

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THE WORLD BEHIND HER EYES

In a world that is much different from ours lived a girl. In her world, light was a foreign concept. Colors were unheard of. Imagine the grave hours of night where the darkness was almost tangible; that was her world. In her world, since it was so dark, it was not unusual for people to go blind over the years. But curiously enough, no one was born blind.

The girl grew up seeing such a world. She also had a strange friend. Her friend always talked and behaved so strangely that the girl almost felt as if they were living in different worlds. But the girl never paid her much attention, as she was very comfortable in the darkness.

One fine day, as the girl managed to walk around with the help of a cane, she found something unexpected. She saw something glinting on the ground. The sight was so foreign that she thought she was hallucinating. The girl looked around and hurried to pick up the object. One side of the thing was hard and rough, and the other side was slippery and cool. She hid the object in her bag and went home. She promised herself to never tell others about her finding so that they wouldn't take it from her.

She then began studying the object. No matter how hard she tried, she could not find anything about it. When brought outside, the object would shimmer only at a certain angle. The girl became almost desperate to discover the truth about her mysterious item. Still, she was adamant about being

the one to solve the mystery, so she kept it a secret. She spent days and days on it. She slowly realized that the object glinted only outside, and only during a particular period of time.

Finally, her curiosity won out, and she told her friend about the object. Her friend also became curious and agreed to visit her house to see it. The girl showed her friend the object proudly, expecting



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surprise and confusion. Instead of the ineffable reaction she hoped for, her friend was far from impressed.

“What’s so surprising about a mirror that you must drag me to your home?” her friend asked, frowning.

“What do you mean? What’s a mirror?” the girl asked, baffled.

“Are you kidding me? A mirror is what you’re holding in your hand. It is an object that reflects light and shows you your face,” the friend replied, thoroughly unimpressed.

“M-My face?” the girl asked, stupefied, as she held the mirror straight and gasped when she saw her reflection for the first time. Suddenly, almost as if by magic, everything around her gained color and light. She shut her eyes tight to protect herself from the clashing brightness. She could barely see anything, but for the first time it was not because of the lack of light. It hurt her too much to even open her eyes, but strangely, she felt a wave of relief crashing over her. She could see her world clearly. She was speechless.

“W-What is happening? Why is everything changing? Oh my, are you seeing this?” she asked her friend.

“What is happening? Nothing. You are just being dumb. Next time, bother me with something that is actually important,” replied the friend, walking away unconcerned.

The girl sat there, barely comprehending anything. After some time, she realized that the sun had always been there. The world was not dark as she had believed. Only she had been blindfolded. She had been blind because her parents had been blindfolded too. She came to understand that most people in her world could not see the light because they never thought of anything beyond the darkness. They never wanted anything else. They made themselves comfortable in it until it eventually blinded them.

Her friend could see the light because she was neither blindfolded nor satisfied with the darkness. The girl could only see her face in the mirror when her friend told her to because that was the moment she considered the possibility of seeing something other than the utter darkness that usually stared

back at her. She finally understood all the things her peculiar friend had talked about.

The girl let out a long sigh of relief, as she now knew for sure that she wouldn’t go blind with her ignorance and nescience. Because in their world, too, the sun exists. Her people’s blindness wasn’t environmental; it was ideological.

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AUTUMN SUCCEEDS SUMMER

Whirling wind blew my hope away
Bored of my lamentful sway
Knowing not to stay
I walked not knowing the way
Seeing the detached leaves decay
Half the way my emotions play
A game that would slay.

The summer was a fay
Giving love and warmth a tray
Take me back with thee, I pray
The sky was painted grey
When my binoculars were in disarray.

The stars gulped my misery
Hurried me to get past the treachery
Which seemed to me a mystery
Unaware of other traveller’s history!

Reckoned they
I hadn’t time to lay
For I know not except today
I consented after a delay.

For I had a message to convey
I determined to run till the day
The trees will forever portray
My journey to my successors as a ray
Of undying hope!

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अकेलापन भी एक सुख है

अकेले चलने में भी
एक मीठी-सी मजा है।
भीड़ में जो खो जाता हूँ
तो सुकून यहाँ साथ है।

शोर से दूर बैठकर,
दिल अपनी बात कहता है,
खुद को मिलने की मौका,
अकेलापन ही देता है।

किसी की इंतजार नहीं,
न कोई शिकायत बाकी।
थोड़ी-सी खामोशी में भी,
मिल जाती है राहत प्यारी।

लोग कहते हैं तन्हाई दुख है,
पर मैंने सच से ही जाना
कभी-कभी अकेले रहकर ही,
खुद को मिलता है ठिकाना।

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बैल का ताण्डव

— जल्लिकट्टू का जयगान —

मदुरै की लाल माटी और तमिल वीरता को समर्पित

वाडिवासल का द्वार खुला, धरती काँपी जब,
लाल धूल उठी आकाश तक, उड़ा मदुरै का ध्वज।
ढोल की थाप से ज़मीन गूँजी, शंख हुआ बुलंद,
कांगयम बैल की हुंकार ने, रोक दिए सब दंग।

सींगों पर बंधा पुरखों का सम्मान था,
आँखों में जलती हज़ारों साल की आन थी।
नंदी का अवतार लगे जब इग भरे मैदान में,
वीरता की गंध उठी फिर अलंगानल्लूर की शान में।

युवक उतरा माँ के आशीर्वाद संजोए,
कमर में पट्टा, मन में धर्म, आँखें न रोए।
न मारना है, न इराना, बस कूबड़ को थामना,
बैल के अदम्य पौरुष को, प्रेम से जीतना।

यह खेल नहीं – यह तमिल आत्मा की साँस है,
पीढ़ियों में बढ़ती यह रक्त में विश्वास है।
परंपरा की इस मशाल को कभी मत दूँलो।
मदुरै की हर साँस में गूँजे यही पुकार –
“धरती से जुड़े रहो – यही है जीवन का सार।”

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रेखाओं के बीच

मेरी देह पर निर्णय होते हैं,
घर, धर्म और अदालत में -
सबके शब्द तैयार रहते हैं,
मेरी सहमति के बिना।

कहते हैं, यह देह मेरी है,
पर पहले आते हैं उनके नियम-
पति, समाज, सरकार
सब कुछ तय कर चुके होते हैं।

मैं आधुनिक हूँ, जब तक सुरक्षित हूँ,
जब तक चुपचाप सहती हूँ-
टूट जाऊँ तो मेरा नाम
प्रगति की सूची से कट जाता है।

किसी की देह भूख से सुखती है,
किसी की जाति, श्रम और मजबूरी से
कोई देह बिकती है जीवित रहने को,
तो कोई देह अनदेखी रह जाती है।

राज्य तटस्थ होने का दावा करता है,
पर उसका भार मेरी देह पर गिरता है -
अधिकार कोई दान नहीं,
यह बिना इर जीने का नाम है।

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स्टेशन पर खड़ी हूँ, टिकट हाथ में,
दिल दौड़ रहा है माँ के नाम।
किताबें भारी भी हैं कई दिनों से,
आज सपनों को भी छुट्टी मिली है।

ट्रेन चली तो खिड़की मुस्कुरा उठी,
हवा में घर की खुशबू घुली।
हर स्टेशन पास लाता है मुझे,
माँ की गोद, पापा की हँसी सामने चली।

बैग में कपड़े कम, उम्मीदें ज्यादा,
पर दिल आज मेरा बोझ से है आज़ाद।
मोबाइल पर घर की आवाज गूँजती है,
कितनी देर से पहुँचेगी? - पूछती हूँ।

सीटी की आवाज, धडकनों का शोर,
थकान उतरती है हर मोड़।
आज मैं छात्रा नहीं, बस बेटा हूँ,
घर जाती ट्रेन में-पूरी की पूरी हूँ।

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पुआंडुम

पाइते जनजाति की बुनी हुई आत्मा

मणिपुर की धुंधली घाटियों के बीच पाइते जनजाति के लोग रहते हैं, जिनका जीवन प्रकृति से गहराई से जुड़ा हुआ है। ये लोग बहादुर शिकारी और किसान रहे हैं और हमेशा प्रकृति की लय के साथ सामंजस्य स्थापित कर जीते आए हैं। उनकी संस्कृति, लोककथाएँ, जीवन कहानियाँ संघर्ष से भरी हुई हैं, जो पीढ़ी दर पीढ़ी आगे बढ़ती रहती हैं। उनकी पहचान का एक सबसे महत्वपूर्ण प्रतीक है पारंपरिक रूप से हाथ से बुना हुआ वस्त्र — पुआंडुम।

पुआंडुम पाइते जनजाति की पारंपरिक पोशाक है, जिसे पारंपरिक करघों पर बहुत प्रेम और धैर्य के साथ हाथ से बुना जाता है। पहली नज़र में यह गहरे रंग का शॉल होता है, जिस पर लाल, पीली और हरी धारियाँ बनी होती हैं। पुआंडुम का हर धागा अपने आप में एक अर्थ रखता है। काला रंग, शक्ति और सहनशक्ति का प्रतीक है, जबकि रंगीन धारियाँ जीवन की खुशियाँ, दुखों और आशाओं को दर्शाती हैं। यह वस्त्र आमतौर पर महिलाएँ बुनती हैं, जो यह कला अपनी माँ और दादी से सीखती हैं। पुआंडुम कौशल और आत्मा दोनों का प्रतीक है। इसे विशेष अवसरों जैसे विवाह, त्योहारों और सम्मान समारोहों में पहना जाता है। जब एक पाइते महिला विवाह करती है, तो वह अपने साथ कम से कम एक पुआंडुम अवश्य ले जाती है, जो उसके कर्तव्य, आशीर्वाद और पूर्वजों से जुड़ाव का प्रतीक होता है।

पुआंडुम बनाने की प्रक्रिया भी उतनी ही सुंदर है जितनी वह भूमि जहाँ से यह आता है। पारंपरिक हथकरघा बुनाई में मुख्य रूप से प्राकृतिक रेशों जैसे कपास और ऊन का उपयोग किया जाता है, जिन्हें बाँस, लकड़ी और कभी-कभी पशुओं की खाल से बने औज़ारों के साथ जोड़ा जाता है। सबसे पहले सूत को चरखे पर काता जाता है और उसे लंबे धागों में व्यवस्थित किया जाता है। इसके बाद धागों को खोखले बाँस, तराशी हुई लकड़ी जैसे औज़ारों की मदद से बुनाई के लिए तैयार किया जाता है। एक पुआंडुम को पूरा करने में कम से कम एक से दो दिन का समय लग जाता है।

आज के आधुनिक समय में पुआंडुम केवल एक पारंपरिक वस्त्र नहीं, बल्कि गर्व और सांस्कृतिक पहचान का प्रतीक बन चुका है। आजकल मशीनों के प्रयोग से बुनाई का कार्य तेज़ हो गया है और उत्पादन भी बढ़ गया है, लेकिन पारंपरिक पुआंडुम का महत्व अब भी बना हुआ है। यह त्योहारों, प्रदर्शनियों और आधुनिक फैशन में भी दिखाई देता है, फिर भी इसका सांस्कृतिक और पवित्र अर्थ वही रहता है। पाइते समाज के लिए पुआंडुम एकता का प्रतीक है, जो हर पाइते व्यक्ति को यह याद दिलाता है कि चाहे वह कहीं भी जाए, उसकी असली पहचान और जड़ें वहीं हैं।

पहाड़ों की गोद में – एक यादगार सफ़र

मई की वह सुबह कुछ अलग थी। मन हल्का था, दिल खुशियों से भरा हुआ। न कोई जल्दी, न कोई चिंता—बस सफ़र पर निकलने का सुकून। परिवार के साथ ऊटी की ओर जाती कार में बैठते हुए ऐसा लग रहा था जैसे ज़िंदगी ने कुछ देर के लिए “pause” बटन दबा दिया हो।

रात का सफ़र था। आधी गाड़ी नींद में डूबी हुई, आधी खामोशी में। मैंने एक किताब खोल ली—शब्दों के साथ सफ़र शुरू हो चुका था। रास्ते में पहाड़ चुपचाप हमारा इंतज़ार कर रहे थे। सुबह जब ऊटी की वादियों में दाखिल हुए, तब तक धुंध ने पूरी दुनिया को अपने आँचल में छुपा रखा था। नींद से जागते ही ठंडी हवा ने चेहरे को छुआ—ताज़ा, साफ़ और ज़िंदा। ऐसा लगा जैसे पहाड़ धीरे से कह रहे हों, “स्वागत है।”

होटल का फ़र्श बर्फ़-सा ठंडा था। चारों बहनें पलभर में बिस्तर पर कंबल ओढ़े सिमट गईं। वह सुकून—जिसे शब्दों में बाँधना मुश्किल है। पर पहाड़ों ने ज़्यादा देर आराम नहीं करने दिया। तैयार होकर हम बाहर निकले, और ऊटी ने अपने रंग दिखाने शुरू कर दिए।

पहला पड़ाव था फूलों की प्रदर्शनी। हर तरफ़ रंग ही रंग। ऐसा लग रहा था मानो ज़मीन ने आसमान की सारी खुशियाँ उधार ले ली हों। फूलों से बना विशाल क़िला, गिटार, हिरण और हाथी—सब कुछ इतना जीवंत कि पलभर के लिए यकीन ही नहीं होता था कि ये असली नहीं हैं। हवा में फूलों की खुशबू थी और दिल में परिवार का साथ। हाथों में हाथ, हँसी और कैमरों की क्लिक—वक्त थम-सा गया था।

झील में बोटिंग के दौरान पानी शीशे की तरह साफ़ था। हल्की घबराहट के साथ रोमांच भी था। चारों ओर पहाड़, ऊपर आसमान और बीच में हम—छोटे से पल में ज़िंदगी पूरी लग रही थी। पहला दिन सादगी से भरा था, जैसे ऊटी हमें धीरे-धीरे अपने रंगों से परिचित करा रही हो।

दूसरा दिन बारिश के नाम रहा। पश्चिमी घाट की ओर जाते हुए खिड़की से बाहर का नज़ारा धुंधला था, मगर दिल साफ़। बारिश में भीगते पहाड़, छोटे-छोटे दुकानें, रंगीन टोपी, खरगोश जैसे ईयरमफ़—सब कुछ किसी फ़िल्म का सीन लग रहा था। ऊँचाई पर बंदरों की शरारतें और नीचे उतरते हुए गरम-गरम भुट्टा—बारिश में इससे बेहतर संगत क्या हो सकती थी?

कार के अंदर गानों को लेकर बहस, हँसी, और छोटी-सी लड़ाइयाँ—सिब्लिंग्स के बिना सफ़र अधूरा होता है। चाय बाग़ान में हरियाली ने आँखों को सुकून दिया। फूलों को लेकर नोक-झोंक, तस्वीरें, रील्स—हर पल जीया गया।

चॉकलेट फैक्ट्री की मीठी खुशबू, कैमरा म्यूज़ियम में वक़्त का इतिहास, 3D और हॉरर ज़ोन में डर और हँसी—और फिर स्नो वर्ल्ड। बर्फ़ के गोले, स्लाइड्स, लाल होती नाक, और पूरी तरह बचपना। माता-पितातक उस खुशी का हिस्सा बन गए। बर्फ़ की ठंड में गर्म रिश्ते और भी गहरे हो गए।

वहीं डायनासोर पार्क में अचानक एहसास हुआ—यह जगह पहले भी देखी हुई है। 2017 की तस्वीरें खोजकर, उसी जगह खड़े होकर नई तस्वीरें लीं। वक़्त बदला था, हम बदले थे, मगर एहसास वही था। ऊटी ने हमें फिर से पहचान लिया था।

तीसरा दिन ऊँचाइयों का था। बादल इतने पास कि लगा हाथ बढ़ाओ और छू लो। हवा जैसे कानों में कुछ फुसफुसा रही हो। जंगल सफ़ारी में बाघ तो नहीं दिखा, पर हिरण और मोर ने अपनी मौजूदगी से सफ़र को पूरा कर दिया। वह दिन प्रकृति को निहारने के नाम रहा।

चौथा दिन... ज़िंदगी का सबसे डरावना अध्याय बन गया। पहाड़ों से उतरते हुए अचानक सब कुछ बदल गया। ब्रेक फेल। घबराहट। चुप्पी। दुआएँ। ड्राइवर का काँपता चेहरा। और फिर—पहाड़ से टकराकर गाड़ी का रुकना। कुछ सेकंड, और सब खत्म हो सकता था।

जब बाहर निकले, तब समझ आया कि ज़िंदगी कितनी नाज़ुक है। थोड़ा आगे गड़ढा था—हम बिल्कुल सही जगह पर रुके थे। डर, राहत और ईश्वर के प्रति कृतज्ञता—सब एक साथ महसूस हुआ। नई गाड़ी लेकर आगे बढ़े, पर मन अब बस घर पहुँचने की प्रार्थना कर रहा था। किस्मत ने एक और परीक्षा ली। हाईवे पर फिर परेशानी। अंधेरी रात, सामान, थकान। आखिरकार कैब लेकर घर पहुँचे। जब घर की चारदीवारी में कदम रखा, तब जाकर साँस सही मायनों में आई।

यह सफ़र हँसी से शुरू हुआ, डर पर खत्म हुआ—मगर सुरक्षित। ऊटी ने हमें अपनी सुंदरता ही नहीं, ज़िंदगी की कीमत भी याद दिलाई। पहाड़ आज भी यादों में हैं—शांत, भव्य और सिखाने वाले।

कुछ सफ़र जगहों के लिए नहीं होते,

कुछ सफ़र बस इस बात के लिए होते हैं कि हम घर सही सलामत लौट आएँ।

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सादगी की अमीरी

मैं एक मिडिल क्लास परिवार से हूँ। जब भी मैं किसी अमीर इंसान को देखती हूँ, तो मन में अपने-आप कई खयाल आने लगते हैं। जैसे, वाह कितना बड़ा घर है, सबके अलग-

अलग कमरे। वह रोज कैफे का खाना, बाहर घूमना , दोस्तों के साथ देर रात तक पार्टी।

काश, ऐसी जिन्दगी मुझे भी मिली तो ...

अमीर लोगों की चमक-दमक वाली जिन्दगी बाहर से बहुत आकर्षक लगती है। बड़ी-बड़ी गाड़ियाँ, महँगे कपड़े, आरामदायक जीवन बिना किसी कमी के दिन बीतते।

उस पल लगता है कि शायद यही असली खुशी है।

शायद पैसा ही सब कुछ है !

लेकिन जब मैं अपनी दुनिया में, अपने छोटे से घर लौटती हूँ, तब सोच बदलने लगती है।

यहाँ घर भले ही छोटा हो, लेकिन दिल बहुत बड़ा है। यहाँ कमरे अलग-अलग नहीं हैं पर रिश्ते कभी अलग नहीं होते। साथ बैठकर हँसना , बातें करना और एक दूसरे का हाल पूछना-यही तो असली सुख है। कैफे के महँगे खाने में वह स्वाद कहाँ जो माँ के हाथ से बनी खाने में होता है। यहाँ तो थाली में प्यार और अपनापन परोसा जाता है। परिवार के साथ ज़मीन पर बैठकर खाना खाने में जो सुकून है, वो किसी रेस्त्राँ की कुर्सी नहीं दे सकती। यहाँ दिखावा नहीं, सादगी होती है। अपनापन होता है।

आज समझ में आता है कि बड़ा घर होना जरूरी नहीं, बड़ा दिल होना जरूरी है। पैसा जिन्दगी को आसान बना सकता है, लेकिन खुश नहीं। खुशी तो रिश्तों में है, संस्कारों में है। हाँ, मैं मिडिल क्लास हूँ और इस पर मुझे गर्व है क्योंकि यहाँ सपने बड़े हैं। यहाँ काम की रफ्तार में खुश रहना आता है और यही सबसे बड़ी अमीरी है।

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जीवन

जीवन कोई किताब नहीं,
जिसे शुरूआत से अंत तक पढ़ लिया जाए
यह तो हर पन्ने पर नया रंग लिए,
धीरे-धीरे समझ में आता है।

कभी बारिश की नमी जैसा,
कभी आँधियों की कड़क जैसा,
पर हर पल यही सिखाता है,
जो ठहर गया, वह बिखर गया।

चलते रहना ही जीवन का संगीत है,
रुकना नहीं, बस सीखते रहना है।
हर हार में छिपी जीत को,
दिल की आँखों से देखना है।

जीवन थकचा नहीं, थकावटहम लाते हैं।
सपनों को छोड़कर बहाने बनाते हैं।
जो उम्मीद का दीया जलाए रखे,
जीवन फसी के लिए नए रास्ते बनाता है।

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தமிழ் இலக்கியக்கழகத் தொடக்கவிழா

டோக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரி, தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தின் தமிழ் இலக்கியக்கழகத் தொடக்கவிழா 01.08.2025 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. இவ்விழாவில் சாகித்திய யுவபுரஸ்கார் விருதாளரும் எழுத்தாளருமான திருமிகு லட்சுமிஹர் அவர்கள் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகக் கலந்துகொண்டு 'கதையின் தன்மை அறிதல்' என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரை வழங்கினார். தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தின் வெளியீடான 'பணிலம்' என்ற செய்தி மடலினைத் துறைத்தலைவரும் சிறப்பு விருந்தினரும் இணைந்து வெளியிட்டனர். தமிழ் இலக்கியக்கழக மாணவர்கள் கழகப் பொறுப்பேற்கும் நிகழ்வு நடைபெற்றது. இலக்கியக்கழகப் பொறுப்பாளர்கள் திருமிகு ஆ.சோபியா, பொ. ஸ்டெல்லாஜீஜீபாய் ஆகியோர் நிகழ்வை ஒருங்கிணைத்தனர்.

