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53rd ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

It gives me immense pleasure to present the 53rd annual report of Arulmigu Palaniandavar College of Arts and Culture, Palani. I express my deep sense of gratitude to the Government of Tamil Nadu, Hindu Religious and Endowments Department, and the Administration of Dhandayuthapani Swami Thirukovil – Palani for providing me an opportunity to serve as the Principal of this esteemed institution which keeps growing with the blessings of Lord Muruga. My whole hearted thanks to our Correspondent, Thiru. K. Rajamanickam, M.Com., B.L., Joint Commissioner / Executive Officer of Dhandayuthapani Swami Thirukovil and our Secretary Mrs. R. Menega, B.Sc., B.L., Deputy Commissioner (Full Additional Incharge), for their untiring support and encouragement in transforming the college as one of the best institutions in the state.

My thanks are due to the teaching fraternity and the administrative staff who are industrious and co-operative in all academic endeavours. The team spirit in the campus has aided the institution in achieving greater milestones. With this brief note of thanks, I welcome our Correspondent, Secretary, Teachers, Non-teaching staff, and Students to this Annual Day function and I present the 53rd Annual Report.

Professional development program organized / Attended

- UGC Sponsored one day "Orientation Programme" conducted for newly appointed teachers on 23.12.2015.
- Around 09 faculty members have participated in various programmes such as FDP, Short term courses, Orientation / Induction programmes, Refresher courses, Professional development programmes etc.,


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About the College

The College was established in the year 1963 with 163 students and 15 teachers. The college is a temple of wisdom having a history of 53 long years. The college offers 13 PG Degree Programmes, 15 UG Degree Programmes and four of our departments are Research Centres. The College is affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University and serves as one of the best centre for Post Graduate Studies. The college has added one more feather to its cap by getting 'A' grade in the NAAC re-accreditation in February 2016. In the current academic year, our college has a student strength of 2226 which includes 1393 boys and 175 girls in aided programmes, 203 boys and 48 girls in self-financing wing, and 304 boys and 103 girls in programmes offered through evening courses. The college has 98 permanent teaching staff, 16 permanent administrative staff and 16 guest lecturers appointed by the management for aided programmes. The Self financing courses and Evening Courses are managed with 26 teachers and 23 administrative staff. At this juncture, I would like to thank The Hindu Religious and Endowments Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, Madurai Kamaraj University, and the Management of Dhandayuthapani Swami Thirukovil – Palani, for their consistent help in the escalation of our institution.

College Governing Council

President	Thiru. M. Veerashanmugamani IAS, Commissioner, HR & CE Dept., Chennai.
Members	Thiru. R. Gnanasekar, M.A., B.L., Additional Commissioner (General), HR & CE Dept., Chennai.
	Thiru. R. Sutharsan B.Sc., B.L., Joint Commissioner (Education),

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	HR & CE Dept., Chennai
	Thiru. R. Pachaiappan, B.Sc., B.L., Joint Commissioner, HR & CE Dept., Madurai Region, Madurai.
	Thiru. K. Rajamanickam, M.Com. B.L., Executive Officer, Arulmigu Dhandayuthapaniswami Thirukovil, Palani & Correpondent, Arulmigu Palaniandavar College of Arts and Culture, Palani
	Tmt. R. Menega, B.Sc., M.L., Deputy Commissioner (Full Additional Charge), Arulmigu Dhandayuthapaniswami Thirukovil, Palani & Correpondent, Arulmigu Palaniandavar College of Arts and Culture, Palani
	Dr.K. Anbuselvi, M.A., Ph.D., Principal, Arulmigu Palaniandavar College of Arts and Culture, Palani.
	Thiru. S. Gnanasekarn, M.Com., M.Phil., Associate Professor in Commerce, Arulmigu Palaniandavar College of Arts and Culture, Palani.
	Thiru. P. Mohan, M.Com., M.Phil., Associate Professor in Commerce, Arulmigu Palaniandavar College of Arts and Culture, Palani.
University Representative	Dr.P. Ravikumar, Principal, Devangar Arts College, Aruppukottai.
Member	Thiru. P. Manimaran B.Sc., Superintendent, Arulmigu Palaniandavar College of Arts and Culture, Palani.


