

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24**

P.K.R. Arts College for Women takes great pride in commemorating its journey of academic excellence and service to the community into its 30<sup>th</sup> year. Over the past 30 years, the college has been a beacon of guiding light to the community and has nurtured several thousand responsible citizens to this country. Our journey, from being an institution imparting education to 1<sup>st</sup> generation learners in Murugan Pudur village from 1994 to become a centre of academic excellence with a rigorous academic and research ecosystem in this digital age. On this 30<sup>th</sup> year, we pay homage to the visionary founder of this institution late Thiru P.R. Natarajan Ayya, who made the women education in reality. Our Secretary & Correspondent Thiru P.N.Venkatachalam's service for the smooth functioning of the institution is noteworthy. He is the follower of the footsteps of his father by playing a creditable role to achieve the objective of quality education to women hailing from rural areas. The founder Principal and current CEO Mrs. Jagatha Lakshamanan is the embodiment of energy and strength of the institution.

In this annual report, I would like to present a brief summary of our achievements on the academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for the academic year 2023-24. Seminars, Webinars, Workshops, Conferences and invited lectures are a routine feature of the PKR intellectual climate. Theoretical knowledge is fostered by hands-on experience in the form of field visits/ educational trips / practical training organized for both the students and faculty. Our College was re-accredited with Grade "A" by NAAC in the Academic Year 2023-24.

It would not be an understatement to mention that our college has channelized its efforts towards excellence in performance, self governance and enhancement in quality education since the grant of autonomy in 2017-18. By virtue of the autonomous status, the college has introduced students' centric courses following Outcome Based Education. The autonomous status of our college was extended by the University Grants Commission (UGC) for a period of 10 years from 2023-24 to 2032-33.

### **Students Performance in the Semester Examination held during November 2023**

The pass percentages of the various departments are as follows: Tamil – 98%; English Department - 94%.; Physics – 98% ; Commerce 96%- ; Computer Science -97% ; Mathematics 91%, ; Management Department - 93%

### **Awards & Achievements by Students**

- 41 students of the Department of Tamil were awarded as ‘Kalai Sudar’ Award by Kavingan Pathippagam. 24 students were awarded as ‘Kalai Oli’ by Tamil Nadu Kalai Elakkiya Mandram.
- 7 students of III B.A.English Literature received ‘ Kalai Ratna’ Award from Kavingan Pathippagam
- Ms.Gowshika of I M.A. English Literature received appreciation certificate from the District Administration for acting as a Campus Ambassador in Electoral Literacy Club.

### **Online courses attended by students**

- 102 students cleared Swayam NPTEL course
- 150 students of Department of Tamil and Computer Science attended Youth Development Certificate Course conducted by Siddha Vetha Multiversity University, USA.
- 60 Students of Computer Science Department were trained under 60 hours Certificate Course on Artificial Intelligence – Women Empowerment Programme- a CSR initiative of cognizant Foundation through ICT Academy.

### **Publications by Students**

- 9 students from the Department of Tamil published their poems in ‘Chutti Malar’ monthly magazine.
- Ms.R.Sneha of III B.A English Literature compiled and published a book ‘Spontaneous overflow’. 16 students of III B.A.English published their poems in the book ‘Spontaneous overflow’

### **Students Participation in Co-Curricular and Extracurricular activities**

- I M.A. English Literature students secured the First Place with cash prize in Filmy Quiz competition conducted by Pioneer College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore.
- 9 students from the Department of Mathematics participated in Intercollegiate Meet – Solstice ’24 organized by Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore, and won the First Prize in Rangoli.

- 92 Students from the Department of Computer Science participated in Three days IOT workshop conducted by Kongu Engineering College, Perundurai.
- 2 students from II-M.Sc Physics participated in International Conference on Modern Functional Materials and Its Multifunctional Applications (ICMFM 2023) organized by Erode Sengunthar Engineering College, Perundurai on 21st & 22nd July 2023.
- 9 students from II B.Sc physics attended two days technical symposia on contribution of STEM to nuclear research and technological innovations, organized by Department of Physics, Erode Sengunthar engineering college held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 & 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
- 9 students from I-M.Sc Physics attended SERB sponsored national conference on Futuristic materials in science and technology, organized by Department of Chemistry, Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Sathyamangalam.
- Ms. R. Yogabalalakshmi of I-B.Sc.Physics won the third prize with Cash price worth Rs. 2000 in drawing competition held at Thanjavur Tamil University on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- Ms. R. Nandhitha of I-B.Sc.Physics participated in Speech Competition and won the medal held at Erode Collector Office.