இணையவழிக் கல்வி குறித்த புத்தாக்கப்பயிற்சி

தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தின் சார்பாக முதலாண்டு மாணவியருக்கு "இணையவழிக் கல்வி" எனும் பொருண்மையில் புத்தாக்கப்பயிற்சி 07.08.2025 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. இந்நிகழ்வில் தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவ உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் பி.தனலெட்சுமி அவர்கள் கல்லூரியின் முகப்புத் தளத்தின் உள்நுழைவு, Moodle பக்கத்தைப் பயன்படுத்தும் முறை, இணையவழிப் பாடப்பிரிவுகள் குறித்த அறிமுகம் போன்றவை குறித்துப் பயிற்சியளித்தார். நிகழ்வினை உதவிப்பேராசிரியர்கள் முனைவர் பி.தனலெட்சுமி மற்றும் முனைவர் மு.தீபா ஒருங்கிணைத்தனர்.

தமிழ் இலக்கியக் கழகச் சிறப்புக் கருத்தரங்கம்

டோக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரி, தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தின் தமிழ் இலக்கியக் கழகம் சார்பாக, 11.09.2025 அன்று சிறப்புக் கருத்தரங்கம் நடைபெற்றது. இந்நிகழ்வில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக கவிஞர் மனுஷ்ய புத்திரன் அவர்கள் பங்கேற்று 'எழுத்தாளருடன் ஓர் உரையாடல்' என்றும் தலைப்பில் உரையாற்றினார். பேராசிரியர்கள் முனைவர் ஜீ.சு.ஜெமிமா ஜெயப்பிரியா, முனைவர் சி.தமயந்தி, முனைவர் நா.வெண்முகில் மற்றும் தமிழ் இலக்கியக்கழகப் பொறுப்பாளர்கள் திருமிகு ஆ.சோபியா, முனைவர் பொ.ஸ்டெல்லா ஜீஜீபாய் ஆகியோர் நிகழ்வை ஒருங்கிணைத்தனர்.

ஒருநாள் கருத்தரங்கம்

டோக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரி வரலாற்றுத்துறை மற்றும் தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவம், மதுரை INTACH அமைப்புடன் இணைந்து 14.10.2025 அன்று "தமிழ் எழுத்துகளின் பரிணாமங்கள்" என்ற தலைப்பிலான ஒருநாள் கருத்தரங்கை நடத்தின. இந்நிகழ்வில் மதுரை அரசு அருங்காட்சியகக் காப்பாட்சியர் முனைவர் மீ.மருதுபாண்டியன், மதுரைகாமராசர் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் நாட்டுப்புறவியல் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டு ஆய்வுகள் துறையின் உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் கலையரசி, பெரம்பலூர் தனலட்சுமி சீனிவாசன் மருந்தியல் கல்லூரியின் தாவரமருந்தியல் துறைத்தலைவர் திருமிகு ப.தேவி அறிவுசெல்வம், திருநெல்வேலி மனோன்மணியம் சுந்தரனார் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் மொழியியலாளர் மற்றும் கல்வெட்டியல் மாணவர் திருமிகு ஸ்ரீராம் ராஜாராம் ஆகியோர் கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்புரையாற்றினர். INTACH மதுரை ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் திருமிகு வாணி ச. செங்குட்டுவன் நிறைவுரை வழங்கினார். தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவம் மற்றும் வரலாற்றுத்துறைப் பேராசிரியர்களான முனைவர் சி.தமயந்தி, முனைவர் ஆ.பாப்பா, திருமிகு ஜே.சர்மினா, திருமிகு மெ.மிஸ்மா ஆகியோர் இந்நிகழ்வினைப் பொறுப்பேற்று நடத்தினர்.

இராஜம்மாள் செல்வநாயகம் அறக்கட்டளைத் தொடர் சொற்பொழிவு

டோக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரி, தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தில் 2025ஆம் ஆண்டிற்கான இராஜம்மாள் செல்வநாயகம் அறக்கட்டளைத் தொடர்சொற்பொழிவு 17.10.2025 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. 'ஹலோ' பண்பலையின் முதுநிலை அறிவிப்பாளர் திருமதி. ச.செல்வகீதா அவர்கள் 'பொருநை முதல் வைகை வரை' என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். நிகழ்வினைத் தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தின் உதவிப்பேராசிரியர்கள் முனைவர் பொ.ஸ்டெல்லா ஜீஜீபாய் மற்றும் செல்வி. ஜா. ஜெஸிந்தா பெட்சி ஆகியோர் ஒருங்கிணைத்தனர்.

மாணவியருக்கான ஒருநாள் கவிதைப் படைப்பாக்கப் பயிலரங்கம்

கவிதைப் படைப்பாக்கத்தில் ஈடுபாடு உள்ள மாணவியருக்கு ஊக்கம் நல்கும் நோக்கில் 2025ஆம் ஆண்டு நவம்பர் திங்கள் 25ஆம் நாள் 'கவிதைப்படைப்பாக்கம்'





என்னும் தலைப்பிலான ஒருநாள் பயிலரங்கத்தினைத் தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவம் ஏற்றெடுத்தது. கவிஞர் மனுஷ்யபுத்திரன் இப்பயிலரங்கத்தின் நெறியாளநராக அழைக்கப்பட்டிருந்தார். தமிழ்த்துறையிலிருந்தும் பிறத்துறைகளிலிருந்தும் மொத்தம் 79 மாணவியர் இப்பயிலரங்கில் பங்கேற்றனர். உதவிப்பேராசிரியர்கள் திருமிகு ஆ. சோபியா, முனைவர் நா. வெண்முகில் ஆகியோர் இப்பயிலரங்கினை ஒருங்கிணைத்திருந்தனர்.

பன்னாட்டுக் கருத்தரங்கம்

டோக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரி, தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தில் “தமிழ் இலக்கியங்களில் பன்முகத்தன்மை” என்ற தலைப்பிலான பன்னாட்டுக் கருத்தரங்கம் 24.02.2026 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. கருத்தரங்கத்தில் 71 கருத்தரங்கக் கட்டுரைகளை உள்ளடக்கிய ஆய்வுக்கோவை நூலாக வெளியிடப்பட்டது. சென்னை தமிழ்நாடு பாடநூல் மற்றும் கல்வியியல் பணிகள் கழக முதன்மை ஒருங்கிணைப்புப் பதிப்பாசிரியர் முனைவர் திரு. பரமேசுவரி அவர்கள் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். தொடர்ந்து அமெரிக்கா தமிழ் இணைய ஆசானும், இணைய இதழ் தமிழ் அநிதம் நிறுவனரும், பதிப்பாசிரியருமான வழக்குரைஞர் திருமிகு சுகந்திநாடார் அவர்கள் இணையவழியில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். சிங்கப்பூர் தேசியக் கல்விக்கழகம் நன்யாங் தொழில்நுட்பப் பல்கலைக்கழக விரிவுரையாளர் முனைவர் பொன் சசிசுமார் மற்றும் டோக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரி, தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தின் மேனாள் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் மு.அஞ்சலி அன்னபாய் ராஜசேகரன் ஆகியோர் தலைமையில் பேராசிரியர்களும் ஆய்வு மாணவர்களும் ஆய்வுக்கட்டுரைகளை வாசித்தனர்தனர். நிறைவு விழாவில் தஞ்சை தமிழ்ப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் மேனாள் துணைவேந்தர் முனைவர் ம.திருமலை அவர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டு உரையாற்றினார். தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தின் உதவிப்பேராசிரியர்கள் திருமிகு ஆ.சோபியா மற்றும் முனைவர் நா.வெண்முகில் ஆகியோர் இப்பன்னாட்டுக் கருத்தரங்கினை ஒருங்கிணைத்தனர்.

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டோக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரி, தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தின் 2025-2026 கல்வியாண்டிற்கான தமிழ்வனம் 04.03.2026 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. இந்நிகழ்வில் அனைத்துக் கல்லூரி தமிழ்த்துறை மற்றும் பகுதி 1 தமிழ் பயிலும் மாணவர்களுக்கான திறனறி போட்டிகள் நடைபெற்றன. இதில் அமெரிக்கன் கல்லூரி, அய்யநாடார் ஜானகி அம்மாள் கல்லூரி, ஸ்ரீ எஸ். இராமசாமி நாயுடு ரூபகார்த்த கல்லூரி, யாதவர் கல்லூரி, இ.எம்.ஜி. யாதவர் மகளிர் கல்லூரி, மன்னர் திருமலை நாயக்கர் கல்லூரி, பாத்திமா கல்லூரி, செந்தமிழ் கலை மற்றும் கீழ்த்திசைக் கல்லூரி, கே.ஆர்.பி கலை மற்றும் அறிவியல் கல்லூரி ஆகிய ஒன்பது

கல்லூரிகளிலிருந்து 127 மாணவர்கள் பங்குபெற்றனர். நேர்படப்பேசு, ஒரு சோற்றுப்பதம், பசிக்குப்பசிய உணவு, கைவண்ணமும் கலைவண்ணமும், பண்ணோடு வரும் பாட்டு, அற்றைத்திங்கள் என ஆறு வகையான போட்டிகள் நடைபெற்றன. தொடர்ந்து நடைபெற்ற தமிழ்வனம் மற்றும் தமிழ் இலக்கியக் கழகநிறைவு விழாவில் மாணவியரின் படைப்புகளை உள்ளடக்கிய “தூரிகை” நூல் வெளியிடப்பட்டது. இந்நிகழ்வில் பாலசாகித்ய புரஸ்கார் விருதாளரான எழுத்தாளர் கா.உதயசங்கர் கலந்துகொண்டு “அன்பே அறம்” என்ற தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். தமிழ் இலக்கியக் கழகம் நடத்திய போட்டிகளில் வெற்றிபெற்ற தமிழ்த்துறை மாணவர்களுக்கும் தமிழ்வனம் போட்டிகளில் வெற்றிபெற்ற பிறகல்லூரி மாணவர்களுக்கும் சிறப்புவிருந்தினர் பரிசுகளை வழங்கினார். அதிகப்புள்ளிகள் பெற்ற பாத்திமா கல்லூரி சுழற்கோப்பையை வென்றது. தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தின் தலைவர் முனைவர் ஜெ. நிர்மலாதேவி, பேராசிரியர்கள் முனைவர் அ.சங்கரேஸ்வரி, முனைவர் மு.இறைவாணி, தமிழ் இலக்கியக்கழகப் பொறுப்பாளர்கள் திருமிகு ஆ.சோபியா, முனைவர் பொ.ஸ்டெல்லா ஜீஜீபாய் ஆகியோர் நிகழ்வினை ஒருங்கிணைத்தனர்.

பேராசிரியர்களுக்கான பயிலரங்கம்

டோக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரி, தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தில் 10.03.2026 அன்று “சமகாலத்தமிழாய்வுப் போக்குகள்” என்னும் தலைப்பில் பேராசிரியர்களுக்கான பயிலரங்கம் நடைபெற்றது. பயிலரங்கத்தில், காந்தி கிராமகிராமிய நிர்நிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையின் முதுநிலைப் பேராசிரியர் மற்றும் தலைவரான, முனைவர். பா. ஆனந்தகுமார் அவர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டு உரையாற்றினார். இதில் தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தின் 26 பேராசிரியர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டனர். இப்பயிலரங்கத்தினை முனைவர் பி.தனலெட்சுமி மற்றும் செல்வி கி. ஜோஷிபா ஆகியோர் ஒருங்கிணைத்து நடத்தினர்.

தமிழ் இலக்கியக் கழகம் - சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு

டோக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரி, தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தின் தமிழ் இலக்கியக் கழகம் சார்பாக உலக மகளிர் நாளைச் சிறப்பிக்கும் நோக்கில் 11.03.2026 அன்று சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு நடத்தப்பட்டது. இவ்விழாவில் டோக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரியின் மேனாள் மாணவரும் மதுரை, பாத்திமா கல்லூரிதமிழ் உயராய்வு மையத்தின் உதவிப் பேராசிரியருமான முனைவர் செ. அன்புராணி அவர்கள் ‘பெண்ணும் போற்றல்’ என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். இந்நிகழ்வை இலக்கியக் கழகப் பொறுப்பாசிரியர்கள் திருமிகு ஆ.சோபியா, பொ.ஸ்டெல்லா ஜீஜீபாய் ஒருங்கிணைத்தனர்.

ஜேன்மங்களம் அறக்கட்டளைத் தொடர் சொற்பொழிவு

டோக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரி தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவத்தில் ஜேன் மங்களம் அறக்கட்டளைத் தொடர் சொற்பொழிவு 11.03.2026 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. இந்நிகழ்வில் கல்லூரி முதல்வர் மற்றும் செயலர் முனைவர் இரா. பியூலா ஜெயசுரீ அவர்கள் ஜேன்மங்களம் அறக்கட்டளை பற்றிய அறிமுகத்தை வழங்கினார். “தமிழ் கொரிய மொழித் தொடர்பு” என்ற தலைப்பில் ‘தமிழ் - கொரிய மொழி’ ஆய்வாளர் முனைவர் நா.கண்ணன் அவர்கள் இணையவழியாகச் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். பேராசிரியர்கள் முனைவர் ஆ.பாப்பா மற்றும் முனைவர் ஜெ. ராஜகுமாரி நிகழ்வை ஒருங்கிணைத்தனர்.

PG Department and Research Centre of English



The PG Department and Research Centre of English have had a vibrant and productive academic year, marked by a rich blend of academic initiatives, co-curricular activities, and notable achievements by both faculty and students. The **Arcadia Club** of the department was inaugurated on 11.07.2025 at the GJ Auditorium. The **Annual English Play** – an adaptation of Shakespeare's *Othello* – was staged from 22.07.2025 to 25.07.2025, offering students an enriching platform to explore theatrical expression and deepen their engagement with literature.

An innovative initiative of the department, the **Accountability Table**, was conducted in multiple sessions to promote focused academic work. The initiative received positive feedback for enhancing productivity and focus. A workshop on **Project Report Writing** was conducted on 08.09.2025. The session was led by Dr. D. M. Amala, Associate Professor and Head, Department of English, Sri Meenakshi Government Arts College for Women, Madurai. On 08.09.2025, a **Book Review Session** was organised at the Christian Activity Centre, where II M.A. students led a discussion on *When the Tiger Came Down the Mountain* by Nghi Vo. The session fostered collaborative learning and critical engagement among the participants.

The department's flagship event, **Arcadia 2025**, the Annual Intercollegiate Meet, was held on 17.09.2025 at the J.X. Miller Auditorium on the theme **Gastronomic Literature**. The event witnessed participation from nine colleges and featured a variety of literary and creative competitions. Dr.

Lawrence M. of The American College served as the chief guest. The department also continued its **Peer Teaching Programme** from September 2025 to April 2026, where I M.A. students mentored undergraduate learners across disciplines through a hybrid learning model, fostering collaborative and experiential learning.

A series of research-oriented workshops were conducted under the Arcadia Club. The Abstract Writing Workshop held on 18.11.2025 provided hands-on training in drafting research abstracts. This was followed by a workshop on **Identifying Journals for Publication** on 16.12.2025, where students were trained to distinguish between predatory and authentic journals and were introduced to indexing systems such as Scopus and Clarivate. On 18.12.2025, interdepartmental competitions on the theme **Christmas and Literature** were conducted in which students from various departments participated enthusiastically, showcasing their creativity and literary skills. A workshop on **Academic Paper Writing: Principles and Practice** was conducted on 27.01.2026. The session was led by Dr. V. Christopher Ramesh, Associate Professor of English, Sri Meenakshi College for Women, Madurai.

The department organised a Two-Day International Conference on **Voices of Women across Cultures** on 16 and 17 February 2026 in collaboration with the Women's Study Centre, providing a platform for interdisciplinary academic exchange. Students actively participated in various intercollegiate meets and brought laurels to the



department. A guest lecture on **Beyond the Text: Enriching Literary Research through Examining Paratexts and Avant-Textes** was delivered by Dr. Andrew Houwen on 19.02.2026, offering valuable insights into advanced research practices. The department also organised a Career Insights from Alumnae session on 02.03.2026, where Ms. Suthanthara Raja Malar J, Junior Executive (Human Resources) Airports Authority of India, Regional Headquarters (Southern Region), Chennai and Ms. J. Grace Anu Backia, Counsellor, People's Watch, Madurai, shared their professional experiences and guided students on career opportunities. This was followed by a guest lecture on **Reimagining Narratives** by Dr. Beatrice Anne D'Couto on 03.03.2026, which inspired students to critically engage with literary texts.

The department also introduced innovative initiatives such as online engagement platforms. An **Online Book Discussion** on *The Death of Ivan Ilyich* by Leo Tolstoy brought together alumnae, faculty, and students, fostering meaningful intergenerational dialogue and intellectual exchange. The PG Department and Research Centre of English had a fulfilling and dynamic year, marked by academic excellence, creative exploration, and significant accomplishments. The department continues to inspire students to broaden their intellectual horizons and excel in their literary and professional pursuits.



Annual College Play

Othello - An Adaptation

Lady Doak College's **Daughters of the Stage (DotS)** staged an adaptation of *Othello* by William Shakespeare from 21–25 July 2025. The production traced the tragic journey of Othello, the Moor of Venice, presenting the classic tale through a hauntingly lyrical and musical interpretation. A distinctive feature of the adaptation was the imaginative personification of the “green-eyed monster,” Jealousy, which added a compelling new dimension to the narrative.

Through evocative lighting, innovative use of shadows, and a powerful musical score, the performance deepened the emotional intensity of the play while offering a fresh theatrical experience. The production was directed by Dr. Keerthana, with Ms. Jeba Preethi Nancy and Ms. Hemalakshmi serving as Assistant Directors. Music direction was led by Ms. Krupa and Ms. Pety.

The performances were met with enthusiastic applause and attracted an audience of nearly a thousand students and staff from twelve educational institutions across Madurai. Notably, the Daughters of the Stage recorded a **profit of Rs. 5,90,707.52** (excluding production expenses), which was subsequently contributed to the Satellite Campus Fund.

Department of Hindi



The Department of Hindi has had a successful Academic year with enhancement of Indian Culture and Tradition and AI in Hindi Language and Literature. The **Ekta Club** and **Kala Sangam Club** organized various programmes and encouraged the students to participate in various National Workshops, Seminars and Competitions. **Ekta Club** and **Kala Sangam Club Inaugural** was held on 24.07.2025. Newly elected office bearers of the Clubs were introduced. 150 Part-I-Hindi students participated and performed cultural events. **Hindi Extempore Competition** was conducted by the Chief Guest of Kala Sangam Club Mr.Parsuram Ram, Senior Manager, Rajbhasha (OL), Central Bank of India, Member Secretary, TOLIC, Madurai. 30 students of I & II UG participated in the competition and five students won the prizes.

On 15th September 2025, **National Hindi Day** was celebrated. The Chief Guest Ms.Saranya P, Executive Director, Maestrowiz Solution Private Limited, Madurai, delivered an inspiring speech highlighting the innovation use of AI applications in learning, reading and speaking Hindi. A **State Level Inter-Collegiate Meet – Pragati-2025** was organized on “Swatantrata Ka Samman, Bhavishya Ka Nirman-Hindi Ke Sang” by the Ekta Club on 18.09.2025. 104 students from various colleges of Tamil Nadu participated in different events. On 25th September 2025 an **Interdepartmental Meet (IDM)** was conducted by the Kala Sangam Club. Ten

students were recognized and invited to perform cultural programmes on 24.09.2025 in **74th Meeting of TOLIC**, with the sponsorship of **Rajbhasha Vibhag, Home Ministry, Govt. of India** Madurai at Hotel Courtyard Marriot, Madurai.

International Hindi Day was celebrated on 09.01.2026. Dr. M. N. S. Jeyanti, Assistant Professor, The American College, Madurai was the Chief Guest. A PPT on **Pravasi Hindi Sahityakar** was shown and a movie *Ms. Chatterjee Vs Norway* was screened for the students. A **Guest Lecture on Content Writing** was organized for the II UG Hindi students. Ms.Sridhivya M, Senior Content writer, WeAlwin Technologies Pvt Ltd, Digital Transformation Company, Madurai was the Guest Speaker.



Department of French



Les Jeunes Tricolores – The French Club provides a platform for the students to showcase their talents. Comprising of Part-I French students of both the Aided and Self-Financed stream, the club has taken immense efforts to hone the linguistic and creative skills of the students. The Department of French organised the celebration of **La Fête Nationale (Bastille Day)** on 24th July 2025. Mr. Dhamodaran S, French Catalog Associate, Amazon IT, graced the celebration as the Chief guest and inducted the club **Les Jeunes Tricolores** on the same occasion. 408 students of different major participated in this event.

The Department organised an **On-the-Spot Study Trip to Pondicherry**, the nearest French colony on 14th and 15th August 2025. 108 students took part in this study trip where they got an opportunity to get a first-hand experience of the lifestyle of the French people and to interact with French native speakers which increased immensely their confidence and the fluency in this language. They also gained an experiential learning of French culture, architecture and cuisine.