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Courses Offered

Aided

Under Graduate Courses

Degree & Branch	Major
B.A.	Indian Culture
B.Sc.	Mathematics
B.Sc.	Chemistry
B.A.	English
B.Sc.	Physics
B.A.	Economics
B.Sc.	Zoology
B.Com.	Commerce
B.Sc.	Botany
B.A.	Tamil
B.A.	History

Post Graduate Courses

Degree & Branch	Major
M.A.	Indian Culture
M.Sc.	Zoology
M.Sc.	Botany
M.A.	English
M.Com.	Commerce
M.A.	Tamil
M.Sc.	Physics
M.Sc.	Chemistry
M.A.	Economics
M.A.	History


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Research Programmes

Degree & Branch	Major
M.Phil.	Tamil
Ph.D.	Tamil, Chemistry, Economics, and Indian Culture

Self Financing

The Department of Computer Science was established in the year 1998 and the following programmes and courses are offered under self-financing stream

1. B.C.A.
2. B.Sc., (IT)
3. PGDCA
4. DTP
5. M.Sc., (CS and IT)

The following Programmes under Self-financing evening course stream are offered from the academic year 2002-2003.

1. B.Com.
2. B.B. A.
3. M.Sc.,
4. M.Com.

Certificate and Diploma Courses

DGT – Diploma in Gandhian Thought

CGT – Certificate Course in Gandhian Thought


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Library

The library of our institution is one of the oldest among the colleges affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University. The UGC and the Management of our college provide funds for the enrichment of the College library which is the prime source of knowledge for the students, who hail from the rural background. During 2015-2016, under UGC XII Plan Scheme and from the fund allotted by the college management a total number of 690 books amounting to Rs. 1,09,731 were purchased for the college library. In addition, 41 Journals and Periodicals, 8 daily newspapers amounting to Rs. 65,599 were purchased. Library Orientation classes were conducted for the I year and II year UG students on 15.12.2015 and 16.12.2015.

Retirement

The following teachers are retiring from service in the current academic year 2015-2016. On behalf of the college management and on everyone's behalf, I wish them a peaceful retired life.

1. Dr. K. Agniputhran, Associate Professor in Tamil
2. Dr.K. Ravikumar, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Indian Culture
3. Dr. P. Rathinasabapathy, Associate Professor, Dept. of Indian Culture

Endowments

Cash prizes, mementoes, and certificates are issued to students through the endowments established by various Philanthropists. Currently, there are 56 endowments in the college.

University Rank Holders

In the University results published during 2015-2016, fourteen students of our college have bagged university ranks and brought laurels to the college. On behalf of the Management, Staff, and Students, I Congratulate the following university rank holders:


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1. G. Abirami	M.A. Tamil	I Rank
2. K.Kalaivani	M.A. Economics	I Rank
3. M.Mahalakshmi	M.A. Economics	II Rank
4. N.Chandrika	M.A. Economics	III Rank
5. J.Rajesh	M.Sc., Botany	I Rank
6. P. Rasa	M.Sc., Botany	II Rank
7. R.Hemelataha	M.Sc., (IT)	I Rank
8. R.Preethi	M.Sc., (IT)	II Rank
9. V.Abinaya	M.Sc., (IT)	III Rank
10. K.Sivakamai	M.Sc., Zoology	I Rank
11. K.Saranya	M.Sc., Zoology	II Rank
12. K.Banupriya	M.Sc., Zoology	III Rank
13. C.Magudeeswaran	M.A., Indian Culture	I Rank
14. M. Tirupati	M.A., Indian Culture	II Rank

Department of Tamil

The Department of Tamil had organised the All Association Inauguration on 29.09.2015. Thiru. S. Thirunavukkarasu, a famous Tamil Debate Speaker, was the Chief Guest and addressed the students on the topic "Student Empowerment".

Ms. Kokilameena, Research Scholar, defended her thesis "Social Consciousness in the Songs of Avvaiyar" in the Ph.D. Public Viva Voce examination held on 20.01.2016.

The UG Association of the department was inaugurated on 21.01.2016 by Tamil Professor, Dr. T. Neelakandan.