As part of the activity **Grand Écran**, the department screened two movies this year for our French Part-I students. *Les Choristes*, a French musical drama film directed by Christophe Barratier was screened on 30th August 2025. Another movie *Le Noël de Mes Rêves* directed by Sue Corcoran was screened as a part of Christmas celebration on 19th December 2025. Around 410 Part-I French students watched these movies and gained linguistic and cultural knowledge of French civilization. To observe the International Translation Day, the Department organised the **Inter-Collegiate Meet FrancoBunch '25** on 29th September 2025. Ms.

Veronique Francoise Courtois, Professor, Alliance Française de Los Angeles, United States, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and around 250 students from 11 colleges across Tamilnadu attended the meet.

The Department also organised an **International Level Faculty Development Programme on Les Défis et les Nouvelles Stratégies de l'Enseignement du FLE** on 3.10.2025. Ms. Véronique Française Courtois, Professor, Alliance Française de Los Angeles (United States), Dr. Sarmila Acharif, Head & Associate Professor and Dr. C. Thirumurugan, Professor, both from Department of French, Pondicherry University were the three resource persons of this FDP and 29 faculty from different universities, colleges and schools from many regions and states participated with enthusiasm.

As a part of our **International Francophonie Week** celebration, the department organised an Inter-Departmental Meet **Toi ou Moi '26** from 10th to 12th March 2026. The Department celebrated **International Francophonie Day** on 13th March 2025. Mrs. Ruth Ashley, Alumna: 1974-77, currently



working as PG Assistant, Department of French, Vikaasa World School, graced the event as the Chief Guest. The Department of French organised a **Skill Development & Career Orientation Programme on French for the Future: Turning Language**

Skills into Global Careers on 13th March 2026. 45 interested students from I-year and II-year UG took part and benefited from this programme. The club activities of the year came to a closure on the same day.

PG and Research Department of History



The PG and Research Department of History, Lady Doak College, Madurai, actively engaged in academic collaborations and scholarly activities during the academic year 2025-2026. A **Letter of Understanding (LoU)** was signed with the **Department of Archaeology, Government of Tamil Nadu** on 11.07.2025, and a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was signed with the **Dolphin Group of Schools, Madurai** on 06.03.2026 to promote academic cooperation.

The Department released the book **Recent Developments and Innovations in Social Science, Law, Arts and Humanities** and the Department Newsletter (2024-2025) on 24.07.2025. Dr. S. Mercy Packiam, Controller of Examinations, Head and Associate Professor, along with Mrs. J. Sharmila, Assistant Professor, published a book titled **A Textbook on Western Political Thought (For Undergraduate Students of History)**.

The Department organised several academic programmes including guest lectures, an alumna talk, and an inter-collegiate meet on **Historio 25-26**. A Symposium on **Evolution of Tamil Script** was organized on 14.10.2025 and a **State-**

Level Conference commemorating the centenary of the Self-Respect Movement (1925-2025) was organized on 21.01.2026. The XV series of the **Prof. Mrs. Anna Abraham Endowment Lecture** was delivered by Dr. G. Kumaresan, Professor & Head Department of Genetics, Madurai Kamaraj University. These programmes enriched students academically and promoted research engagement. Two new endowments, the **Pon Muthuramalingam Endowment Lecture in Dravidian History** (21.01.2026) and the **Dr. Kanmani Rajmohan Endowment Lecture in History** (06.03.2026) were also instituted during the year.

The Historica Club of the Department organised several academic programmes during the academic year. The club was inaugurated on 24.07.2025 at BCMMT by Dr. Aroon J, Legal Consultant, Advocate and Assistant Professor, Bharath Institute of Law, Chennai delivered the inaugural address. As part of the Constitution Day observance, a guest lecture on **Significance of Indian Constitution** was delivered by Mrs. S. Selva Gomathy, Advocate and Managing Trustee, Justice Shivaraj Patil Foundation, Madurai on

27.11.2025. An Alumna Talk was delivered by Ms. R. Manickavasuki, Sub Inspector of Police, Cyber Crime Police Station, Madurai on 19.02.2026.

The Club also commemorated several national and international days through various activities such as an Inter-Departmental Essay Writing Competition for Independence Day, a cultural programme titled **Celebration of African Culture: Honouring the African Diaspora** for the **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**, a **Digital Poster Making Competition** for **World Tourism Day**, and an **Inter-Departmental Poster Making Competition** for **Constitution Day**. Students of the Department actively participated in various seminars, conferences, workshops, and inter-collegiate competitions during the academic year. Several PG students presented research papers at a State Level Conference at Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College in February, 2026. Students also won several prizes and Overall Shields in competitions conducted by various colleges in Madurai.



The Department also organised several on-the-spot study visits to places such as Thirumohur, Keeladi, Thandikudi, Kodaikanal, Kongarpuliyankulam, Arittapatti, Alagar Kovil, Ramanathapuram Palace, Dhanushkodi, and Thirumalai Nayak Palace providing practical exposure to students. Faculty members actively contributed to academics through book publications, book chapters, research paper presentations, and editorial roles in departmental publications. They were also invited as chief guests and resource persons at various institutions. Thus, the PG and Research Department of History had an enriching and successful academic year 2025-2026.

Department of Social Sciences



The Department of Social Sciences, Lady Doak College, organized a workshop on **Effective and Responsible Use of AI for Research** on **1st December 2025** for MSW Students. Led by Dr. Marie Serena McConnell (Zoology) and Dr.

Suganya K. (Economics), the session introduced AI as a powerful research assistant that enhances efficiency and creativity when used responsibly. On 4th February 2026, II MSW students attended a guest lecture on **Substance Dependence and**

Related Disorders, delivered by Mr. Vinoth Kumar, Psychiatric Social Worker from Elakkuvanar. The Department of Social Sciences on 7th February 2026 organised a **Faculty Development Programme on Building Workplace Harmony**, facilitated by Mrs. Deborah Christina and Mrs. Praislyn Zac.

On the 11th of February 2026, a guest lecture on **Constructing Effective Research Tools: Scaling Techniques** was conducted for I MSW Students by Ms. M. Iswarya, Biostatistician at Aravind Eye Hospital. On 11th February 2026, the MSW Programme, Department of Social Sciences conducted a **Skill-Building Workshop on IEC Materials** for I MSW students as part of their Field Work component.

The Department of Social Sciences signed an **MoU** on 19th February 2026 with **Sakthi Vidiyal** led by Dr. Beulah Jeyashree and the Deans of Academic Affairs. The Director of Vidiyal, Mr. Jim Jesudoss and Mr. Arockiam, Sakthi-Vidiyl, Madurai represented the Organisation and the collaboration aims to strengthen academic-community engagement through research, student field initiatives, and knowledge-sharing activities.

A one-day Workshop on **Therapeutic Interventions** was conducted on 19th February 2026 for MSW students by the Department of Social Sciences at Lady Doak College, Madurai. Dr. Ramkumar Sethupathy, Positive Psychologist, Life Coach, and Laughter Therapist served as the resource person. The Department of Social Sciences, Lady Doak College, conducted a **One-Day UGC NET Training** on 23rd February 2026 for MSW and M.Sc. Psychology students. A total of 94 postgraduate students benefitted from the programme.

The Department of Social Sciences organised **Dr. Elizabeth George Memorial Endowment Lecture X** on 10 February 2026 at the Betty Chinniah Multimedia Theatre. The theme, **Phenomenological Hermeneutics as a Method in Social Science Research**, highlighted interpretative and qualitative approaches in contemporary research. The chief guest, Dr. S. Lourdunathan, former Honorary Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University, delivered an insightful lecture on lived experiences, meaning-making, ethics, and contextual interpretation. The Department hosted the second lecture of the **Ms. Shanti Manuel Institutional Leadership Lecture**



Series on 23 February 2026, titled **Promoting Intergenerational Leadership**.

As part of the **SOPHIS Club** activity, on 3rd December 2025, **World Disability Day** was observed under the theme **Role of Youth in Advancing Social Inclusion of Persons with Disability**. **Psychofest'25** was organised on 17th December 2025 for the students of Lady Doak College to promote self-discovery through the use of psychological assessments and engaging cognitive games. On 12th February 2026, the Department organized **Inara-26**, a state-level intercollegiate festival emphasizing ESG awareness. With 178 participants from various Tamil Nadu colleges, the event promoted the theme **Volunteers for Sustainable Development**. On 1st December 2025, the Department of Social Sciences and the Negizhchi-MSW Students' Forum observed **World AIDS Day** with the theme **Putting Ourselves to the Test: Achieving Equity to End HIV**.

The Department of Social Sciences, in collaboration with Negizhchi - MSW Students' Forum, organized **VOICE '26**, an Inter-Collegiate Meet, on 25 February 2026 at J.X. Miller Auditorium. On 1st and 3rd December 2025, the **Synapster Club** in collaboration with the **Cancer Institute and HCL Foundation** organised intra-departmental competitions to celebrate **World Human Rights Day**. The Synapster Club in collaboration with the Cancer Institute and HCL Foundation organised a **Hair Donation Drive** on 10th December 2025. The felicitation address was delivered by Dr. Deepak Chandrasekaran, Consultant Surgical Oncologist at Vaigai Cancer Care followed by Dr. Nagaveena N, District Tobacco Consultant from District Health Office and Dr. R Palanivel Pandian, Professor, Best Dental Science College.

Department of Economics



The Department of Economics at Lady Doak College, Madurai, continued its tradition of excellence during the academic year 2025–2026 through a series of scholarly activities, student achievements, and professional engagements. The department marked a significant milestone with the celebration of its **75th Year Platinum Jubilee**, commemorating its longstanding contribution to higher education, and released a Souvenir on 27th March 2026 as part of the celebrations. The department organized several notable academic programmes that enriched learning and research exposure:

- **International Conference on Behavioural Economics: Redefining Economic Approach** (11th & 12th September 2025), organised in collaboration with Agapuram Policy Research Centre, Erode.
- **National Level Students' Seminar on Navigating the Global Economy: A Tribute to Paul Krugman's Vision** (16th October 2025).
- **National Student Seminar on Generative AI and the Economy** (27th February 2026), with active participation from various institutions.
- **Faculty Training Programme on Time Series Econometric Analysis using R** (7th February 2026), with Dr. Sahadudheen I, Assistant Professor of Economics, Farook College, Kozhikode, as the resource person.

The department conducted a series of guest lectures and skill enhancement programmes

for students to strengthen their conceptual understanding and equip them with practical and career-oriented insights. These included sessions on **Digital Disruption in Banking: Implications for Monetary Policy** (29 August 2025), **Smart Investing: Tools and Techniques for Managing Risk in Modern Financial Markets** (17 December 2025), delivered by Dr. Rana Pratap Maradana, IIT Hyderabad, **Introduction to Open-source Packages for Econometrics** (17 February 2026), delivered by Dr. Balaji B, Central University of Tamil Nadu, and **Shaping Future Leaders: Career Guidance for Young Professionals** (3 February 2026), delivered by Dr. Richie Edison, Royal Riches Pvt. Ltd., Chennai. In addition, a **Skill Enhancement Programme for UGC-NET Economics Aspirants** was organised on 18th and 19th February 2026, handled by Research Scholars from Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai.

The **Oikonomia Club** of the Department of Economics, actively organized academic and skill-based programmes during 2025–2026 to enhance student engagement. The club was inaugurated under the theme **Macro Minds**, featuring the release of a faculty-edited book and the newsletter Synergy. A key initiative was the Fintech Club's collaboration with Bajaj Finserv to offer a Certificate Programme in Banking, Finance and Insurance, gaining practical exposure. The club co-organised a state-level essay competition with the National Statistical Office, encouraging analytical thinking. It also conducted the **Union Budget Analysis 2026**,

enabling students to understand fiscal policies through expert sessions and presentations. A two-day Investor Financial Education Programme improved financial literacy, while the international webinar **The Economics of You** and the **Know Your Economy Test** further strengthened students' knowledge, skills, and employability. The Oikonomia Club commemorated significant occasions such as **World Population Day, National Nutrition Week, International Literacy Day, Constitution Day of India, and Human Rights Day** by organizing a variety of competitions aligned with the theme and importance of each day.

Students actively participated in various intercollegiate competitions and secured several prizes and overall trophies. The department also strengthened its industry and academic linkages through the signing of Memoranda of Understanding



(MoUs) with reputed organisations, including **Raj Exim Group of Companies**, represented by Mr. K. Thirupathi Rajan, Managing Director, and the **Scientific Research Association of Economics and Finance**, represented by Mr. T. S. Gopal, Honorary Secretary in March 2026.

Department of Commerce

During the academic year 2025–2026, the Department of Commerce, Lady Doak College, organized an extensive array of academic, professional, and research-oriented initiatives designed to enrich students' intellectual growth and strengthen their professional competencies. An **Orientation Programme on Professional Courses (OPPC)** was conducted on 28 July 2025 for all **First Year Undergraduate Commerce students**, with the objective of guiding them in informed career planning and higher studies. Distinguished experts representing premier professional bodies including

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI), The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), the Insurance Institute of India (III), the International Skill Development Programme (ISDC), Miles Education, and Elysium Academy Pvt. Ltd. addressed the students and provided valuable insights into professional qualifications, emerging career avenues, and industry expectations.

To further enhance academic exposure and industry relevance, the Department organized a series of guest lectures for both Undergraduate and Postgraduate



students. These sessions addressed a wide range of contemporary and discipline-specific themes such as **Marketing Strategies, the CMA Professional Journey, Beyond Compliance: The Strategic Role of IND as in Financial Disclosures, IND AS and IFRS, Indian Accounting Standards, Stock Market and Mutual Fund Operations, Smart Savings Schemes, Research Methodology, Business Ethics, Budget 2026 Analysis, Career Awareness and Overseas Education Opportunities, Business Ethics, Export Financing and Institutional Framework & SEBI -LODR, Regulations 2015**. The lectures were delivered by an eminent panel of chartered accountants, company secretaries, research analysts, academicians, and industry experts, whose insights significantly enriched the learning experience of the students.

Complementing this initiative, the Department organized workshops and webinars on **Financial Literacy** in association with the **National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), Investor Awareness Programme, Data Analysis for Research & The Future - Ready Finance Leaders**, thereby strengthening students' awareness of financial markets and responsible financial practices. Additionally, a Faculty Development Programme titled **Pen to Publication – Strengthening Qualitative Research** was organized on **7 March 2026**, aimed at enhancing the research and scholarly writing capabilities of faculty members.

The Department also conducted a **Certificate Programme in Banking, Finance and Insurance (CPBFI)** for **100 hours** from **25 September 2025 to 20 November 2025**, in collaboration with **Bajaj Finserv Pvt. Ltd.** A momentous milestone in the Department's history was commemorated through A **Thanksgiving Service** marking the Golden Jubilee of the Department on **18 August 2025**, held at Wilcox Chapel. An International Conference on **AI-Driven Strategies for Business Excellence** was conducted on **21 and 22 August 2025**, bringing together academicians, researchers, and professionals to deliberate on the transformative role of artificial intelligence in contemporary business practices.

The Department celebrated its **Golden Jubilee Inauguration** on **19 September 2025**, marking fifty years of academic excellence and institutional contribution. As part of the celebrations, **Endowment Scholarships** worth ₹10,25,000 were launched to



support deserving students and promote academic advancement. Adding to the celebratory spirit, the **1993–1996 B. Com (Aided) batch** organized an **Alumnae Reunion Meet on 8 November 2025** bringing together former Heads of the Department and distinguished faculty members. Another notable initiative was the **Career Fest “Ilakkai Nokki”**, conducted on **25 November 2025**, which engaged **15 schools** from Madurai region, **Dr. M. Raja Climax, IRS**, Founder and Chairman, **CEOA Group of Institutions**, provided valuable career guidance and exposure to prospective students.

The Symposium **Commerce Connect 2025** held on **19 December 2025** and the Intercollegiate Meet **EMPHORIA–2026** held on **23 January 2026**, further strengthened the Department's commitment to academic collaboration and entrepreneurial engagement. The Intercollegiate Meet **EMPHORIA 2026** witnessed the enthusiastic participation of **266 students** from **13 colleges** across Tamil Nadu. **Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli** secured the Overall Championship. This was followed by a **National Conference on Forensic Accounting and Fraud Analytics in the Digital Era**, organized on **30 January 2026**, which featured **CA Chetan Dalal**, Chairman and Managing Director, **Chetan Dalal Investigation and Management Services Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai** a renowned expert in forensic accounting and financial investigations.

The Department achieved remarkable academic and co-curricular milestones during **2025–2026**. **Ninety-one students** successfully cleared the **CSEET** and **CS Executive Programme** conducted by **The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, CA Foundation & Intermediate Examination of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India** and the **CMA Foundation Examination of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India**. **M.Com students** showcased their research skills by presenting research

papers at national and international conferences. The Department of Commerce installed **Synergy Club** during the academic year 2025 – 2026 which conducted 12 cultural competitions untapping the student's potential. The academic environment is continuously

enriched through the exceptional achievements of the faculty. Overall, both the students and faculty of the Department of Commerce made valuable contributions to the Department's growth.

Department of Mathematics



During the academic year 2025–2026, the Department of Mathematics actively organized and participated in various academic, research, and professional development activities. The Department of Mathematics organized a **Platinum Jubilee Thanksgiving Service** on 19 December 2025 to express gratitude for 75 years of God's guidance and blessings. The service brought together faculty and well-wishers in prayer and reflection and was organized by Dr. A. Priscilla Paul, Head of the Department, along with the faculty members. To strengthen industry-academia collaboration, the department signed **Memorandum of Understanding** with **Sasha Infinity Private Limited**, Salem, Sai sMart Academy, Madurai and Sadakathullah Appa College, Palayamkottai.

The **MathematiKas Club**, inaugurated in July 2025, organized various competitions including Logical Reasoning Tests, Quantitative Aptitude Tests, Mathematical Rangoli, and Paper Presentation contests. **National Mathematics**

Day was celebrated on 22 December 2025 with interdepartmental competitions highlighting the contributions of Srinivasa Ramanujan.

Students actively participated in intercollegiate events. The department secured **three Overall Winner's Trophies** at MATAAC 2026, TCMAX2K26, and Pi Matica 2026. In addition, students presented **6 research papers** in conferences during the academic year. Overall, the Department of Mathematics continued to promote academic excellence, research, and student development throughout the year.



The Department of Physics and Research Centre



The Department of Physics and Research Centre continues to uphold its tradition of academic excellence, research innovation, and community engagement through a vibrant blend of scholarly, co-curricular, and outreach initiatives during the academic year 2025–2026.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMMES

International Academia-Industry-Innovation Conclave (AIIC-2025)

A landmark three-day event themed **Science Driven – Industry Powered – Future Focused** was held from November 27 to 29, 2025. The conclave was inaugurated by Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General of CSIR and Secretary of DSIR.

Collaborations and Industry Linkages

A major milestone was the signing of an **MoU** with **IMAI Research & Development, USA**, on November 28, 2025. This collaboration highlights the pivotal role of physics in advancing cutting-edge technologies, particularly in areas such as optical testing, biosensor development, and interferometry studies.

ISRO's START-2026

Lady Doak College maintained its prestige as a Nodal Centre since 2023 for the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Space Science and Technology Awareness Training. Coordinated by Dr. R. Nimma Elizabeth, the program themed **Observations from Space** ran from March 11th to April 2nd, 2026.

PHYXPLOSION'25:

The Department's **Annual Intercollegiate Physics Meet (ICPM)** focused on the theme **From Atoms to Algorithms – Physics for Smart Living**.

The event saw a vibrant turnout of 131 students representing 14 different institutions on September 13, 2025

One-day National Workshop

A One-day National Workshop on **Electrochemical Characterization Techniques for Energy Applications** was organized on March 14, 2026, this specialized workshop featured esteemed resource persons from CSIR - CECRI, Karaikudi. The sessions were led by Dr. V. Ganesh, Scientist F, Department of Electrodics and Electrocatalysis, along with Research Scholars Charlin Soosaimanickam and Mr. Abishek from the Electrodics and Electrocatalysis Division.

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT GUEST LECTURES

To bridge the gap between classroom learning and professional scientific practice, the department hosted several experts to share their specialized knowledge and experiences.

Research Enrichment Lecture:

Dr. V. Krishnakumar, Chief Technology Officer at Oculotix Inc., USA, delivered a session on **Innovating Medical Devices through Interdisciplinary Science** on July 11, 2025. This event was a collaborative effort between the Departments of Physics and Chemistry and the Research & Development Cell.

Invited Talk by Alumna:

On July 18, 2025, the department welcomed back Dr. Indhumathi R (Batch of 2014), Research Associate at IIT Kharagpur, who presented a talk titled **Light Shapers: Turning Rainbows into Lasers and Qubits**.

Guest Lecture on Energy Storage:

- Dr. Sujin P. Jose, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Natural Resources and Waste Recycling at Madurai Kamaraj University, delivered a talk titled **Materials for Energy Storage Applications**.
- **Ms. R. Andal Endowment Lecture:** Dr. T. Kanna, Associate Professor from Bishop Heber College, Trichy delivered the annual endowment lecture on February 10, 2026, focusing on the **Role of Optics in Modern Society**.
- **International Day of Women and Girls in Science:** Mrs. Danrita Williams, former Head of the Department of Physics at Lady Doak College and Academic Consultant, Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai shared her expertise in a talk titled **Eye – The Window to Our Health** on February 17, 2026

SPECIALIZED TRAINING AND BRIDGE COURSES

To provide students with a competitive edge and practical technical skills, the department organized several specialized training programs and foundational bridge courses.