Mrs. Murugeswari, Research Scholar, defended her thesis "A Feministic approach of the Twin Epics" in the Ph.D. Public Viva Voce examination held on 01.02.2016.


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Three students from the department participated in the Symposia "Izham Tamilar Ilakkiya Pattarai - 2016" organised by the Tamil Development Department, Government of Tamil Nadu from 15.02.2016 to 21.02.2016. The PG Association had organised a guest lecture in which the Folklore Researcher Thiru. Lakshmana Perumal delivered a lecture on "Manudam Vendrathama"

Department of English

The Department of English had organised a UGC Sponsored seminar on 19.12.2015. Dr. Rajeshwari, Department of Home-science, Avinashilingam Deemed University, Coimbatore, delivered a key note address on the topic "The Role of Health in Women Empowerment". Thiru. Meithavam Thirusenthil Adigal and Dayanandha Gurukulam Sri Murugan Ji delivered lectures on "Stress Management" and Healthcare and Yoga" respectively.

The Inauguration of the Department Associations was organised on 30.12.2015. The event was graced by Mrs. Selvi, Head, Department of English, Arulmigu Palaniandavar College for Women, and delivered a special lecture on "Creative Writing".

A Department level Alumni meet was organised on 13.01.2016. The department had also organised a parents - teachers meet to discuss the students' academic progress.

A UGC Sponsored Seminar on "III World Literature" was organised on 30.01.2016. Dr. K. Baskaran, Professor of English, Gandhigram University, Dindigul and Dr. M. Rajaram, Associate Professor of English, MVM College, Dindigul interacted with the participants providing research insights on the topic "III World Literatures".

Department of History

The Department of History had organised a One Day National Level Seminar on "Indian Architecture" on 04.01.2016. Dr. K. Kesavarajaraman, Professor, Department of History, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and Dr.M.


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Senthurpandian, Associate Professor in History, Government Arts College, Coimbatore, shared their expertise with the participants.

The Department had celebrated the World Tourism Day by organising a rally from the College to Palani bus stand. Various competitions were conducted in view of World Tourism Day and Prize winners were honoured with mementoes and certificates.

Department of Commerce

The UG and PG Associations of the Department were inaugurated by Dr. P. Manimaran, Associate Professor, PSNA College of Engineering on 12.01.2016. The Resource person of the day gave a talk on "Personality Enhancement".

A One Day Orientation Programme for the newly recruited teachers was organised with UGC Sponsorship. Dr. Selvam, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Government Arts College, Coimbatore, oriented the teachers on the topic "Classroom Psychology".

A UGC Sponsored State Level Seminar was organised on 09.01.2016. In the seminar, Dr. T.Sathishkumar and Mr. P. Saravanapandi, Professors from Wisdom School of Management, Udumalpet, delivered lectures on the topic "Make in India – Opportunities and Challenges" and "Stress Management" respectively.

Department of Economics

Students from the Department of Economics participated and presented papers in the seminar organised by Thiagaraja College, Madurai on 10.09.2015. Mr.P. Mayaperumal, M.Phil. Scholar, won second prize for the best paper presentation. Our students also won the best paper presentation award in the National Seminar organised by Madura College, Madurai on 01.10.2015

Dr. T. Ravishankar, Assistant Professor in Economics was awarded Ph. D. Degree. The Professors of the Department participated and presented papers in the Tamil Nadu Economists Association Conference held at Kanda Swami Kandar's College, Paramathi Velur, Namakkal.


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A State Level Workshop was organised on 03.02.2016. International Forest Day was observed on 21.03.2016 and the department planted many tree saplings in the college premises.

Department of Indian Culture

On 13.01.2016, the department had conducted a UGC Sponsored State Level Seminar on "Human Rights". Dr. E. Murugesan, Professor, Government Law College, Madurai, and Thiru. K. K. Senthil, Lawyer, Madurai High Court, participated in the event and created awareness on the basic human rights of every individual.

Department of Physics

The Department had conducted a special Internship Training Programme for the Middle School Science Teachers from 03.05.2015 to 07.08.2015 with the aid of Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology.