Student Training Programmes:

- **How To Be AI Ready?** by Mr. Venkatesh Rajendran Managing Director & CEO, Dot Com Infoway (DCI), Madurai on 18.12.2025
- **Monte Carlo Simulation: Principles, Practice & Applications** by Dr. Hari Haran Balakrishnan, Scientific Officer(E) Coordinator, Cosmic Ray Laboratory, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Ooty on 11.12.2025
- **Typesetting and Graphing Tools for Undergraduate Students** by Dr. P. Muruganandam, Professor, Department of Physics Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli on 14.02.2026

Bridge Course

Bridge courses for both UG and PG students in **Mathematical Physics, Integrated Electronics**, and Computational Methods ensured a smooth academic transition and strengthened conceptual foundations.

CSIR – NET and JAM Coaching Classes:

To support students in their pursuit of higher education and research careers, the department organized intensive coaching sessions for national-level competitive examinations. These sessions,

held between December 2025 and February 2026, included specialized classes on **Classical and Quantum Mechanics** for CSIR-NET aspirants, as well as dedicated training in **Electronics and Modern Physics** for those preparing for the JAM (Joint Admission test for Masters).

OUTREACH AND EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

The Department of Physics conducted several impactful outreach activities during the 2025-2026 academic year to foster scientific engagement among school students. On August 30, 2025, the department hosted an **Inter-School Physics Meet**, which brought together 103 students from 11 different schools to participate in competitive events such as Quiz, Rangoli, and Ad Act. Educational visits were also organized to further practical learning, with 24 students from Santhosha Vidhyalaya, Dohnavur, visiting on December 2, 2025, followed by 30 students from Appar Higher Secondary School, Madurai, on January 28, 2026. Additionally, the department extended its reach to the Government School in Malaipatti on March 4, 2026, where it organized a school exhibition and various competitions to encourage young scientific minds.

Clubs and Holistic Development

The department's vibrant student clubs—**Janus**, **Prismora**, and **Spectrum**—played a pivotal role in nurturing creativity, leadership, and scientific temperament through seminars, competitions, and cultural events.

The academic year 2025–2026 stands as a testament to the Department of Physics' unwavering commitment to academic rigor, research excellence, and societal engagement. The department continues to empower students to emerge as competent professionals and responsible global citizens.



Department of Chemistry



From a CSIR-sponsored international conclave to national and international networking and elite student fellowships at JNCASR and BARC, the Department of Chemistry experienced a spectacular year marked by academic excellence, industry partnerships, and societal engagement, contributing to the vision of sustainable science for **Viksit Bharat**. The department organized a vibrant array of more than 15 programmes, engaging over 250 internal students and benefiting more than 90 external participants. Highlights included guest lectures that bridged interdisciplinary frontiers, skill-building workshops, and hands-on field training, all fostering research-driven careers and innovation. Through the **Amalchem Club**, several capacity-building programmes were organized, nurturing entrepreneurial thinking and encouraging students to translate chemistry knowledge into real-world solutions.

On July 11, 2025, Dr. V. Krishnakumar, Chief Technology Officer at Oculotix Inc., USA, delivered a Research Enrichment Lecture on **Innovating Medical Devices through Interdisciplinary Science**, inspiring students to address global challenges through collaborative research. On July 25, Dr. S. Devaraj from SASTRA University inaugurated Amalchem with his talk on **The Integral Role of Chemists in Sustainable Energy Development**, highlighting emerging career pathways for chemists. On August 25, **Chempreneurs: Formulate Your Ideas** by Mr. C. Arun Sudarsan of Dot2Dot guided students in transforming scientific ideas into entrepreneurial ventures using design-thinking strategies. A career-focused lecture on September 15 by Mr. R. Jegan from the Southern Railway Chemical Laboratory gave a lecture on **Chemistry: The Central Science and its Career Opportunities**. On October 13, Ms. Shinduja Vetrivelan of Prishigo Foods delivered an insightful talk on **Redefining Food Analysis through AI**.

The Prof. Evelyn Rhine Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. A. Gomathi of Mahindra University on **Engineering Nanomaterials for Hydrogen Production**. The pinnacle of the year was the **CSIR-sponsored AIIC-2025 International Conclave** (November 27–29) themed **Science Driven – Industry Powered – Future Focused**. The event was virtually inaugurated by Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General, CSIR, and featured a keynote address by Dr. N. Valarmathi of ISRO.

The **World and National Food Day Celebrations** (October 23), organized in collaboration with Voice Trust, educated 35 B.Sc. Chemistry students and over 1200 school children on food adulteration and safety through exhibitions conducted at Appar Higher Secondary School, Karuppayurani. **RASAYAN**, the intercollegiate meet integrating chemistry with Indian Knowledge Systems, engaged 96 students from 8 colleges, with Thiagarajar College winning the overall championship trophy.

The department established pioneering partnerships, including the first college-level **MoU** with a central government organisation, **Central Institute of Petrochemical Engineering and Technology, CIPET** (September 24) to facilitate workshops, internships, and collaborative research, and an **MoU** with **IMAI USA** (November 28) to promote global research and development collaborations. Building on this strong momentum, the department aspires to advance AI-integrated green technologies and interdisciplinary research projects during the academic year 2026–2027.



Department of Botany



The **Orchid Club** was inaugurated on 28 July 2025 by Dr. Mowna Sundari T, Assistant Professor of Zoology and Indian Patent agent who delivered a lecture on **Unlocking Innovation: Insights into Indian Patent Law and Patent Agent Certification**. The Department organized the State Level Intercollegiate Meet **ZERA 2025-26** on 2 September 2025 with active participation of students from nine different colleges. Virudhunagar Hindu Nadars' Senthikumara Nadar College, Virudhunagar, won the Overall Trophy. **Orchid Endowment Lecture** was conducted on 27 January 2026 to enhance students' knowledge in plant systematics and global career opportunities. Dr. Senthilkumar Umapathy, Assistant Professor, Madras Christian College delivered a lecture on **Applications of Molecular Phylogenetics in Plant Systematics**, highlighting the importance of molecular markers in modern plant classification and Mr. Sanjay Elangovan, Senior Cybersecurity Software Engineer, General Motors, USA spoke on **Unlocking Global Opportunities: Career Development and Entrepreneurship through International Learning**.

A one-day Workshop on **Bioinformatics Tools** was organised on 30 January 2026. Dr. N. Janakiraman, Assistant Professor, Madura College and Dr. J. C. Walter Devaa, Madurai Kamaraj University conducted hands-on training on sequence analysis, data retrieval and submission of nucleotide sequences to NCBI. The Department

of Botany organized a field trip to JNTBGRI, Palode, on 18th & 19th September 2025 for UG and PG students. The visit provided hands-on experience in plant identification, specimen collection, and understanding plant diversity, enhancing their practical and taxonomic skills and a study visit to Nila Seafoods Pvt. Ltd. and Pearl City Beach, Thoothukudi, to provide practical exposure to seafood processing and marine biodiversity.

The Department of Botany and Research and Development Cell, Lady Doak College, jointly organized a Faculty Development Programme on **Research Grant Proposal Writing** on 24 February 2026. Dr. J. Rajendhran, Associate Professor, Department of Genetics, School of Biological Sciences, Madurai Kamaraj University gave insights on key aspects of research proposal preparation for funding agencies. The Department of Botany and Research Centre, Lady Doak College, Madurai,



organized a National Seminar on **Advancing Algal Research Towards a Sustainable Future** on March 3, 2026, with participation from 18 colleges. A Guest Lecture was organised on the topic **Diversity and Conservation of Freshwater Diatoms of Tamil Nadu** on 4 March 2026 and the resource person Dr. B. Babu gave insights on

Diatom Morphology, Taxonomy, and Purification Techniques. On 18th March 2026, Dr. Anand Pandian, Krieger – Eisenhower Professor of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, Curator, Ecological Design collective and visited Herbal Garden, Botanical Garden and Paper Recycling Unit and appreciated the efforts taken by the Department.



Department of Zoology and Research Centre



The Department of Zoology and Research Centre experienced a fulfilling and eventful academic year 2025–2026, marked by steady growth in research, teaching, and student engagement. A significant achievement during the year was the submission of a provisional patent for a microplastic filtration device, demonstrating the department's effort to translate research into practical solutions.

One of the highlights of the year was the **International Conference on Innovations in Biomolecular Sciences: Integrating Technology and Discovery**, held in August 2025. The conference brought together around 175 participants and featured several distinguished speakers from India and abroad, creating a vibrant platform for exchange of ideas. Alongside this, the department organized over ten guest lectures and research forum sessions, giving students opportunities to interact with experts and gain exposure to emerging areas in biological sciences.

Learning extended beyond the classroom through more than six On-Site Study programmes to places such as fossil sites, marine ecosystems, wildlife reserves, and research laboratories, helping students connect theory with real-world experiences. The

OIKOS Club also remained active, organizing over eight events including National Moth Week and the intercollegiate meet **Faunae'25**, fostering both creativity and environmental awareness among students. A particularly memorable moment of the year was the celebration of the department's Platinum Jubilee, which brought together nearly 80 alumnae and former faculty. It was a meaningful occasion filled with shared memories, reflections, and a renewed sense of connection. Overall, the year reflected a healthy balance of academic rigor, research growth, and community spirit, reinforcing the department's commitment to holistic education.



Department of Biotechnology



The Department of Biotechnology organized a series of academic and outreach programmes during the academic year 2025–2026. The department inaugurated its club activities on 16th July 2025 with a special lecture delivered by Ms. R. Iswarya (Alumna Batch 2016–2018) on **Adult Tissue Resident Stem Cells and Exosomes from Human Trabecular Meshwork – Towards the Future of Glaucoma Therapy**. The session provided valuable insights into emerging therapeutic strategies for glaucoma.

As part of the **Prof. Whitin Endowment Lecture Series**, on the theme **Chrono Medicine: Bridging time and Therapy** was conducted on 14th August 2025, highlighting the significance of biological rhythms in disease management and treatment strategies. The Department, in collaboration with other science departments, jointly organized the **International Academia-Industry Conclave (AIIC-2025)** from November 27–29th, 2025.

The Department organized the Intercollegiate Meet **Bioverse'25** on 17th December 2025, providing a vibrant platform for academic and extracurricular excellence. A total of 141 students from seven colleges actively participated, displaying their diverse talents and competitive spirit. The students of the Department of Microbiology of Thiagarajar College, Madurai secured the Overall Trophy, marking their achievement in the event.

The department also undertook an outreach initiative titled **Popularization of Science among School Children** on 8th January 2026, centring on

the theme **Experiential Inquiry in Biology**. The programme aimed to foster scientific curiosity and hands-on learning among school students from Appar Higher Secondary School, Karuppayurani, Madurai. Further to strengthen practical competencies, a Workshop on **Animal Cell Culture Techniques** was organized from 29th to 31st January 2026, offering intensive hands-on training in cell culture techniques for participants including from the institution recently signed an MOU. To enhance the effectiveness of the teaching–learning process, the Department organized around ten guest lectures featuring eminent resource persons from academia and research institutions.

The **Department Club (WEBS & SIBS)** actively organized various competitions to develop the skills of students. International Youth Day was celebrated with the theme **Next Gen in Lab: Youth for Bio Future**. World Nutrition Day was conducted to promote healthy food habits and create awareness about health & nutrition. World AIDS Day was



observed with the global theme **Red Ribbon of Hope**, highlighting awareness and support. A Research Forum session on **Reference Management Tools** was organized for PG students. The session was handled by Mr. Meet J. Patel, Research Scholar from Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore, who introduced tools such as Mendeley and Zotero.

A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was signed between the **Department of Biotechnology, Lady Doak College** and **Rev. Jacob Memorial Christian College** for a period of two years on 12th January 2026. The MoU aims to promote academic collaboration, faculty and student exchange, and joint academic and research initiatives between the two institutions.

Department of Business Administration



The Department of Business Administration, together with the Department of Commerce, hosted a two-day International Conference on **AI-Driven Strategies for Sustainable Business Excellence** on 21st and 22nd August 2025. The conference brought together distinguished academicians and industry experts from around the world who shared valuable insights on the role of Artificial Intelligence in promoting sustainable business practices and achieving organizational excellence. The event witnessed active participation from 184 delegates representing various colleges and universities.

An Inter departmental Meet **STRATESSA '26** was organised on 09.01.2026. The event was designed to foster business knowledge, analytical thinking, and competitive skills among students, while also encouraging Inter Departmental interaction and experiential learning. A total of 44 students from various departments actively participated in the event. For the observance of the **Global Change Management Day**, an **Interdepartmental Business Proposal Competition** was conducted on 11.02.2026 at the **J X Miller Auditorium**,

providing a platform for students to present innovative and sustainable business ideas. Another interdepartmental competition titled **BUSINESS STRATESSA** was conducted on 09.01.2026 to promote business knowledge, analytical thinking, and competitive spirit among students, with 44 participants from different departments.

A guest lecture titled **Challenges in Capturing Markets: BINDHANI's Marketing Mix Journey** was held on 08.09.2025. Ms. Hansa Rajpurohit, Co-founder of Bindhani, a Bangalore-based imitation jewellery brand, shared her entrepreneurial journey and discussed marketing strategies and challenges in building a successful business. The Department organized a two-day Learnathon on **HR Matrix** for PGDHRD students, featuring Ms. Prasanna Devi, HR & Admin at JK Fenner Ltd. and an alumna of PGDHRD, as the resource person. An Executive Talk on **HR in the Age of AI: Balancing Humanity and Automation** was also conducted on 11.10.2025 by Mrs. Nivedhitha S, HR Analyst at Tata Consultancy Services, Chennai.

Various student clubs actively engaged learners through meaningful activities. The **DICE Club**

organized a **POTLUCK programme** on **16.10.2025** to commemorate National Food Day, while the **R2 Club** conducted student wellness and wellbeing programmes. The **Vrithik and Vitta Clubs** hosted several creative and skill-based competitions such as Ad Shoot Contest, Product Photography, Corporate Vogue, Logo Designing, IPL Auction 2025, and Budget Battle, aimed at enhancing students' knowledge in finance, marketing, and business communication. To provide practical exposure, PGDHRD students visited **Annachi Vilash Industry**, Karupayurani, for an on-the-spot study of industrial and management operations. Additionally, II BBA students visited **Kayal Agro Foods**, Natham, to gain



insights into production systems and operational processes.

Department of Computer Science



The Department of Computer Science stands as a vibrant hub of academic excellence, innovation, and industry engagement. With a strong commitment to nurture technical expertise and holistic development, the Department consistently strives to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application. Through a combination of curricular rigor, co-curricular dynamism, and industry collaboration, the Department empowers students and faculty to excel in emerging technological domains while fostering critical thinking, creativity, and research orientation.

The academic year 2025–2026 was marked by a series of impactful programmes that strengthened industry connections, enhanced technical skills, and promoted innovation among students and faculty. To strengthen industry connections and to effectively bridging the gap between academic learning and professional practice, an **Industry-Institution Interaction** was organised on 4th August 2025 in association with SynproSoft, Chennai. The **Jupito**

Club, Department of Computer Science conducted the Intra-Departmental Competition **Innoverse '25** on 13th and 14th August 2025, a vibrant cluster of technical and creative events designed to foster innovation and skill development. To enrich the students with practical knowledge on modern development workflows and emerging AI tools, the **NextGen Tech Conclave** was organised on 18th November 2025. An awareness programme on **Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence** was jointly organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the Department of Computer Science on 25th November 2025. **Science Exhibition '25**, held on 1st December 2025 under the theme **Code Connect Create: The Future of Technology**, fostered scientific curiosity and promoted experiential learning. A total of 75 innovative projects were presented by students of the Department of Computer Science, showcasing a wide spectrum of technological advancements and creative problem-solving. The exhibition attracted around 200 school students from six different

institutions, enhancing outreach and engagement.

The State-Level Intercollegiate Meet, **CYPHERA' 2026**, was organised by the Jupito Club on 9th February 2026, drawing enthusiastic participation from 96 students representing 10 colleges across a range of intellectually stimulating and creative events. The Overall Trophy was secured by the Department of IT, The American College, Madurai. An **Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme** was conducted on 9th February 2026, to foster entrepreneurial thinking among students. The **NextGen Innovators Hackathon 2026**, held on 4th March 2026 in association with Tarcin Robotic LLP, Madurai, provided a dynamic platform for students to demonstrate their creativity, technical expertise, and problem-solving skills. In collaboration with ICT Academy, a 120-hour HP CSR Training Programme was conducted from 16th February to 5th March 2026.

The students of the Department of Computer Science participated in various Intercollegiate Meets and won laurels. To enhance the pedagogical and technical capabilities of the faculty members, a **Three-Day Faculty Development Programme** on the topic **UI/UX Design and Development for Web and Mobile Applications** was organized from 12th to 14th November 2025 in collaboration with Reccsar Pvt. Ltd. A **Five-Day Online International**



Faculty Development Programme on Next-Gen Warfare: Cybersecurity and Countermeasures was conducted from 16th to 20th February 2026 in collaboration with Reccsar Pvt. Ltd. This programme witnessed international participation from India, Malaysia, UAE, the UK, and Ireland.

The Department of Computer Science strengthened its industry partnership by signing **MoUs** with **Tarcin Robotic LLP, Madurai** on 9th July 2025, and with **Reccsar Private Limited, Madurai** on 23rd September 2025. With a strong foundation in academic consistency and a forward-looking approach towards emerging technologies, the Department remains dedicated in shaping competent professionals and responsible innovators who are well-equipped to contribute to the evolving global technological landscape.

Department of Fashion Designing



The Department of Fashion Designing is a vibrant space where creativity meets

craftsmanship, and tradition blends with contemporary fashion thinking. The department

empowers young designers to explore their artistic voice while mastering technical skills in textiles, illustration, styling, and garment construction. With strong emphasis on experiential learning, sustainability, and cultural heritage, students are inspired to transform ideas into meaningful fashion expressions and evolve into confident designers and creative entrepreneurs.

The academic year 2025–2026 began with great enthusiasm and vibrant energy through a series of academic, creative, and professional development programmes organised by the **Elan Club**. This year begins with the **Elan Club Inauguration and Fresher's Day Celebration** on 25th July 2025, where the inaugural address was delivered by Ms. H. Sangeetha, alumna and Creative Head, Ramana Textiles Pvt. Ltd., Virudhunagar. Describing the journey of textile Weaving the **Workshop on Textile Trails** was organised on 31st July 2025, highlighting traditional and contemporary techniques and sustainability aspects. The **National Handloom Day Celebration** on 7th August 2025 featured a special address by alumna Ms. M. Harisha, Founder and Director of Kalka the Design House, Madurai, along with an Inter-Departmental Fashion Walk competition that encouraged creative expression and appreciation of handloom heritage.

The Inter-Collegiate meet **CELESTIA '25**, held on 11th September 2025, was inaugurated by Vice Principal Dr. R. Nimma Elizabeth and included a wide range of innovative competitions such as Design by Me, Rock and Roll, Défilé de Mode, Mr & Miss Celestia '25, Moda Sketching, Ornament Craft, Stains on Hand, and Styles in Fold. To strengthen historical and cultural understanding, a Seminar on the **History of French Fashion** was organised on 4th October 2025, with Ms. Véronique F. Courtois as the resource person, who traced the evolution of French fashion from royal courts to modern haute couture. Creative engagement continued with **Monochrome Day** on 20th November 2025, where students presented monochromatic outfits in a ramp walk competition, honouring timeless traditions through contemporary creativity, the **IDM Heritage Runway** on 11th December 2025 showcased heritage-inspired designs rooted in culture and craftsmanship.

Skill based learning was reinforced through a Two-day hands-on training programme on **Foil Coaster and Metal Jewellery Box Making** held on 18th and 19th December 2025, where the techniques were taught by the resource person from Fevicryl.



In addition, a **Hands-on Training Programme on Illustration Techniques** was conducted on 8th January 2026. The session was led by Mr. Raja Ram T, an experienced art tutor, who provided valuable insights and a creative perspective on painting and illustration. A Webinar on **Career Opportunities in the Field of Fashion** was organised on 27th January 2026. This session was led by Mr. G. P. Sheejith Monish, Faculty in the B.Voc. Programme, Department of Textiles and Apparel Design, Periyar University, Salem, who shared practical guidance on industry expectations, skill requirements, emerging career avenues, and strategies for academic and professional growth in the fashion sector. To enhance students' entrepreneurial perspective, a session on **Fashion Entrepreneurship** addressing **How to Launch Your Clothing Brand** was conducted on 16th February 2026, led by Ms. Beulah, Faculty of Fashion Designing, Dream Zone School of Creative Studies, Madurai.

The Department of Fashion Designing organised the Portfolio Presentation – **ESPERANZA '26** on 12th March 2026, providing a vibrant and inspiring platform for creative expression and professional presentation. The event showcased the impressive portfolio collections of the III B.Sc. Costume Design and Fashion students, who presented their meticulously designed garments with confidence and elegance. As part of community outreach, the Department of Fashion Designing organised a **Crocheting Training** for school students on 17th and 18th March 2026 at Thanapaul Middle School, Madurai. The students of the Department of Fashion Designing actively participated in numerous intercollegiate meets, with over 100 students engaging enthusiastically in various competitions, reflecting a strong culture of active learning and creative excellence. These accomplishments collectively highlight the department's commitment in nurturing skilled, confident, and industry ready fashion professionals, consistently bringing honour and recognition to the institution.