A UGC Sponsored One Day State Level Seminar was organised on 29.01.2016. Dr. S. Thirunavukkarasu, Professor, Raja Muththaiya Medical College, deliberated on the topic "Medical Imaging Physics". Dr. L. Amalraj, Associate Professor in Physics, VHNSN College, also participated in the seminar and delivered a special address on "Bio-medical Instrumentation".

The National Science Day was observed on 29.02.2016. A lecture programme was organised on the day in which CECRI Researcher Dr. Kalaiselvi gave a special lecture on the topic "To Raise Public Appreciation as Scientific Issues for the Development of the Nation".

Department of Chemistry

A UGC Sponsored One Day National Level Seminar was organised on 11.08.2015. Five students from the Department participated in the National Seminar organised by the National Institute of Technology, Trichy, on 11.09.2015 and 12.09.2015. Mrs. N. Visnudhaari and Mrs. N. Kavitha Assistant Professors, Department of Chemistry along with six PG students participated in the State Level Workshop organised by Palaniandavar Arts College for Women, on 08.01.2016.

The UG and PG Association jointly organised a guest lecture programme on 02.02.2016. Thiru. K. Adaikalam, Assistant Professor, Madurai Institute of


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Technology, gave a special lecture on "Career Opportunities for Chemistry Graduates".

L.Eswaran and I. Karuppusamy of III B.Sc., Chemistry won second prize in the Inter-collegiate competitions organised by G.T.N. Arts College, Dindigul on 25.02.2016. Two students participated in a Symposia "Izham Tamilar Ilakkiya Pattarai - 2016" organised by the Tamil Development Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, from 15.02.2016 to 21.02.2016.

Department of Botany

Dr. Anandhi, Head of the Department and Mr. A. Sibhu, Assistant Professor in Botany guided the II M.Sc., students through a field trip to Jain Irrigation Tissue Culture Centre, Kumaralingam, Udumalpet on 11.01.2016. The students were exposed to the lab equipments and the field work carried out at the centre.

A field trip for the I M.Sc., students was organised on 09.03.2016 and 10.03.2016 and the students were accompanied by Dr. Anandhi, Head of the Department and Mr. M. Vigneshwaran, Assistant Professor in Botany. The students visited Rameshwaram Island and collected Marine Algae. They also visited the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Mannar Biosphere Reserve, and Dhanushkodi Beach.

The III UG students attended a Hands on Training Programme in Bio-Technology at NGM College, Pollachi, on 10.03.2016. With a focus on self employability, the II PG students were offered a training programme on Mushroom Cultivation.

Department of Zoology

The Department of Zoology had organised an International Conference "Sowing the Seeds to Ignite the Young Minds" on 15.07.2015. Dr. A. Mohammed Ali Syed, Professor of Malaysia National University, graced the occasion as a Keynote Speaker. Around 170 researchers participated in the conference.

On 01.10.2015, the Department had organised a One Day National Level Seminar on "Wildlife Conservation" with UGC Sponsorship. An awareness


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programme on "Eye Safety and Eye Donation" was organised with the financial assistance of UGC on 28.01.2016. Dr. J. Ganesan, Member, Lions Club, participated in the event as a medical counsellor and there were around 140 beneficiaries.

Department of Mathematics

A UGC Sponsored One Day State Level Seminar titled "Application of Number Theory, Graph Theory and Numerical Analysis" was organised on 22.12.2015. Three though provoking lectures were delivered in the seminar by Mrs. G. Uma, Anna University College, Dindigul, Dr. P. Meeradevi, Sri SRNM College, Sattur, and Dr. R. Sivaraj, VIT, Vellore.

A State Level Workshop was organised on 08.01.2016. Dr. T. Paneendra and Dr. K. Madhusudhanan Reddy, Professors, VIT Campus, Vellore were the resource persons who offered lectures and training to the participants.

Department of Computer Science

The UG Association of the department was inaugurated on 04.09.2015 by the Principal of the College, Dr. K. Anbuselvi. Mr. A. Nagarajan, Head, Department of Mathematics, inaugurated the PG Association and gave a special lecture. A Personality Development Programme was organised on 05.10.2015 in which Mr. N. Suresh, Guest Lecturer, Department of History delivered a talk on "Self Analysis".

A Software Training Programme was conducted by R. Usha, Black Pearl System, Coimbatore, on 06.02.2016 and the students were trained on software development. The Association Valediction Programme was conducted on 28.03.2016.

Evening Courses

The Evening Courses wing had organised a Guest Lecture on 24.07.2015. Dr. Devasenathipathi, Head, Department of Management Studies, PPG College of Management, delivered a lecture on "Women Empowerment in India". On 08.01.2016, a special lecture was delivered by Dr. S. Rajasekar, Principal, Akshaya College of Management, Coimbatore, on the topic "Interview Techniques". Dr. P.


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Balaraman, Assistant Professor, A.R. School for Management, gave an invited lecture on the topic "E-communication" on 11.03.2016.

NCC

In the year 2015-2016, 60 students of our college have enrolled in NCC. N.Muneeswaran of II B.A. Tamil brought laurels to the college by participating in the 67th Republic Day Parade in New Delhi. The Cadet was also honoured by the Prime Minister of India.

Our NCC cadets participated in the Yoga Day celebrations organised by GTN Arts College, Dindigul on 21.06.2015. Our cadets S. Karthick of II B.Sc., Maths, and V. Krishnan of II B.Com., participated in the National Level Trekking in Kerela.

Cadets V. Krishnan and C.Velumani participated in the NCC TSC camp organised during May 2015 at Alagappa University, Karaikudi. S. Selva Kamesh of II B.Sc., Chemistry, participated in the Index Group Competition (IGC) conducted by Alagappa University during September 2015. Many of our cadets participated and won prizes in the CATC training camp held at PMT College, Usilampatti, Madurai from 15.09.2015 to 29.09.2015.

NSS

Our volunteers participated in a extension activity at the Palani Hill Temple and helped the pilgrims during the free meal distribution on the eve of Independence day on 15.08.2015

On 15.10.2015, our NSS Volunteers participated in the Youth Awakening Day Rally held at Dindigul in view of the birth anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. An awareness programme was also organised in collaboration with the Debate Club. Our Volunteers helped the pilgrims during the Navarathiri Festival at Kotheeshwarar Temple, Kothaimangalam.

The NSS units and NCC jointly collected funds for the Chennai Flood relief. A sum of Rs. 25,000 was collected and deposited in the Chief Minister's relief fund. In collaboration with the Blood Bank, Palani GH, a blood donation camp was organised by our NSS units on 29.12.2015.

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Our NSS volunteers and Programme Officers extend their fullest cooperation to the Palani Hill Temple by participating in extension activities during the New Year, Thai Poosam, and Panguni Uthiram Festival seasons.

Under Swachh Bharat Mission our team of NSS students participated in cleaning activities in and around the college from 05.01.2016 to 08.01.2016. The NSS units of our college and Vivekanandha Seva Trust, Balasamudram had jointly organised a rally on 12.01.2016 in view of Swami Vivekanandha's Birthday which is observed as National Youth Day. Around 350 students participated in the rally.

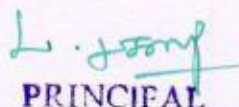
In view of National Voters' Day, a voters awareness rally was organised on 21.01.2016. The rally was flagged by Thiru. P. Shanmugasundaram, DSP, Palani Town, Thiru. R. Mariappan, Thasildar, Palani, and Dr. K. Anbuselvi, Principal. The students had taken the National Voters' Day Pledge. A Road Safety Week programme was also conducted on the same day.

National Martyrs' Day was celebrated on 30.01.2016 to commemorate the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. K. Palanisamy, Dr. R. Manokaran, and Dr. R. Gangatharan, NSS Programme Officers of our college participated in the Orientation Programme for NSS Officers organised at Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore, from 13.02.2016 to 20.02.2016.

Women Development Cell

The Tamil Nadu State Council for Women Empowerment and the Women Development Cell of our college had organised a 'College Bazaar' – a sales exhibition from 21.09.2015 to 23.09.2015. International Women's Day was celebrated in the college on 08.03.2016.

I would like to conclude my Annual Report by thanking our College Management, Teachers, Non-teaching staff, and Students who are constantly helping us in taking the institution to the next level.


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