VERSATILE CENTRES

Centre for Environmental Studies (CES)



The Centre for Environmental Studies at Lady Doak College is committed to fostering environmental awareness and equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and motivation required to address pressing ecological challenges. The Centre aligned its activities with the UN theme Beat Plastic Pollution for the academic year 2025–2026, integrating the theme into its environmental initiatives and programmes.

- **Achievements and Recognitions** - The Centre for Environmental Studies received the District Eco-SDG Champion 2025 Award in November 2025 with A+ (Gold) Grade Certificate for Madurai District.
- **Smart Campus Initiatives**- E-waste was dismantled responsibly in collaboration with CIT in July 2025, ensuring proper disposal and certification.
- **Herbal Garden Renewal**- The Herbal Garden was revitalized with support from Dr. Dhanaseeli, Former Faculty, Department of Botany, July to August 2025.
- **Awareness Programmes**- Programmes on solid waste management and disaster management



were conducted for students to promote environmental responsibility.

- **Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign** - A cleanliness drive at Madurai Junction included a rally and street play, promoting community engagement.
- **Guest Lectures** - Lectures were organized on sustainability and waste reduction that benefited 891 II UG students and 23 Environmental electives faculty members.
- **Audit And Sustainability Measures** - The Green, Energy, and Environment Audit for 2024–2025 was successfully completed.
- **National Science Day** - A programme fostering scientific temper was conducted, benefiting 400 students and 18 faculty members.
- **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Initiatives** - Field visits, seed ball preparation, and awareness campaigns were conducted in UBA villages – Vaagaikulam and Kulamangalam.
- **Social Outreach Initiative** - A sanitary napkin incinerator was installed at Kulamangalam Higher Secondary School sponsored by Voice Trust for the benefit of girl students. The event created awareness among students on menstrual hygiene, health practices, and the importance of education.
- **Focus Block Development Programme** - The Centre for Environmental Studies and MSW students collaborated with the District Planning Commission office, Madurai and conducted an outreach programme at Saptur Village. The skit on regional development was well received and appreciated by the District Collector and officials.

Centre for Human Rights Education (CHRE)



The Centre for Human Rights Education organized a film screening for all III UG VBC and IVBC Aided and Self-Financed students on the topic **Human Rights and Duties** on 5.8.2025 during the VBC hours. The Centre for Human Rights Education organised a guest lecture on **Women Rights and Legal Protection from Violence** on 13.8.2025 in which Mrs. S. Diana Punithavathy, Centre Administrator, One Stop Centre, Woman and Child welfare department, Madurai was the Guest speaker. The lecture aimed to raise awareness about women's rights, discuss the legal framework for protecting women from violence, and explore ways to promote gender equality.

The Centre for Human Rights Education arranged **On the Spot Study Trips** on 26.08.2025 for all III UG VBC students (12 batches) of Human Rights and Duties (2023 batch) as part of the Human Rights Education curriculum. For the 2025-2026 odd semester, the students visited various police stations and the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court. During the visit to the police stations, the police officials and their team provided



insightful explanations on cybersecurity, the risks of online trading, and the crucial role of the police in society. During the interactive session, they also emphasized the importance of emergency helpline numbers such as 1098 and 100. OSS Trips were arranged for all the II UG VBC and IVBC (Aided and SF – 17 batches) on 24.02.2026 Human Rights and Duties students (2024 batch) as a part of the Human Rights Education curriculum for the 2025-2026 Even Semester. The students went to various places, such as the Police stations, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Adaikalam Old Age home and One Stop Centre.

The Centre for Human Rights Education observed the Triune Celebration of the **International Human Rights Day, Martin Macwan Endowment Lecture Series** and the **Installation of the Justice Dr. Shivaraj V. Patil Endowment Lecture Series** on 12.12.2025. The theme for this year's observance was **Human Rights, Our Everyday Essential**. The chief guest, Hon'ble Justice Dr. Shivaraj V. Patil, Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India in his address, emphasized the moral duty to be the voice of the voiceless and uphold justice for all. He urged the audience to treat every individual with fairness, compassion and respect. He emphasized that the future of the nation depends upon the future of its students and Our Everyday Essentials campaign should raise awareness, inspire confidence and encourage collective action.

Dr. Nirmala Devi J & Dr. Margaret Divya A
Convenors

International Study Centre (ISC)



The International Studies Centre at Lady Doak College has continued to foster a vibrant culture of global engagement and cross-cultural dialogue throughout the year. Alongside established Student Exchange Programmes and the Oberlin Shansi Programme, the Centre, in collaboration with our Oberlin Shansi Representative, Ms Caris Gross, curated a rich array of student-centred initiatives. These included Safe Space Discussions, the Annual Christmas and New Year Celebrations, Vision Board Crafting, Film Club screenings, Open Mic sessions, Book Club meetings, and Model United Nations simulations—each designed to encourage reflection, creativity, and global awareness among students.

ISC successfully conduct the International Service-Learning Programme from July to August 2025. 12 students from International Christian University, Japan, participated in it. Around 25 volunteers from ISC were involved in this cultural immersion cum Service-Learning Programme. The students volunteered in five schools in Madurai, including rural, urban schools and a school for

special children. The Centre was also privileged to host distinguished international visitors. Mr. Ted Samuel, Senior Director, Oberlin Shansi, Ohio, USA, paid his early visit to Lady Doak College and participated in the Carol Service. We were also privileged to have Ms. Anne Richmond, former Oberlin Shansi Rep. at Lady Doak with us to partake in our Pongal celebrations.

Dr. Andrew Houwen, Associate Professor in the Division of English and Dean for International Affairs at Tokyo Women's Christian University, Japan, visited the campus to assess academic structures, student life, and institutional facilities as part of a prospective collaboration. He expressed deep appreciation for the academic rigour, campus environment, and holistic educational system at Lady Doak College. Ms. Dianne Adams from the United Church, Chester, Connecticut visited Lady Doak College from 5th to 16th January 2026. She shares a spiritual and historical connection with our founder Katie Wilcox. She was profoundly moved by the Life Frontier Engagement (LFE) initiatives, academic practices, and student-led efforts. Her heartfelt remark, "Katie Wilcox would have smiled," stands as a powerful affirmation of the institution's enduring legacy.

Further strengthening its global footprint, Lady Doak College has been invited to serve on the Executive Committee of ACUCA, marking a significant step in enhancing its international presence and partnerships. In an effort to encourage greater student participation in global



opportunities, the Centre organised a Study Abroad Fair, complemented by a workshop on How to Write Your Application, equipping students with the necessary tools and confidence to pursue international academic experiences. Through

these initiatives, the International Studies Centre continues to expand horizons, nurture global citizens, and reinforce the college's commitment to meaningful international engagement.

Ms. Hannah Sophiah Samuel
Jt. Coordinator

Centre for Women Studies (CWS)



The Centre for Women's Studies (CWS), Lady Doak College, actively engaged in academic learning, research, training, collaborations with other academic partners and initiatives to drive community impact during the academic year 2025–2026. It focused on the key aspects of partnership building with men students of other higher education institutions, Knowledge building for action through peer support, shared conversations and dialogues within our campus.

The collaboration of Lady Doak College, Centre for Information Technology, with the IIT Mumbai FOSEE [Free/Libre and Open Source Software for Education], created a compelling opportunity for the 2024 Batch students of the Foundation Course on Women's Studies to apply for the National Geospatial Internship (A joint initiative of the IIT Bombay FOSEE GIS (NMEICT) project & The RuDRA Lab). The geo spatial mapping to assess the vulnerability hotspots and sanitation access of women street vendors was carried out by the students facilitated by the course teachers & standing committee members of the Centre for Women's Studies in collaboration with the Centers for Information Technology and Environmental Studies, in February 2026.

The Centre for Women's Studies enhanced its research capabilities with a collaboration with the PG Department & Research Centre of English in the conduct of a two-day international conference, Voices of Women across Cultures, from 16th to 17th February 2026. Faculty members and research assistant from the CWS presented papers on entrepreneurial resilience, feminist research methodologies, trauma-informed care, and honour-based violence. The CWS observed the global campaign 16 Days of Activism: #NoExcuse – UNiTE to end digital violence against women and girls (25th November–10th December 2025), in collaboration with the Madurai Kamaraj University, Women's Studies Centre and the Women's Studies Section of the University Grants Commission, New Delhi. An intercollegiate dialogue moderated by Mr. A. Kathir Vincent Raj and Founder Director of EVIDENCE, on honour crimes became a powerful moment, as survivors shared their lived experiences.

The Centre, in collaboration with the Counselling Centre, organised an open forum titled Rise & Restore: A Dialogue on Mind and Self. With 380 students participating, the forum connected mental wellbeing with lived gender experiences. An employability skill development initiative has



been implemented with the introduction of a value-added course in Radio and Video Jockeying. This course has provided the 19 enrolled students with extensive opportunities and career prospects in both social and mainstream media, enabling them to contribute to the dissemination of ideas, voices, and meaningful discussions on youth empowerment. As part of their field exposure, students were invited on the very first day to showcase their speaking and compering skills on All India Radio's Kaloori Galatta.

The theme for International Women's Day, Rights. Justice. Action. For All Women and Girls: Give to Gain, inspired us to celebrate our distinguished alumnae Mrs. R. Kanmani, Correspondent and Senior Principal of the Dolphin Group of Schools,

Dr. Angel Rathinabhai, Associate Professor in Educational Technology, Department of ICT – Training Division, Central Institute of Educational Technology (NCERT), and Ms. R. Angel Ratchanya, Chief Relationship Officer at ABGH Investments Pvt. Ltd who, through their journeys, have attained positions of influence that enable them to educate young women, create employment opportunities, and mentor their growth. The keynote address by the renowned Ms. S. M. Mathivadhani, Advocate at the Madras High Court, was a strong reminder that education and awareness are powerful tools for change.

The Centre for Women's Studies continues to be a vibrant and evolving space within the college. It is a safe space where students don't just learn, but question, unlearn, and speak up. It is where they learn to stand for themselves and for each other. Through partnership building with other higher educational institutions, knowledge building through peer supports, the Centre is shaping a community that listens, challenges, and refuses to stay silent.

Dr. Ann Nirmala Carr
Coordinator



Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED)



The Centre for Entrepreneurship Development reaffirmed its commitment to skill enhancement through the successful conduct of 20 vocational courses. A total of 1,122 students completed training across diverse domains, including digital technologies, electrical appliances,

two-wheeler mechanics, paper recycling, organic farming, food processing techniques, pastry making, art, jute products, organic cosmetics, wellbeing, and tourism & hospitality. The Centre further strengthened its industry collaborations through partnerships with esteemed organizations such





as **Maxelerator Foundation, TVS Community College of the Arogya Welfare Trust, Ajantha Paints, Honey AArt Studio, Yazhini Clicks, and Madurai Kamaraj University College**, ensuring both the effective delivery and practical relevance of these courses.

Over 1,100 students who completed their **Vocational Training** participated with enthusiasm and pride, showcasing their newly acquired skills through a diverse range of thoughtfully designed products. The event featured more than 35 innovative creations, each reflecting not only technical expertise but also creativity, dedication, and attention to detail. The showcase evolved into a vibrant design expo, where every product narrated a unique story—capturing the students' learning journeys, their growing competencies in product development, and the services they are now equipped to offer. In a unique initiative at the beginning of the academic year, all forty vocational course instructors from both aided and self-financed streams participated in a workshop on **Design Thinking**. The workshop played a pivotal

role in shaping the outcomes showcased during the Design Expo held on 17th July 2026.

The **Innovation Club** at Lady Doak College brought together over fifty students from diverse disciplines, creating a dynamic platform for ideation, experimentation, and brand-building. From 14th to 18th December 2026, students showcased and sold their products—including food items, tote bags, and fashion accessories—at a **Christmas Bazaar** organized exclusively for them. On 5th February 2026, students attended an expert session by Dr. Jayachandra, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Computer Science, on **NotebookLM & Modern AI Tools** – Mastering the New Wave of AI Tools. The session was thoughtfully curated to meet the learning needs of students from both humanities and science streams. Further enriching their exposure, Innovation Club members visited the **TCE-TBI Automotive Incubator** on 1st April 2026, gaining valuable insights into innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystems.

Twelve students have successfully registered their own brands under the UDHAYAM registration scheme across sectors such as food production, apparel, dramatic arts, music, hairdressing, and beauty services. The Department of Botany, with facilitation support from the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, ventured into a new entrepreneurial pathway through the launch of Botanical Delights—a product line featuring squashes, jams, and pickles. The Students' Trade Corner continues to serve as a nurturing platform for aspiring entrepreneurs.

Dr. Ann Nirmala Carr
Convenor

Career Guidance and Placement Cell (CGPC)

The Career Guidance and Placement Cell (CGPC) organized the following training and facilitated on-campus and off-campus drives. The following programmes were organized during the Academic Year 2025–26:

Training and Awareness Sessions:

- CGPC in collaboration with the Department of Zoology and Research Centre organized a session on **Exploring Research Careers**, a session with Dr. R. Purushothaman, Dr. Borus Institute, Chennai on

16 July 2025. A similar session was organised with the Department of Biotechnology on 21 July 2025.

- A session titled **First Impressions, Digitally Delivered, ATS Resume Writing** was organized by the Career Guidance and Placement (CGPC) to equip the final year undergraduate and postgraduate students with essential career-building skills and awareness on 30 July, 2025. Ms. Sophia Rai, Service Delivery Lead, Tech Mahendra, Bangalore facilitated the session.



- **The Dorcas Initiative: Weaving Skills into Careers** was implemented through the Career Guidance & Placement Cell, Internship Cell, under the visionary guidance of the Principal Dr. Beulah Jeyashree in collaboration with Alumnae Association on 18 August 2025. Current students and the Alumna who were skilled in tailoring were engaged in stitching over coats for Part V students.

- **Internship Cell (IC)** has been initiated under CGPC from 16th July 2025. The objective of the Internship Cell is to streamline the process of conducting and monitoring internships both on and off campus. The cell aims to enhance the quality and tracking of internship programmes across all departments in alignment with NEP/SEP guidelines.

- The Sophis Club of the Department of Social Sciences, in collaboration with the Career Guidance

and Placement Cell (CGPC), organized an UPSC Orientation Programme titled **Aspirations to Achievements: The Civil Services Path** on September 22, 2025. All UG and PG students of the department of social sciences and a few students from other departments participated in the session.

- A career guidance training was organised in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology for the final year UG and PG students on February 3 & 4, 2026. The programme was conducted by TerV-Pro, Chennai.

Placement Drives Conducted and Offers Received:

About **100** students have received placement offers from various companies/organisations. The top positions received are Assistant Manager and Customer Service Executives from Tamilnad Mercantile Bank, Teaching Fellowship from Tamilnadu Model School Society, Junior Officer Trainee from SPIC, Thoothukudi and Teaching positions and Business Development and Software support positions from other IT and Non-IT organisations.

Ms. Vidhya Lakshmi R
Coordinator



Centre for Communication and Multimedia(CCM)



The Centre for Communication and Multimedia at Lady Doak College aims to promote ICT-enabled education by enhancing and streamlining the use of technology to improve students' learning and comprehension. The centre is well equipped with advanced tools and resources that support the creation of digital and creative content.

The Centre for Communication and Multimedia at Lady Doak College conducted various **Techno-Sharing** Sessions throughout the academic year 2025-26 and faculty members from different departments of the college served as resource persons educating and training the participants on different modern technological aspects. During the period June 2025 to November 2025, a total of 427 students enrolled in **NPTEL Courses**. Among them, 30 students successfully completed the courses and received certificates. During the period from December 2025 to February 2026, a total of 168 students enrolled in **SWAYAM-NPTEL Courses**. Among them, 82 students successfully received certificates. For the **Spoken Tutorial Online Certification Programme** conducted by **Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)**,

22 students from M.A. Economics enrolled in the Python Course.

The Centre for Communication and Multimedia organised an orientation programme on the **Effective Usage of Audio-Visual Equipment on Campus** on 24, 25, and 28 July 2025 to enhance faculty proficiency in using AV tools for teaching and events. The inaugural ceremony of the **Audio-Visual Club** of the Centre for Communication and Multimedia was held on 31 July 2025 at BCMMT. The chief guest, photographer, model, and actress Ms. Aruna Varshini, shared her professional journey and motivated students to develop their skills and make use of available opportunities in photography. A training programme on **Geotagged Photos and Effective Use of Electronic Equipment** on Campus was organised by the AV Club on 1 September 2025 at MMT II. The programme aimed to equip students with practical skills in geotagged photography and the effective handling of electronic devices for academic and documentation purposes. The resource persons for the programme were Mr. Bennett and Mr. Madhavan.

The Audio-Visual Club organised two photography training sessions on 1 September 2025 and 9 September 2025. **Makal Feast - National Level Photography and Short-film Competition** was conducted by the CCM and the Prize Distribution Ceremony was conducted on 28.11.25 with great enthusiasm. A total of 105 students registered for the competition. The participation was categorized into two segments: Short Film and Photography. The competition was a great success, motivating



students to explore visual media and creative storytelling.

A programme titled **Photography with Purpose** was held on 17 December 2025 at Deeksha Hall, Chokkikulam, Madurai. Dr.S. Nagarathinam shared his thoughts about photography and explained how pictures can show strong messages such as the terror of war, the struggles of people, and the importance of light and sound in capturing emotions.V.V. Entertainments and DARS Entertainments in collaboration with Lady Doak College organized **LUMIÈRE 2025**, Pandiya short film contest on 18.12.2025. The Chief guest address was given by

Dr. Davamani Christopher, Former Principal of The American College, Madurai. The Audio-Visual Club organized a workshop titled **Whisper Wilderness – Wildlife Photography and Conservation** on 2 March 2026 to promote wildlife photography and raise awareness about biodiversity conservation and ethical environmental practices.The resource person, N. Raveendran, introduced students to the basics of photography and explained various types such as landscape, macro, portrait, and wildlife photography.

**Ms. Kajal J Mehta &
Dr. Evangeline Prathibha M**
Coordinators

College Choir & Centre for Music (CFM)



The **Centre for Music** continues to nurture passionate musicians by offering long-term courses in Piano, Keyboard, Guitar, Violin, Veena, Drums, Carnatic Vocal, and Western Vocal Music under professional guidance, fostering artistic excellence and spiritual growth.During the academic year 2025–2026, the Centre for Music and College Choir began with Independence Day performances and actively participated in Inter-Collegiate Meets and International Conferences. They rendered special songs at the CSIR Conclave and performed at the State Level NTS Tournament and Sports Day. The Centre supported campus programs including

Sangamam, Department Thanks giving Services, Student Retreats, Leadership Programmes, Every day Chapel Services, the SCM Conference, and the YMCA Musical Service.

Cultural events such as Teacher's Day, Kural VaaramVizha, and Pongal were enriched with musical performances. Signature events like **Musical Evening–Bliss '26** and **CFM Recital** showcased students' talents. Highlights included **Jolly Abraham Music Care '25**, the College Platinum Jubilee Stadium Opening, the College Triune Celebration, and the **Evening Sing Song Service at All Saints Church, Kalavasal, Madurai.**

The Christmas season featured performances at **Grace Kennet Foundation, Meenakshi Mission, Amika Hotel, St. George's Church Christmas Carols, The United Carol Service** by The American College, **Community Christmas Celebration**, and the **College Christmas Carol Service**, along with **Alumnae and Graduation Gatherings**. During Lent, the choir participated in the **Lenten Service** and **Lenten Convention** at **Holy Redeemers Lutheran Church, Madurai**. An expert session titled **Soli Deo Gloria: Music as an Act of Faith** by Dr. Chaerin Kim enriched students spiritually. The year concluded with **Carnival Vasantham '26**, marking a vibrant



end to a year filled with meaningful performances, exposure, and growth.

**Dr. Priyatharsini Rajendran &
Dr. Joy Marjorie Annal D**
Coordinators

Christian Activity Centre (CAC)



The Christian Activity Centre continued its mission of fostering spiritual growth, community engagement, and campus ministry through a wide range of programmes during the academic year 2025–2026. The academic year commenced with the **Faculty Communion Service** on 12th June 2025, in which Rev. Ebenezer Joshua shared the Word of God. On 18th June 2025, the first day of the academic year, Dr. R. Beulah Jeyashree, Principal and Secretary, addressed the college community, emphasising on God's blessings and the call to be a blessing to others. **A Retreat for the Non-Teaching Staff** was held on 28th June 2025,

led by Mr. Noble Raj. Through interactive sessions, testimonies, and reflections, participants were encouraged in their spiritual journey.

Orientation for first-year postgraduate students began on 1st July 2025 with a worship service. Students were encouraged to reflect on life's deeper questions and draw strength from biblical teachings. Undergraduate classes commenced on 3rd July 2025 with an orientation and special worship. The **Annual Faculty Retreat** was conducted on 5th July 2025 under the leadership of Dr. Ann Miriam, focusing on the transformative role of educators grounded in biblical values.

The **Student Christian Movement (SCM)** was inaugurated on 8th July 2025. The event encouraged students to reflect on societal challenges and embrace Christian leadership. A special retreat for Christian students on 26th July 2025 emphasised holiness, purpose, and commitment. The **Annual Thanksgiving Service** on 27th July 2025 highlighted God's unique call for everyone, drawing inspiration from the life of the institution's founder Ms. Katie Wilcox. A **Leadership Retreat** for Christian student leaders on 29th July 2025 focused on holistic leadership-Head, Heart, Hands, and Habits. On 1st August 2025, an interactive session with Ms. Dakerlin Mukhim, General Secretary of SCMI, SCM leadership motivated students to actively participate in its mission.

To deepen engagement with the Word of God, SCM Phase-I competitions were conducted on 12th August 2025, featuring events such as group singing, skit, quiz, and creative activities. The intercollegiate meet **Olive 2025** saw participation from five colleges. Leadership development was further strengthened through participation in national seminars and preparatory sessions on family life and values. **The Thursdays in Black** campaign, organised on 23rd November 2025 in collaboration with the Centre for Women's Studies, raised awareness and solidarity for women facing injustice. SCM Phase-II competitions in November saw active student participation. On 2nd December 2025, 32 Class XII students from Santhosha Vidhyala, Dhonavur, visited our college. To have a good idea about the facilities available, they visited various labs and departments.

The Christmas season was marked by vibrant celebrations. Events included college-level competitions, outreach visits, and carol rounds. The **Carol Service** on 13th December 2025 brought together the extended college community. Rev. Dr. Maher Spurgeon (Consultant, Director of South Asia Program, United Board for Higher Education in Asia) shared the Word of God on this year's theme **Jesus: The Epitome of Love and Grace**. Outreach initiatives included visits to hostels, staff quarters, and service homes, spreading messages of love and goodwill. The **Sing-Song Evening** on 16th December 2025 and the **Community Christmas Celebration** on 22nd December 2025 fostered unity, joy, and spiritual reflection.



In January 2026, SCM Phase-III competitions engaged 72 students. On 20th January 2026, 49 faculty members had the opportunity of attending a session on Christian Leadership by Mr. John Samuel (Retired Postmaster General). Observances of **Ash Wednesday** and the **Lenten Service** on 18th February 2026 encouraged spiritual discipline and reflection. Dr. J. Christy Femila (Lecturer, Department of Religion, TTS, Madurai) reminded everyone to walk slowly with God in the daily life, sit in the presence of the Lord and surrender to the will of God. **Palm Leaf Procession** and **Sing-Song Evening** on 30th April 2026 reminded each one of the sufferings that Christ endured for the redemption of humanity. In the SCM Choir Valedictory on 26th March 2026 office bearers for the year 2025-26 handed over the responsibilities to the upcoming office bearers of 2026-27.

A wellness initiative titled **NALAM** (Nurture All with Love, Acceptance, and Mindfulness) was introduced as part of the campus ministry. A physiotherapy consultation camp and a cancer awareness lecture were conducted. These efforts, along with a walkathon by interested faculty members aimed to promote holistic well-being and encouraged the college community to adopt a healthy lifestyle. The regular activities – weekly prayer fellowship, department and hostel-wise chapel services, Scripture exam, outreach activities, NTS get-together, and chain prayer, bring the college community together and nurture them spiritually. The **Candle Lighting Service** that took place on 10th April 2026 marked the cultivation of the year's activities. Praise be to the One who equipped us, enabled us and ennobled to do His ministry!

Dr. Jessie Ranjitha Jebaselvi C
Chaplain

Centre for Life Frontier Engagement (LiFE)



Empowering Communities Through Learning:

The academic year 2025–2026 marked a vibrant phase of engagement for the Centre for Life Frontier Engagement, as it continued to champion projects aligned with the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. With a strong emphasis on **Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR)**, the institution empowered students and faculty alike to work collaboratively with communities, creating meaningful and sustainable impact.

Building Leaders for Change:

A key highlight of the year was the Capacity Building Workshop conducted on 17th September 2025 for III UG Life students' team leaders. Focused on **Methods in Community-Based Participatory Research**, the workshop equipped young leaders with practical tools to engage effectively with communities. Their interdisciplinary perspectives enriched the learning experience, inspiring students to adopt research approaches that are inclusive, ethical, and impactful. A key outcome was the development of a research proposal titled **Evaluating the Effectiveness and Impact of the Life Frontier Engagement (LiFE) CBPR Model at Lady Doak College**. The study, designed collaboratively by student leaders, follows a five-phase data collection process, including course assessments, workshop evaluations, and community feedback. The report is currently in progress, and the findings will be published on completion.



Strengthening Knowledge on Intellectual Property:

Recognizing the importance of innovation and ownership in research, a Capacity Building Programme on **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** was conducted on 3rd October 2025. The programme benefited 31 faculty members from various departments, enhancing their understanding of intellectual property and its relevance in academic and community-based projects.

Research for Real-World Impact:

The Centre demonstrated its commitment to actionable research by submitting two significant project proposals on 15th December 2025:

- **Department of History:** Collaborative Conservation in Arittapatti– highlighting a model partnership between community, academia, and government.
- **Department of Chemistry:** Community–Student–Local Governance – Led Restoration of Water Bodies in Madurai District – focusing on environmental sustainability and water resource management.

These proposals reflect a strong integration of academic knowledge with community needs, addressing pressing environmental and social challenges.

A Year of Purpose and Progress:

The initiatives undertaken during the year highlight a shared vision—bridging academia and community for sustainable development. Through workshops, research, global participation, and collaborative projects, the Centre for Life Frontier Engagement continues to nurture responsible citizens and future leaders committed to building a better world.

**Dr. Julie Ranee S &
Dr. Keerthana M**
Coordinators

Counselling Centre



The Counselling Centre in Lady Doak College functioned purposefully during the academic year 2025-26, in extending compassionate services within the College community and the extended community. Through workshops, group sessions and training sessions, toddlers, school-going children, adolescents, young mothers, working professionals, and the elderly women were helped.

The notable measures implemented during the academic year are listed below:

- Individuals within the College Community were extended Psychological Aid through **One-One Counselling Services** in around 300 sessions.
- Institutional Project on **Multidimensional Assessment of the Care Domain of Young Women** was initiated and has been carried out by Dr. Nimma Elizabeth, Vice-Principal, and Mrs. J. Juanita, Counsellor.
- **Survey on Mental Health**, launched by the National Task Force was responded to by 3016



students, 98 faculty members, and 931 parents representing the College Community.

- Monthly gatherings, Movie Days, **NALAM** (wellness measure initiated by Dr. Jessie Ranjitha Jebaselvi, Chaplain) awareness sessions on musculoskeletal wellness camps and cervical cancer, forum discussions and walkathon offered vibrant and cherishable moments for the members of the College Community, creating positive memories with longer impacts.

- The first batch of students completed the Value-Added Course on **Conflict Resolution and Mediation Skills** and the fifth batch of students completed the Value-Added Course on **Discovering the Real Self**.

- Online Diploma Course on **Cultivating Emotional Wellbeing** was offered to the second batch of students.

On reflecting upon this phase of the healing journey, it is gratefully acknowledged that the Centre has opened arms for several needy individuals in empathetically helping them gain coping skills, emotional literacy and resilience to march forward with optimism and hope. Heartfelt gratitude is expressed to Dr. R. Beulah Jeyashree, Principal & Secretary, The Management, and the dynamic team of Administrators for their steadfast support and encouragement.

Ms. Juanita J
Coordinator

Research and Development Cell (R&D)



The academic year 2025–2026 reflects the institution's sustained commitment to strengthen its research ecosystem through funded projects, scholarly publications, consultancy initiatives, collaborations, and capacity-building programmes. The college has been approved for funding under the **DST-CURIE Scheme** for a period of three years. Under **TNSCST**, three projects have been sanctioned, and 25 new proposals have been submitted by faculty across various disciplines. In addition, one proposal has been submitted to ICMR. To strengthen research and academic integrity, the college has revised its Seed Grant guidelines by increasing the funding from ₹50,000 to ₹1,00,000 and extending the duration from one year to 18 months, under which five projects have been approved. Alongside this, seven institutional projects have been sanctioned during the academic year. The revised guidelines place strong emphasis on quality publications and measurable research outcomes.

Research fellowships show consistent progress, with four ongoing UGC JRFs, one TNCHR fellowship, and twelve management-supported fellowships, reflecting strong institutional support for research scholars. The college organized a total of 47 research programmes, of which 37 were departmental initiatives, including international conclaves, conferences, seminars, and national-level programmes. The R&D Cell, in collaboration

with the Science Instrumentation Centre, conducted three research activities and an additional seven in association with various departments. A Faculty Development Programme on **Interdisciplinary Research Proposal Design** was organized by the R&D Cell, focusing on equipping participants with the skills required to develop effective interdisciplinary proposals aligned with funding agency requirements.

Research output during the year has been substantial, with 23 Scopus-indexed publications and 68 peer-reviewed articles. Additionally, faculty contributed 13 books and 94 book chapters. Conference engagement remained strong, with 85 conference publications. Publications in reputed journals such as the **Chemical Engineering Journal** (Impact Factor = 13.2), *Journal of Energy Storage* (Impact Factor = 9.8) and the **International Journal of Biological Macromolecules** (Impact Factor = 8.5) highlight the institution's growing presence on globally recognized platforms. The college has an h-index of 41, reflecting the collective contributions of faculty, research scholars, students, and notably three non-teaching staff members. Publications currently under review are expected to further increase the overall output by May 2026. The increasing number of papers presented, exceeding 270 and continuing to grow, reflects the strong research zeal within the college community.

One of the significant initiatives undertaken during this academic year is the promotion of consultancy projects in Biotechnology, Business Administration, and Zoology. These consultancy initiatives reflect the institution's growing emphasis on industry collaboration, knowledge transfer, and the application of academic expertise. In the area of intellectual property, notable progress has been achieved with patent contributions from the Departments of Business Administration & Commerce and Zoology, reflecting innovation and translational research efforts. During the academic year, three faculty members of Lady Doak College were awarded their Ph.D. degrees from their respective universities. In addition, four research scholars were also awarded their doctoral degrees.



The year reflects steady growth in research and academic activities across the institution. It also shows strong potential for further progress and impact in the coming years.

**Dr. Sinthika S &
Dr. Durgadevi T**
Coordinators



Centre for Value Education (CVE)



The Centre for Value Education organised a **Faculty Training Programme** for VBC and IVBC (Aided and Self-Financed) Faculty members on 17.7.2025. The focus of the programme was to foster a deeper understanding of Value Based Education and its relevance to the present academic and social landscape. The guest speakers of the day were Mrs. Shalini Manohar, Chief Operating Officer, Life Focus Society, Chennai and Mrs. Sharmini Samuel, Director of Donor Development, WOS & Church Relationships, Chennai. Both the guest speakers emphasised that education should not be merely income-oriented but value-oriented, underscoring the role of early philanthropists who viewed education as a means of service to society.

The Centre organised a Guest Lecture on the topic **Marriage Laws and Fundamental Duties** on 17.9.2025 for all II UG VBC and IVBC (Aided and SF) students. The Guest speaker, Mr. K. Samidurai, Senior Advocate, Secretary of the Indian Association of Lawyers, and Senior Mediator at the Mediation and Conciliation Centre, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, spoke on challenges in marital life and the role of law in addressing them. He explained key provisions of the Hindu Marriage Act, Christian Marriage Act, Muslim Marriage Act, and the Special Marriage Act, noting that the latter supports inter-caste and inter-religious marriages. The IVBC Guest Lecture on the topic **Prophets – Voice to the Voiceless** was conducted on 5.2.2026 for all II UG





IVBC Aided and SF students. The Guest speaker, Pastor (Mrs.) J. Deborah Christina, Good Samaritan Global Church, Dubai, delivered an inspiring message on the role of prophets as the voice of God who stood boldly for justice and righteousness.

**Ms. Sophia A &
Dr. Annie Priyadharsini S**
Convenors

Centre for Information Technology (CIT)



Integrated Teaching - Learning - Evaluation (TLE) Process was introduced during the academic year 2025-26. This platform provided a single-window academic management system. It linked syllabus design, work plans, learning methods and Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs). It also integrated evaluation patterns, formative mark entry and Course Outcomes (COs) for outcome-based education.

React.js Programme Training was conducted for CIT programmers on modern frameworks and best coding practices. This training included hands-on exposure through real-time case studies and practical implementation. The Centre for Information Technology successfully implemented the React.js module in the Admission 2026-2027 Online Application process.

Lady Doak College recognized by Indian Institute of Technology Bombay as the Open-Source Geospatial Knowledge Centre for Madurai District and was honoured as a Best College Award-Winning Institution with the **National Geospatial Award**. This recognition highlights the institution's contribution to geospatial education and innovation. An MoU was signed with **DotCom Infoway** for AI Skills.

The **Alumnae Spotlight Module** showcases the achievements and success stories of Lady Doak College alumnae across diverse fields. This has inspired the current students by presenting distinguished alumnae as role models and strengthening alumnae-institution connections. It also enhances networking, fosters institutional pride, and highlights the global impact of the college through regular profile updates.

The **Research Scholar API** Provision has enabled scholars to record and update their academic achievements, including presentations, publications, and workshops. It ensures organized, transparent, and accessible research records while simplifying documentation for evaluation and progress. The platform supports scholars in showcasing their work and helps the institution track and recognize research contributions effectively.

Dr. Padmaja S
Coordinator



Centre for Human Resource Development (CHRD)



Centre for Human Resource Development (CHRD) fosters a culture of teaching excellence among the faculty members and also empowers non-teaching staff with improved communication and computer proficiency. The Centre organizes need based training programmes throughout the year for the professional development of the faculty.

The following Workshops and Training Programmes were organised by CHRD during the academic year 2025-2026:

- New Faculty Workshop on **Being an Effective Teacher** was organised on 19.06.2025 & 20.06.2025 for 53 junior faculty members and newly recruited teaching faculty. Faculty members from our college and Dr. Karthikeyan, Principal, Vivekanada College, Thiruvudagam served as resource persons.

- An Online Workshop on **AI Tools in Teaching and Research** was organised on 21 June 2025 to provide faculty with hands-on skills to integrate Artificial Intelligence tools into academic and research practices. Dr. R. Vijay Solomon, Assistant

Professor of Chemistry and Associate Dean for Research & Development at Madras Christian College, Chennai, served as the Resource Person.

- A Workshop on **Integrating Whole-Person Development** for 54 junior faculty members was organised on 04.07.2025 to sensitise faculty towards holistic, student-centred teaching by integrating life skills, values, and experiential learning into education. Dr. Esther Elizabeth Grace, Assistant Professor, Dept of Physics, Dr. Nissi Karunya, Assistant Professor, Dept of English & Dr. Rani Rosline, Assistant Professor, Dept of Chemistry served as resource persons.

- A Workshop on **Evaluation Tools and Techniques** was organized on 19.09.2025 for faculty members with less than 5 years of teaching experience to enhance their skills in planning effective assessment methods and adopting outcome-based evaluation practices. 55 faculty members across the different departments participated in the workshop. Dr. R.S. Kumar,



Professor & Controller of Examinations, Annamalai University, Chidambaram served as the resource person.

- A Workshop on **Whole Person Educational Leadership** was organized on 27.02.2026 to cultivate reflective, resilient, and mission-oriented leadership among faculty through holistic and value-based approaches for academic leadership. Dr. Priyadharshini Rajendran, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Zoology at Lady Doak College, served as the resource person and shared her expertise.

- A Workshop for NTS on **Generative AI Skills for Office Administration** was organized on

07.03.2026 to enhance the digital competencies of non-teaching staff through practical training in AI-enabled communication, document handling and data management. 85 Non-Teaching Staff members participated in the workshop. The resource persons were Dr. G. Sofia, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science & Coordinator for Fashion Designing (SF) and Dr. K. Suganya, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Lady Doak College, Madurai.

- A Training Programme on **Enhancing Communication Skills (LSRW)** in collaboration with LiFE students of the Department of English was conducted from 04.12.2025 to 05.03.2026 to strengthen their communication competencies and professional effectiveness through structured training sessions. 85 non-teaching staff across different departments, offices and centres attended the training.

**Dr. Sofia G &
Dr. Suganya K**
Coordinators

Equal Opportunity Centre (EOC)



A Guest lecture on **Positive Discrimination for National Development** (for Part-V students) was organised on 17.09.2025. Adv. S. Selva Gomathy, Managing Trustee, Justice Shivaraj Patil Foundation, SOCO Trust, Madurai was the Resource Person. A Group Session on **Interpersonal Relationship Skills** (for Students with Disabilities)

was conducted on 02.03.2026 and Mrs. Juanita, Counsellor, Lady Doak College was the Resource Person.

**Dr. Uma S &
Dr. Evangeline Christina Lily D**
Convenors

PART-V EXTENSION PROGRAMMES



World Record Event – Many Faces, One Voice (Stop Violence Against Her)

- **The 11th International Yoga Day Celebrations** was conducted in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi Yoga Institute, Gandhigram Rural University, benefiting 300 NSS and NCC student volunteers.
- **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking programme** was conducted in collaboration with RJDCE, Madurai, benefiting 4,291 students, 250 teaching faculty members, and 140 non-teaching staff through the Anti-Drug Pledge.
- **Anti-Drug Awareness Marathon** was conducted in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Police, benefiting 85 NSS and Physical Education student volunteers.
- **A Guest Lecture on Innovation & Entrepreneurship for Nation Building** was conducted in collaboration with the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, LDC, benefiting 300 II-year NSS student volunteers and 6 faculty members.
- **World Anti Human Trafficking Day Programme** was conducted in collaboration with the Centre for Women's Studies.
- **Blood Donation Camp Initiative (2024)** was organized in collaboration with Government Rajaji Hospital and received a **Certificate of Appreciation**.
- An Awareness **Guest Lecture on Zero Waste Campus** was conducted in collaboration with the Centre for Environmental Studies, benefiting 104

LEB student volunteers.

- **Breastfeeding Awareness Programme** was conducted in collaboration with Institute of Child Health and Research Centre, Government Rajaji Hospital, and the Indian Academy of Paediatrics.
- **Independence Day Celebrations and Anti-Drug Awareness Programme – Empowering Youth: A Drug-Free Future** was organised benefiting 1,200 Part V students.
- **Disaster Management Awareness Programme** was conducted in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu State Higher Education Council and the Centre for Environmental Studies.
- **State Level Adventure Training Programme** was conducted in collaboration with Periyar University, Salem and the Tamil Nadu State NSS Cell.
- The **Madurai Vaasikkirathu Programme** was conducted under the leadership of Su. Venkatesan, MP, benefiting 43 LSP student volunteers.



NSS Camp

- **Anti-Drug Awareness Skit and Slogan Creation Programme** was conducted in collaboration with RJDCE, Madurai.
- **Drug Awareness Rally Poster Creation Activity** was conducted in collaboration with RJDCE, benefiting 280 NSS student volunteers.
- **District Level YRC Students Study Camp** was conducted in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society, benefiting 5 YRC student volunteers.
- **Digital Library Access Programme** benefited 54 LSP student volunteers.
- A Street Play on **Self-Belief and Giving Importance to Self** benefited 163 NSS student volunteers and promoted mental health awareness.
- **Self-Defence Awareness Session** benefited 46 RRC student volunteers, with S. Pushpanathan, Technical Director, SIKa, India, as resource person.
- **Volunteer Recognition Award** was awarded by the Kalaignar Centenary Library in appreciation of contributions of Part V student volunteers and faculty members.
- **Awareness is Power: Early Detection of Breast Cancer** was conducted in collaboration with Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre.
- **World AIDS Day Awareness Rally** was conducted by DAPCU.
- **World Disability Day Session – Role of Youth in Advancing Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities** was conducted in collaboration with the Department of Social Sciences – MSW Students Forum.
- The **World Record Event – Many Faces, One Voice (Stop Violence Against Her)** was conducted in collaboration with VV and DARS Entertainments and LDC.
- **The 7-Day NSS Special Camp** engaged **258 NSS student volunteers and 18 faculty members** across six adopted villages; included Eye and Veterinary Camps, sapling plantation, Swachh Bharat drives, rallies, and community development projects, benefiting 1,200 households. As part of the NSS Special Camp, the students actively contributed to the development and welfare of the local communities. Key activities included the installation of a solar streetlight in Kulamangalam Village, painting of schools, Anganwadi centres, libraries, Kalai Arangam, and other public spaces in Vaagaikulam and Boothakudi villages, and distribution of school uniforms to children in Lakshmiipuram Village. These initiatives enhanced infrastructure, promoted education, and supported community well-being.
- **Two-Day Rangering Special Camp** at Saranthangi, Madurai benefited 149 Rangering students and 5 faculty members.
- **Remembering Babuji Programme** at Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai was attended by 45 NSS student volunteers, organized by Mr. Kamal Haasan, MP.
- **Cervical Cancer Awareness Programme** was conducted in collaboration with Nalam.
- **Eliminate Plastic – Social Awareness Rally by Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary** benefited 40 LEB student volunteers.
- **Blood Donation Camp**, in collaboration with Rajaji Government Hospital, involved 30 donors and faculty, with 120 registrations.
- **World Glaucoma Week Awareness Rally** by Sri Ramachandra Eye Hospital benefited 50 Part V student volunteers.

Mrs. Lakshmi M & Dr. Kalaivani R
Coordinators



International Yoga Day Celebration



LEB - Tying of Cloth Bags

J.X. MILLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

"A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life." — A Year of Growth and Gratitude



The J X Miller Memorial Library continues to serve as a vibrant academic hub, supporting the intellectual and research needs of the institution. Backed by a strong network of nine Departmental Libraries and five Special Libraries, it offers extensive resources to meet diverse scholarly needs. With a rich collection of 1,55,247 books and 51 print periodicals, the library serves as a primary resource for its wide user community.

- **Digital Frontiers:** Access to over 6,000 e-journals through N-List, National Digital Library NDL and KNIMBUS ensures our researchers have the world's latest data at their fingertips.
- **Community Support:** We gratefully acknowledge the contribution of 465 books donated by academicians, alumnae and public representatives.
- **Membership:** Delnet, British Council and American Consulate library membership ensures more resources access.

Our physical and digital infrastructure has seen robust utilization during the academic year 2025-26. The data reflects a significant upward trend in library usage and engagement. The implementation of the flap barrier entry system

has greatly improved access tracking, resulting in a substantial rise in recorded user entries. Daily footfall has nearly doubled, indicating increased student and faculty presence. Additionally, circulation figures have grown by 20%, highlighting improved utilization of resources, supported by efficient kiosk-based services.

Under the guidance of the library, the **Book and Quiz Club** emerged as a powerhouse of student activity and competitive success. It promotes reading culture and student engagement through variety of programmes. Interested students preparing for competitive exams are encouraged to register in the study circle and the students were provided with the individual guidance and resources to clear the examination. Throughout the year, the club organized several enriching activities, such as seminar on public speaking, quiz competitions, book hunts, and creative events such as rangoli and photography competitions that encouraged active student participation and talent expression. Special events such as the **National Science Day Quiz** and a **Book Review Competition** themed **Books that Bring Happiness** added academic and creative value to the calendar. The library continues to bolster the institution's research profile with ISSN and ISBN numbers.



ASPIRE Journal Series:

- Vol. 10: Innovations in Biomedical Sciences (Department of Biotechnology)
- Vol. 11: Innovations in Biomolecular Sciences (Department and Research Centre of Zoology & Universitas Kristen Maranatha, Indonesia)
- Vol. 12: AI-Driven Sustainable Business (Department of Commerce & Business Administration)
- Vol. 13: International Academia-Industry-Innovation Conclave (Physical, Chemical and Biological Sciences)

ISBN Book Publications:

- *Recent Developments in Social Sciences, Law, Arts and Humanities* (ISBN: 978-81-962552-3-7), Department of History, Economics and Social sciences

- *Financial Inclusion, Gender Equity and Technological Advancements in India* (ISBN: 978-81-962552-6-8), Department and Research centre of Economics
- *Voices of Women across Cultures* (ISBN: 978-81-962552-2-0). Department and Research of English and Centre for Women's Studies (UGC Supported)

Archives & Community Engagement:

- Archival Legacy: The Archives section provided vital support for Golden and Platinum Jubilee celebrations, preserving our history for future generations of our alumni.
- Notable visitors included A. Raveena Sree (IIT Madras Archives) (Alumna, 2016-2019) who suggested preservation techniques, Mrs. Lydia Jeyanthi (Alumna, 1959-1962) and Ruth Ashley (Alumna, 1974-1977) shared invaluable historical insights.

In conclusion, the J X Miller Memorial Library has had a productive and impactful year. Through its rich resources, vibrant student initiatives, scholarly output, and community engagement, it continues to uphold its role as a cornerstone of academic excellence.

Dr. Lt. S. Sangaranachiar
Librarian



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education plays a vital role in an individual's life, as it helps them remain physically active, develop an interest in various sports and activities, and foster teamwork, which ultimately supports better academic performance. Physical Education at Lady Doak College promotes holistic development through fitness, discipline, and teamwork. It is a mandatory Part V component, with compulsory fitness for first-year students, offering Free Hand Exercises, Aerobics/Zumba, Yogasana, or Silambam based on their interests. For the academic year 2025–2026, Ms. Dharshana S (III B.Com. CS) and Ms. Yuvana Durga N (II B.A. Economics) served as the Games Captain and Vice Games Captain, respectively. Arjuna Awardee and Deaflympian Jerlin Anika J secured fourth place in Badminton (Mixed Doubles) at the Summer Deaflympics held in Tokyo from 15th to 26th November 2025. In recognition of her outstanding achievement, she was appointed as a Manager at the State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu under the sports quota.

The College continues its tradition of excellence at the International, National, All India, South Zone Inter-University, State, MKU Inter-Collegiate, District levels, and Open Tournaments, with active participation across a wide range of disciplines, including Athletics, Badminton, Ball Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Chess, Cricket, Football, Fencing, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Lawn Tennis, Roller Skating, Silambam, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting, and Yoga. Lady Doak College has retained the MKU Aggregate Team Championship Trophy (Team Games) for the 31st consecutive year, securing an impressive 90 points. The prestigious trophy, instituted by Thangabasham Kalaikavalar M.A. Marimuthu, remains a symbol of sustained sporting supremacy. During 2024–2025, the

College emerged as champions in Badminton, Ball Badminton, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Table Tennis, and Volleyball, and secured second runner-up positions in Handball and Cricket. The College also retained the University Blues Championship Trophy, with 58 players representing Madurai Kamaraj University in Inter-University tournaments and sports meets, a testament to its continued excellence at the university level. The College clinched the Mother Annociate Memorial Athletic Meet Rolling Trophy for the 21st consecutive year, scoring 67 points at the 59th MKU Inter-Collegiate Athletic Meet for Women held at Dr. MGR Stadium, Madurai.

During the academic year 2025–2026, at the MKU Inter-Collegiate level, the College achieved outstanding success by securing championship titles in Badminton, Basketball, Ball Badminton, Football, Table Tennis, and Hockey. The teams also earned runner-up positions in Handball, Kabaddi, and Kho-Kho, along with a third runner-up position in Cricket. In addition, the College emerged as individual champions in Weightlifting. A total of 57 players represented Madurai Kamaraj University, reaffirming the institution's sustained excellence and dominance in university-level sports. At the International, National, All India, and South Zone Inter-University levels, our players won 23 gold medals, 25 silver medals, and 4 bronze medals, with 104 students representing the institution. At the State level, 265 participants secured 45 gold medals, 68 silver medals, and 66 bronze medals. At the District level, 275 participants won 136 gold medals, 89 silver medals, and 49 bronze medals. Overall, during the academic year 2025-2026, the College achieved an outstanding total of 301 gold medals, 229 silver medals, and 128 bronze medals, reflecting exceptional sporting excellence.



Thiru P. Moorthy, Minister for Commercial Taxes and Registration, Government of Tamil Nadu, inaugurated the Platinum Jubilee Indoor Stadium – 2025



Inter National & National Medalists List & Participation – 2025-26

Name of the Student	Title & Level of Achievement	Results
Arjuna Awardee Deaflympian Jerlin Anika J - 25DPFM06	25 th Summer Deaflympics, Tokyo from 15 th to 26 th November 2025	Fourth Place in Singles and Mixed Doubles and Fifth Place in Doubles
Jasline J - 24PGPE010	India-Nepal International Test Series, Ball Badminton Federation of Asia, Nepal from 2 nd to 5 th January 2026	Gold Medal
	71 st Senior National Ball Badminton Tournament (Fives Category), PSNA CET, Dindigul from 25 th to 28 th September 2025	Gold Medal
	All India Inter University Ball Badminton Tournaments College of Engineering and Technology, Dindigul, from 11 th -15 th February 2026	Silver Medal
	9 th Federation National Ball Badminton Tournament, Tirunelveli from 24 th to 26 th January 2026	Gold Medal
Samithasree G - 23CSCE029	India-Malaysia International Test Series Ball Badminton Tournament, Malaysia from 27 th February to 04 th March 2026	Gold Medal
	71 st Senior National Ball Badminton Tournament (Fives Category), PSNA CET, Dindigul from 25 th to 28 th September 2025	Gold Medal
	9 th Federation National Ball Badminton Tournament, Tirunelveli from 24 th to 26 th January 2026	Gold Medal
	70 th Junior Nationals Ball Badminton Tournament, Tiruchengode from 28 th January to 1 st February 2026	Silver Medal
	All India Inter University Ball Badminton Tournament, PSNA College of Engineering and Technology, Dindigul, from 11 th to 15 th February 2026	Silver Medal
Jai Prasanya R - 24CSCE019	India-Malaysia International Test Series Ball Badminton Tournament, Malaysia from 27 th February 2026 to 04 th March 2026	Gold Medal
	70 th Junior Nationals Ball Badminton Tournament, Tiruchengode from 28 th January to 1 st February 2026	Silver Medal
	All India Inter University Ball Badminton Tournament, PSNA College of Engineering and Technology, Dindigul, from 11 th to 15 th February 2026	Silver Medal
Gayathri K - 25DPFM04	Indonesia Test Series Ball Badminton Tournament at Indonesia from 15 th to 18 th February 2026	Gold Medal
Sri Gayathri P - 23CSCE032	Indonesia Test Series Ball Badminton Tournament at Indonesia from 15 th to 18 th February 2026	Gold Medal

Vijayadharshini M - 24PEC017	International Silambam Competition, Madurai on 24 th January 2026	Gold Medal
Amirthavarshini M - 25ECE005	International Silambam Competition, Madurai on 24 th January 2026	Gold Medal
Logapriya P - 25ECE035	International Silambam Competition, Madurai on 24 th January 2026	Gold Medal
Jenifer J - 25DPFM14	All India Inter University Ball Badminton Tournament, PSNA College of Engineering and Technology, Dindigul, from 11 th to 15 th February 2026	Silver Medal
Aarthi M - 25DPFM01	All India Inter University Ball Badminton Tournament, PSNA College of Engineering and Technology, Dindigul, from 11 th to 15 th February 2026	Silver Medal
Jayasri Harshini M - 25BBAE026	63 rd National Roller-Skating Championship –2025, Visakhapatnam from 5 th December to 15 th Dec. 2025	Gold Medal
Divyadharshini M - 24COHE009	Senior National Kho-Kho Championship, Karnataka from 30 th January 3 rd February 2026	Gold Medal
	Tamilnadu 31 st Senior National South Zone Kho Kho Championship, Karnataka from 24 th to 26 th Oct. 2025	Bronze Medal
Harini S - 25BBAE016	Senior National Kho-Kho Championship, Karnataka from 30 th January 3 rd February 2026	Gold Medal
Lavanya B - 24HIS021	36 th Junior Athletes Championship 2025, Andhra Pradesh on 25.09.2025 - 4*400mts relay	Gold Medal
Heera S - 24MAT019	National level Silambam Competition, Delhi from 19 th to 26 th July 2025	Gold Medal
Jenofar T - 25CORE018	National Level Silambam Championship – 2026, Salem on 1 st February 2026	Gold Medal
Santhiya D - 25CSCE034	Tamilnadu 31 st Senior National South Zone Kho Kho Championship, Karnataka from 24 th to 26 th Oct. 2025	Bronze Medal
Akshaya Lakshmi P - 25ENG037	4 th All India Yoga Asana Sports Championship, Sattur, Kovilpatti on 10 th August 2025	Bronze Medal
Sai Sanyuktha D - 24BBAE065	3 rd National Open Relay Competition, Chandigarh on 20 th March 2026	Silver Medal
Aarathana K - 24ENG001	5 th National Breaking Championship BFI 2026, Rajasthan from 23 rd to 28 th March 2026	Bronze Medal
Samithasree G - 23CSCE029	44 th Southzone Nationals Ball Badminton Championship, Tenkasi on 28 th & 29 th March 2026	Gold Medal
Jai Prasanya R - 24CSCE019	44 th Southzone Nationals Ball Badminton Championship, Tenkasi on 28 th & 29 th March 2026	Gold Medal



Activities Organized by the Department of Physical Education

Name of the Event/Competition	Date of the Event/Competition
MDFA Selection Trials cum coaching camp for Junior Girl's State Championship	13.06.2025 to 19.06.2025
International Yoga Day - Workshop on Yoga	21.06.2025
MDFA Selection Trials for Sub Junior Girl's State Championship	26.06.2025 & 27.06.2025
PG & UG Orientation Programme - Tips for Healthy Living	1.07.2025 & 3.07.2025
MDFA Samsunisha Memorial Trophy Inter School Girls Football for Sub Junior Girl's State Championship	4.07.2025 & 5.07.2025
Inauguration of the Platinum Jubilee Indoor Stadium by Honourable Thiru P. Moorthy, Minister for Commercial Taxes and Registration, Government of Tamil Nadu	9.07.2025
Intramural Chess Competition for Students	22.07.2025 & 23.07.2025
Intramural Cricket Competition for Students	31.07.2025 & 01.08.2025
KV School Regional level Badminton Coaching Camp for Girls	14.08.2025 to 28.08.2025
Intramural Chess & Badminton Competition for the Teaching Faculty	29.08.2025 & 30.08.2025
Madurai Kamaraj University Intercollegiate Hockey Tournament for Women	29.09.2025 & 30.09.2025
Madurai Kamaraj University Intercollegiate Football Tournament for Women	9.10.2025 & 10.10.2025
Physical Fitness Programme for First year Part V Students - Zumba Dance, Free Hand Exercises, Silambam & Yoga	28.01.2026 to 20.02.2026
6 th State Level NTS Volleyball (M) and Throwball (W) Tournament	30.01.2026 & 31.01.2026
Intramural Sports Competitions conducted for the Students, Faculty & NTS (M & W)	2.02.2026 to 19.02.2026
77 th Annual Sports Day 2026	20.02.2026
MDFA Intercollegiate Football Tournament for Women	9.03.2026 to 11.03.2026
Stress Free Zone for Students and Faculty	10.03.2026 to 13.03.2026

Major Dr. Shantha Meena T & Dr. Hemalatha M
Directors of Physical Education



Shamitha Shree G - 23CSCE029 & Jai Prasanya R - 24CSCE019 has won Gold Medal in India - Malaysia International Test series Ball Badminton Tournament 2025 at Malaysia



Sai Sanyuktha D - 24BBAE065 has won Silver Medal in 3rd National Open Relay competition at Chandigarh



Overall Championship in MKU Inter Collegiate Athletic Meet 2025 -26



Overall Championship in MKU Intercollegiate Weightlifting Competition 2025



Championship in MKU Inter Collegiate Football Tournament 2025



Championship in MKU Inter Collegiate Hockey Tournament 2025



Championship in MKU Inter Collegiate Table Tennis Tournament 2025



Championship in MKU Inter Collegiate Ball Badminton Tournament 2025



Championship in MKU Inter Collegiate Basketball Tournament 2025



Championship in MKU Inter Collegiate Basketball Tournament 2025



Runner Up in 6th State Level Non-Teaching Staff Throwball (Women) Tournament



Runner up in All India Inter University Ball Badminton Tournament 2025 - 2026



Arjuna Awardee Deaflympian J Jerlin Anika - 25DPFM06
Fourth place in 25th Summer Deaflympics at Tokyo



Jayasri Harshini M - 25BBAE026 won Gold Medal in 63rd
National Roller - skating Championship 2025 at Visakhapatnam



Runner Up in MKU Inter Collegiate Kabaddi
Tournament 2025



Runner Up in MKU Intercollegiate Handball
Tournament 2025



Runner Up in MKU Intercollegiate Kho Kho
Tournament 2025



Gayathri K - 25DPFM04 & Sri Gayathri P - 23CSCE032 has won
Gold Medal in Indonesia Test series Ball Badminton Tournament



B Lavanya-24HIS021 won Gold Medal in 36th Junior
Athletic Championship 2025



77th Annual Sports Day 2025



Inaguration ceremony of 6th State Level Non-Teaching
Staff Tournament Volleyball (Men) & Throwball (Women)



6th State Level Non-Teaching Staff Volleyball (Men)
Tournament

NATIONAL CADET CORPS

The NCC units (Army Wing, Navy Wing, and Air Wing) of Lady Doak College have consistently brought laurels to the institution through their outstanding performances in various camps and competitions at both regional and national levels. During the academic year 2025-26, numerous NCC activities were successfully carried out. At the commencement of the training programme, the Army Wing was grouped into four platoons – Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, and Delta – each led by Company Commanders. Similarly, the Navy Wing was divided into three platoons: INS Mormugao, INS Imphal, and INS Surat, while the Air Wing was structured into three platoons: Prithvi, Agni, and Tejas 4DX. This structured division was implemented to foster the core NCC values of “Unity and Discipline” among the cadets. To further encourage participation and excellence, regular competitions and assessments were conducted, contributing to the overall scores in the Inter-Platoon Competitions.



POC Muthulakshmi and CC Blessymetha A participated in the Drone Camp held at BKSRTC, Tiruchengode



POC M. Devadharshini of Navy Wing participated in the Kartavyapath, Republic Day Camp and won Gold Medal in Prime Minister's Rally at New Delhi



SULTHAN AMMAL A has completed the Pre-Commission (PRCN) Course conducted at the Officers Training Academy, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh and Commissioned as Sub Lieutenant

Events conducted collectively by three wings in the academic year 2025–2026

Events	Date	Details
International Yoga Day	21.06.2025	Dr. T. Ravichandran, Retired Professor from Gandhigram Rural University and Founder of Mahatma Gandhi Yoga Institute, Madurai, along with Mr. M. Gangadharan, Yoga Coordinator, Mahatma Gandhi Yoga Institute, Madurai
Har Ghar Tiranga	13.07.2025	Celebrating India's 79 th Independence Day
Trekking	30.08.2025	The event was attended by ANOs, and cadets of all three wings.
Puneet Sagar Abhiyan	14.03.2026	The event was attended by ANOs, PI staff, and cadets of the three wings at Thiraviyapuram beach, Kannirajapuram, Ramnadhapuram District

Army Wing: 2/2 NCC Company, 2 TN Girls Battalion NCC

Events	Date	Participation Details
TSC IUC Camp at NTA, Idayapatti	09.05.2025 to 18.05.2025	10 Cadets
Trekking Camp at Wellington, Nilgiris	13.05.2025 to 20.05.2025	4 Cadets
Combined Annual Training Camp at NTA, Idayapatti	21.05.2025 to 30.05.2025	26 Cadets
RDC Selection Camp at NTA, Idayapatti	10.06.2026 to 19.06.2025	11 Cadets
IDSSC TRG (Firing) Camp at Trichy	23.06.2025 to 02.07.2025	CPL Sivapriya J
Guard of Honour for DDG visit at 2 TN Girls BN NCC Unit, Madurai	04.07.2025	12 Cadets

IDSSC TRG II (Firing) Camp at Coimbatore	04.07.2025 to 11.07.2025	CPL Sivapriya J
Mountaineering Climbing Camp at Uttarkashi	09.07.2025 to 25.07.2025	SGT Harikha K
TSC Launch Camp at NTA, Idayapatti	11.07.2025 to 20.07.2025	6 Cadets
IDSSC TRG III (Firing) Camp at Erode	14.07.2025 to 21.07.2025	CPL Sivapriya J
Army Attachment Camp at Wellington, Ooty	21.07.2025 to 01.08.2025	6 Cadets
Basic Leadership Camp at Coimbatore	25.07.2025 to 05.08.2025	CPL Amirtha- varshini P & L/ CPL Nayana C
Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat I Camp at Chennai	02.08.2025 to 13.08.2025	CDT Preethi C
Advanced Leadership Camp at Kerala	27.08.2025 to 07.09.2025	CPL Amirtha- varshini
State Meet Launch (Firing) Camp at Erode	30.08.2025 to 05.09.2025	CPL Sivapriya J
All India Talsainik Camp at New Delhi	01.09.2025 to 12.09.2025	CUO Gayathiri S and CUO Dhanalakshmi S
TN State Shooting Championship Camp at Chennai	06.09.2025 to 14.09.2025	CPL Sivapriya J
Special National Integration Camp at Rajamundry	24.09.2025 to 05.10.2025	SGT Vaishnavi K
Swatch Bharat Cum Trekking Camp at Alagar kovil	25.09.2025	41 Cadets
RDC IGC Launch Camp at NTA, Idayapatti	01.10.2025 to 10.10.2025	8 Cadets
All India Ideas and Innovation Camp 2025 at Vijayawada	10.11.2025 to 16.11.2025	L/CPL Beaula Grace V
Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat I Camp at Maharashtra	08.12.2025 to 19.12.2025	Cdt Santhoshini S and L/CPL Shekinah
Old age Home Visit at Shenoy Nagar, Madurai	19.12.2025	45 Cadets
Republic Day Camp at New Delhi	29.12.2025 to 29.01.2026	L/CPL Madhusri S
RD Marina TRG I Camp at Chennai	03.01.2026 to 12.01.2026	L/CPL Surjitha M and L/CPL Biruntha M
RD Marina TRG II Camp at Chennai	18.01.2026 to 27.01.2026	L/CPL Surjitha M and L/CPL Biruntha M
Swatch Bharath at Gandhi Museum, Madurai	04.02.2026	31 Cadets
Guard Of Honour for DDG at Madurai Group Head Quarters	06.03.2026	8 Cadets
"B" Certificate Examination Conducted at Lady Doak College, Madurai	21.02.2026	1003 Cadets

Honours and Awards:

- CUO. S. Dhanalakshmi participated in the event obstacle training in the All India Thal Sainik Camp, New Delhi.
- CUO. Gayathri S won the Bronze Medal in Judging Distance and Field Signal Competition in the All India Thal Sainik Camp, New Delhi.



- CPL Sivapriya J participated in the Tamil Nadu State Shooting Championship Camp and won Silver Medal in the open site senior team event and Bronze Medal in the Junior team event.
- SGT Harikha K participated in the National Level Mountaineering Climbing Course at Uttarkashi and won a Bronze Medal in the Sport Climbing Competition.
- L/CPL Madhusri S had participated in the All-India Flag Area Competition and won Gold Medal in the PM Rally Competition in the Republic Day Camp, New Delhi. She was also awarded with the most prestigious Director General Commendation for her exceptional performances.



LC Dhanusi A participated in the INA Ezhimala Camp held at Ezhimala, Kerala



CUO Dhanalakshmi S (23TAM006) All India Thal Sainik Camp(12.09.2025) (2)



L CPL Madhusri S of Army Wing, participated in the Flag Area and won Gold Medal in Prime Minister's Rally at Republic Day Camp, New Delhi. Also, she was awarded the Director General NCC Commendation Card



CUO Gayathri S of Army Wing earned the Bronze Medal in Judging Distance & Field Signal at the All India Thal Sainik Camp, New Delhi

Air Wing: F1 Flight, 3 TN Air Sqn (Tech) NCC

Events	Date	Participation Details
Combined Annual Training Camp - I at PMIST Vallam	16.06.2025 to 25.06.2025	23 Cadets
Combined Annual Training Camp - II at PMIST Vallam	02.07.2025 to 11.07.2025	16 Cadets
Basic Leadership Camp at CIT, Coimbatore	25.07.2025 to 05.08.2025	F/C Mamta B and LFC Suganthi S
IASC -VSC CUM CATC-I at Airforce Station Tambaram	16.08.2025 to 25.08.2025	F/C Thwishaa Shree S V, F/C Samiksha M and F/C Niranjana Devi R
Advanced Leadership Camp at Mannar Kerala	27.08.2025 to 07.09.2025	F/C Mamta B and LFC Suganthi S
AIVSC – Launch at Airforce Station Tambaram	29.08.2025 to 07.09.2025	F/C Thwishaa Shree S V
CATC CUM GP RDC TRG -I Camp at ST. Antony's MHSS, Trichy	06.09.2025 to 15.09.2025	F/C Abirami G and F/C Keerthana Devi J
OTA, Attachment Camp at OTA, Chennai	11.09.2025 to 22.09.2025	LFC Suganthi S
PRE RDC TRG – II Camp at SVG, Puduvayal, Karaikudi	20.09.2025 to 29.09.2025	F/C Abirami G and F/C Mamta B
PRE RDC TRG – III Camp at Anjalaiammal Mahalingam Enng. College, Kovilvenni	01.10.2025 to 10.10.2025	F/C Abirami G and F/C Mamta B
Indian Air Force Day Celebration at Balamandhir, Madurai	08.10.2025	24 Cadets

150 Years of Celebration - "Vandhe Madharam" at Dhanushkodi, Rameshwaram	13.11.2025	20 Cadets
SSB Coaching Capsule (Super 30) Camp at NCC GP HQS, Puducherry	03.01.2026 to 12.01.2026	LFC Suganthi S
Special National Integration Camp at Kokrajhar, Assam	14.02.2026 to 25.02.2026	F/C Jey Gayathiri and F/C Niharika

Honours and Awards:

- LFC Mamta B from F1 Flight, NCC Air Wing, participated in the Advance Leadership Camp and was awarded the Best Cadet in 3TN AIR SQN (TECH), Trichy, from 25th July to 5th August 2025.



LFC Mamta B participated in the Inter-Directorate Group Discussion at the Advanced Leadership Camp held in Mannar, Kerala, representing the Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar Directorate, and secured a meda

Navy Wing: 1112/23 - FSFS, 2 (TN) Naval Unit, NCC

Events	Date	Participation Details
Combined Annual Training Camp at Idayapatti	31.05.2025 to 09.06.2025	29 cadets
International Yoga Day at Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai	21.06.2026	8 cadets
IUC Nau Sainik Camp at Puducherry	13.07.2025 to 22.07.2025	LC Jayasree N and POC Devadharshini M
Kargil Vijay Diwas at Lady Doak College, Madurai	06.08.2025	40 cadets
Independence Day Parade at AR Ground, Madurai	15.08.2025	11 cadets
India March for Science 2025 at Gandhi Museum Madurai	22.08.2025	5 cadets
Drone Training Camp at Tiruchengode	18.11.2025 to 29.11.2025	SCC Muthulakshmi & CC Blessymetha A
Navy Day Celebration at Lady Doak College, Madurai	4.12.2025	36 cadets
INA Ezhimala Camp at Kerala	15.12.2025 to 26.12.2025	LC Dhanusi A
Republic Day Camp at New Delhi	29.12.2025 to 29.01.2026	POC M. Devadharshini
CATC CUM Republic Day Marina Trg-I Parade at Chennai	03.01.2026 to 12.01.2026	LC Jeyasree N
CATC CUM Republic Day Marina Trg-II Parade at Chennai	18.01.2026 to 27.01.2026	LC Jeyasree N

Honours and Awards:

- POC M. Devadharshini participated in the Kartavyapath, Republic Day Camp and won Gold Medal in Prime Minister's Rally at New Delhi from 29th December 2025 to 29th January 2026.
- Lt. Sulthan Ammal A has completed the Pre-Commission (PRCN) Course conducted at the Officers Training Academy, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh and is Commissioned as Sub Lieutenant.

**Major Dr. Shantha Meena T, Fg Offr Sagara S G &
Sub Lt Sulthan Ammal A**
(Associate NCC Officers)



ALL INDIA VAYU SAINIK CAMP Fg Offr S G Sagara, Head Incharge, Assistant Professor & Associate NCC Officer (Airwing), Lady Doak College, Madurai, served as the Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Andaman and Nicobar Deputy Co



INDIAN AIRFORCE DAY On 8th October 2025, F1 Flight NCC Air Wing, Lady Doak College, Madurai, observed Indian Air Force Day with a visit to Bala Mandhir, Madurai



F1 Flight NCC Air Wing conducted an aeromodelling class at Lady Doak College, Madurai



All three wings of NCC conducted trekking camp at Alagar Hill on 30-8-2025



LCPL Harikha K 24ECE008 Mountaineering Climbing (13-07-2025)



NCC 'B' certificate Examination conducted at LDC on 21-2-2026



LCPL Surjitha and CDT Biruntha of Army wing, and LC Jeyasree N of Navy Wing, participated in the Marina Republic Day Parade, Chennai. LCPL Surjitha led the parade as part of the NCC contingent commander with a Sword



SGT Sivapriya J. participated in the Tamil Nadu State Shooting Championship 2025 at Saragarhi Shooting Academy, Chennai. She Won Silver medal in the Open Sight Sr. Team Event and Bronze medal in the Jr. Team Event



Lt Col Catherine Nirmala, Commanding Officer, 2TN Girls BN NCC, Madurai visited our 2_2 NCC Company, Army Wing on 30-7-2025



On the occasion of NCC Navy Day celebrations, cadets participated in poster-making and ship-modeling activities on the theme 'Guardians of the Sea'

ROTARACT CLUB



Theme: “Explore – Exchange – Excel”

The academic year 2025–2026 marked a dynamic and impactful journey for the Rotaract Club of Lady Doak College, characterized by service, leadership, inclusivity, and community engagement. The year commenced with the Installation and Inauguration Ceremony held on 18th July 2025 organized by the Rotaract Club of Lady Doak College in association with the Rotary Club of Madurai West. The ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Rtn. M. Palaniappan, President, Rotary Club of Madurai West, as the Chief Guest. A remarkable highlight of the year was the grand collaborative event செல்லமே செல்லமே – **A Carnival for Special Children**, was conducted on 20th July 2025 in association with Rotary Clubs of RI District 3000. This heartwarming initiative brought together nearly 700 special children and their families, creating a vibrant atmosphere of joy and inclusion.

Continuing its emphasis on skill development, the club co-organized **Focus 125 – Effective Public Speaking Workshop** on 13th August 2025, in collaboration with partnering Rotaract Clubs, the



Rotary Club of Madurai West, and Friends of the Library. On 28th August 2025, the club hosted an inspiring guest lecture titled **Lead Like a Flame: From Silence to Significance** delivered by Dr. Saral Rajamani C, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, the session motivated students to embrace leadership with purpose and social responsibility. Further extending its engagement, the club actively participated in the மதுரை மாநாடு – **Zonal Forum 2025** held on 14th September 2025 at Sethu Institute of Technology, Kariapatti. This forum served as a platform for Rotaractors to exchange ideas, strengthen fellowship, and enhance leadership capabilities.

Demonstrating a deep commitment to social service, Rotaract members undertook **Scribe Activities** in collaboration with the **Indian Association for the Blind (IAB)**, Sundarajanpatti. A total of 36 students volunteered during the half-yearly examinations and the annual examinations. Their selfless contribution ensured academic support for visually challenged students, reflecting the true spirit of empathy and service. Overall, the Rotaract Club of Lady Doak College has exemplified excellence through its diverse initiatives, seamlessly blending leadership development with community outreach. The year stands as a testament to the club's unwavering dedication to creating meaningful impact, fostering responsible citizenship, and nurturing compassionate leaders of tomorrow.

Dr. Uma Maheswari T
Coordinator

BUILT BEYOND LIMITS

Some journeys begin with a plan. Others begin with a moment and quietly grow into something unforgettable. Stepping into the role of Student Cabinet President for the academic year 2025–2026 was one such moment for me. What started as a simple decision to contest, to compete, and to give my best, soon unfolded into a journey far greater than I had ever imagined. I did not foresee the friendships it would build, the challenges it would bring, or the memories it would leave behind. The election phase itself was electric—filled with energy, ambition, and voices from across departments. What began as spirited competition slowly transformed into something deeper. Thirty-six individuals, once competitors, came together as one team, united not just by positions, but by purpose. And from that moment on, this journey was no longer just about leading, it was about building, growing, and creating something that would go far beyond limits.

Our very first step was hosting the farewell for the previous cabinet, and from day one, we won hearts. Soon after, the UG and PG orientations and induction programmes followed, where we welcomed the incoming batch and introduced them to the spirit of Lady Doak College. From there, every event carried a story of its own. SUDAR '25, our Teachers' Day celebration, was a heartfelt expression of gratitude, honouring the people who light our path every single day. SANGAMAM, our first fundraising initiative alongside the non-teaching staff, was where we truly understood what it means to come together. People from every corner of the college stood side by side for a common cause, and that sense of unity stayed with us long after the event ended. And then came a defining moment of our tenure, VIYAN '25, Vetri Siragai Viri. Our intercollegiate meet. Our biggest stage. It felt limitless in every sense, from the scale of the event to the energy of the participants, and the effort poured in by every cabinet member. With



20 competitions and 812 participants, the campus turned completely blue, alive in a way that is hard to put into words. It was intense, chaotic, exhausting, but also one of our proudest moments. And even as we hosted participants from other colleges, Doakians proved that they truly own the stage.

Our Mental Health Day, in collaboration with the Department of Social Sciences, brought a completely different kind of energy, quiet corners filled with small activities, offering students, faculty, and staff a much-needed break from routine. KATHIR '26, our Pongal celebration, brought vibrance to the campus as we honoured culture and the spirit of our farmers. Then came VASANTHAM '26, one of the most awaited events of the year. The entire campus felt refreshed, with 155 stalls and 20 events creating constant movement and excitement. It was a day where students came together to celebrate, enjoy, and contribute to a larger cause.

We concluded our major events with YUGAM '26, The Era of Excellence, a two-day inter-departmental meet. It marked a phase of remarkable talent, growth, and achievement. With 20 competitions and incredible performances, the level of talent left us genuinely stunned. More than anything, it brought out a strong department spirit and a deep sense of pride in belonging.

Beyond these large-scale events, there were moments that quietly made a lasting impact. Our Open Forum Committee initiated the One Word Challenge at the beginning of the academic year, encouraging students to choose a word that would guide their mindset and growth. With over 2300 participants, it became a collective expression of intention and self-reflection. The White Christmas Donation Drive by the Outreach Committee brought students and staff together in the spirit of giving, contributing 25 boxes of essentials to a tribal community in Sakkimangalam. Our Discipline Committee ensured the smooth functioning of campus life and introduced No Phone Zones, encouraging students to reduce screen time and reconnect with one another beyond their devices. Our Cultural Committee sent students to represent

Lady Doak College at various intercollegiate platforms, bringing back laurels and pride, and making Doakians visible wherever they went. Our Eco Initiative Committee, in collaboration with the Centre for Environmental Studies, participated in the Apex SDG Eco Championship. As part of this, they conducted 25 eco-based activities, through which Lady Doak College was recognised as the District Eco SDG Champions 2025. At the same time, we carried the responsibility of being the voice of the students, listening, understanding, and representing them, while also strengthening communication with the administration.

And now, as this journey comes to an end, I do not think it can be defined by a single summary. Because this year was never just about the events we conducted. It was about everything that happened in between, the pressure, the last-minute changes, the disagreements, the laughter, and the quiet moments where everything finally came together.

As President, I have had the opportunity to witness not just what we achieved, but how we grew, as individuals and as a team. We learned to take responsibility, to support each other, and to keep going even when things felt overwhelming. More than anything, this journey gave us something that will stay far beyond this year, the experience of building something together. And that, for me, will always be the most meaningful part of it.

I would like to take this moment to express my sincere gratitude to God for guiding us through this journey. My heartfelt thanks to our Principal Dr. R. Beulah Jeyashree and the Deans of Student Affairs Dr. S. Arockia Shyamala and Assistant Deans of Student Affairs Dr. J. Jullie Prathiba and Dr. C. Esther Elizabeth Grace for their constant support and guidance. I also extend my appreciation to the DSA office staff for their dedication behind the scenes. Finally, to the students of Lady Doak College, thank you for your trust and participation. What we built was never ours alone, it belonged to every voice that believed in it.

Farhana R

(President, Student Cabinet 2025-26)



IN MEMORIAM

A COMPASSIONATE MENTOR

Mrs. Regina joined our community as a student, diligently earning her qualifications and blossoming into an exceptional librarian. When she first came on board, our library's collection consisted of approximately 19,000 items. Thanks to her visionary leadership and unwavering dedication, that number has soared to an impressive 60,000. Throughout her tenure, she tirelessly served both students and faculty, embodying a spirit of generosity and love for all. Her profound expertise in librarianship was instrumental in the introduction of the innovative Night Library initiative, a testament to her commitment to enhancing access to knowledge after hours.

Mrs. Regina was not only an accomplished professional, but also a compassionate mentor who made a lasting impact on the lives of countless students. Her passing profoundly saddens us. As she transitions from our world, we take comfort in knowing she is now watching over us as an angel in heaven. May her soul rest in eternal peace!

Dr. Lt. Sangaranachiar S
Librarian



A DEVOTED AND COMPASSIONATE SOUL

Mrs. Premkumari was a devoted and warm-hearted member of our institution. Her years of dedicated service, kind nature, and ever-smiling presence left a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. She was not only a sincere and responsible professional but also a compassionate soul who treated her colleagues with love and care.

After her retirement, she enjoyed a peaceful and joyful life surrounded by her grandchildren. Her love and care for them are beautifully reflected in their character and upbringing. Her fulfilled and meaningful life also shines through her two daughters. She will always be remembered with respect, affection, and gratitude. May she be blessed with eternal life in the grace of the Almighty.

Dr. Lt. Sangaranachiar S
Librarian



REVIVING THE EVER IRREPLACABLE - MRS. NIRMALA WYCLIFFE

Mrs. Nirmala Wycliffe is an epitome of embracing the vogue by building them on the foundations of values and traditions to ensure meaningful development. The spectacular ornament that adorns the history of the college and the Department of Social Sciences came from the Gold Fields of Kolar and refined through the flames of education at Mysore University where she did her postgraduate degree in Sociology before joining the department in 1964. She has served in various leadership roles from taking over as the Head of the Department in 1986, serving as the Chairman of Academic Affairs later and ultimately as the Vice Principal of the college. She enjoyed teaching especially the challenging students as she was able to look beyond the burn marks caused by societal inequalities and embrace it as an opportunity to reflect the values of Lord Jesus Christ. Her emphasis on understanding the familial context exemplifies her motherly instinct and her nuanced understanding of the veins of the society.



Her integrity was evinced when she donned the role of scorer along with Miss Chellammal in the Annual Sports Day Celebrations of the college in the year 1968. Her motherly instinct and affectionate demeanour so often overshadowed her fierce propagation of the rights of women from marginalised communities. The article titled “Women offenders and their Rehabilitation” published in the magazine *The Anklet* in the year 1979 by the Department of Social Sciences called for a multidimensional approach to address the psycho-social issues of Women offenders. Her life is a clarion call to Revive, Restore, Rekindle old values, passed through thoughtful skepticism and spiritual truth to be radiant torchbearers in the world plunged in darkness.

Though we have not seen her in person many times, the things that we have heard about her were remarkable. The characteristics that she had exhibited to everyone around her reflected nothing other than God’s love. She has been faithful in all the roles that God had placed her in, carrying out all the responsibilities to the best that she can, with the purpose of pleasing God in everything that she did. We thank God that I had the opportunity to attend the funeral of such a great woman of faith and humility and we were amazed that, how a person could have exhibited motherly love to everyone that she had come across in her life. She was a true testimony and demonstration of the verse Proverbs 31: 28, “Her children rise up and call her blessed;” not only her biological children called her blessed but the countless children that she raised in spirit praised her as ‘Blessed!’

“Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” Proverbs 31:29

Ms. Joanita Ranjini E & Ms. Alice Eliza Sherina C
Assistant Professors (Social Sciences)

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M.A. Tamil



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M.A. English



B.B.A.



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M.Sc. Biotechnology



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M.Sc. Botany



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M.Sc. Chemistry



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M.Com.



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B.Com. Computer Applications



B.Com. Professional Accounting



B.Com. Corporate Secretaryship



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M.A. History



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M.Sc. Computer Science



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B.Sc. Information Technology & Management (B)



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M.Sc. Mathematics



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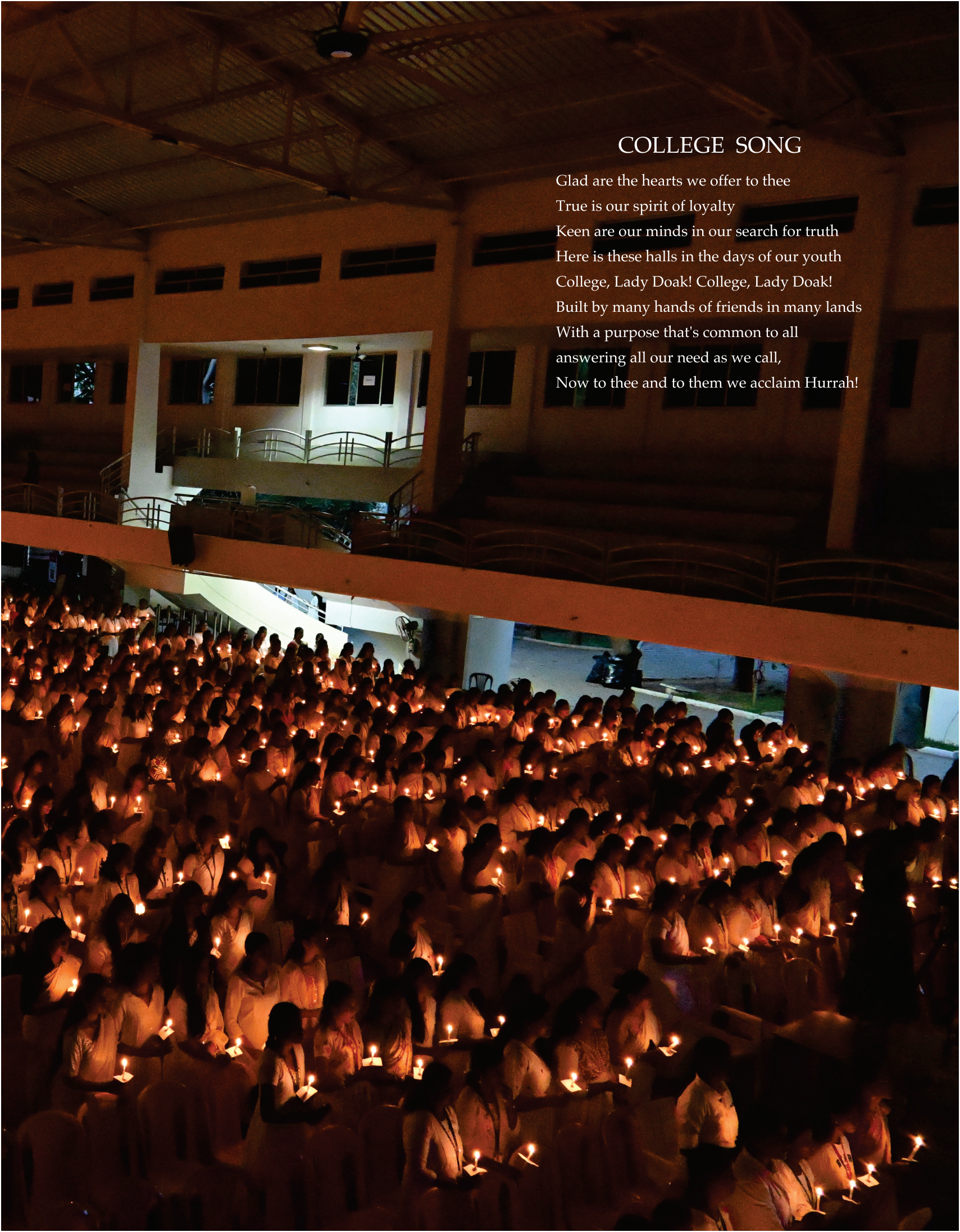
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COLLEGE SONG

Glad are the hearts we offer to thee
True is our spirit of loyalty
Keen are our minds in our search for truth
Here is these halls in the days of our youth
College, Lady Doak! College, Lady Doak!
Built by many hands of friends in many lands
With a purpose that's common to all
answering all our need as we call,
Now to thee and to them we acclaim Hurrah!



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