### **Student Induction Programme**

- The College organized Student Induction Programme (SIP) for I – UG and for I – PG was conducted from 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 by College to make the students feel comfortable in their new environment.
- **‘Language Enrichment Programme’** was also conducted for the first to enhance the basics in writing, reading and communicating in English.

I would like to take this opportunity to showcase the individual achievements of the faculty members.

### **Awards & Achievements by Faculty**

- Dr.N.Ezhili, Principal, received ‘Vetri Thirumagal’ achievement award from Siddha Vetha Multiversity USA & Global Entrepreneurs Association on 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2024.

- Mrs. S. A. Dhanalakshmi, Vice- Principal & Controller of Examinations received Gobi Kanda Pudhumai Pen Award from Gobi Arts and Science College, Gobichettipalayam on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- The Department of Tamil received the ‘Best Tamil Department Award 2023’ from Vaagai Tamil Sangam, Namakkal, on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
- The Department of Tamil made efforts and got scholarship of Rs. 1,72,000 for 14 students from Friends Educational and Charitable Trust (FECT), Chennai.
- Dr.G.Uma Maheswari, Assistant Professor of Tamil received an award titled Sivaneyach Selvar Viruthu and Meignaana Poomalai Viruthu.
- Dr.E.Uvarani, Dr. K.Mohana, Dr.N.Amirathakodi and Ms.G.Poornima, Assistant Professors of Tamil received Sirantha Tamil Aasiriyar Award from Tamil Thai Foundation.
- Mrs.S.Gayathri, Ms.P.S.Renuga and Ms. G.Poornima, Assistant Professors of Tamil, received the Tamil Mamani Award from Kavingan Pathippagam.
- Ms. P.Keerthana, Assistant Professor of Tamil, received Thooya Tamil Patralalar Award.
- Dr.S.Gomathi, Assistant Professor Mathematics, received ‘Event Supporter Award’ from Rotary Club, Puliampatti.
- Dr.A.Senthamizselvi, Assistant Professor of Tamil, cracked UGC NET exam.

### **Patent Publication**

- 4 Design Patents were published by the Department of Commerce. 2 Design patents by the Department of Computer Science

### **Book Publication by Faculty**

- Dr.E.Uvarani, Dr. G.Uma Maheshwari, Dr.N.Amirthakodi Dr.S. Gayathri, and Mrs.G.Poornima, Assistant Professors of Tamil published 4 books.
- Faculty members from the department of computer science published 7 books.

### **Paper Publication by Faculty**

- 3 faculty members from the Department of Tamil published 4 research papers in UGC Care listed journals.

- 4 faculty members from the Department of English published 5 research papers in UGC Care listed journals. Ms.S.Shobana, Assistant professor of English published a research paper in UGC Peer Reviewed Journal.
- Dr.V.Radhika, Associate Professor of Physics and Mrs.C.Aruljothi, Assistant Professor of Physics, published 2 articles in the UGC journal. Mrs.K.Valliyammal, Assistant Professor of Physics published a paper in Science e- bulletin.
- 7 research papers in UGC Care list, 15 in Scopus and 4 in Web of Science were published by the faculty members of Computer Science.
- 9 research papers in UGC Care list, 2 in International Journals and 1 in National Journal were published by 6 faculty members of Commerce.
- 1 research paper in International Journal for Multidisciplinary Research, 4 research papers in Shodha Prabha, 1 in Indian Journal of Psychology, 2 in IPE Journal of Management, 1 research paper in History Research Journal and 1 research paper in Bharatiya Shiksha Shodh Patrika were published by 5 faculty members of the Department of Management.

#### **Online Courses attended by Faculty**

- Swayam NPTEL course was cleared by 7 faculty members from the Department of Mathematics, 4 faculty members from the Department of Computer Science, 3 faculty members from the Department of Management.
- Mrs. S. Abinaya and Ms.D.Jeeva Christina, Assistant Professors of English completed One Week Online National Level Short Term Course on “The Art of Story Telling” organized by Gokul Global University, Gujarat.
- One faculty from the Department of Commerce attended 60 hours Notional Learning Course from 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

#### **Resource person/Invited talks by Staff Members**

- 8 faculty members from the Department of Tamil delivered lectures on Tamil Koodal in 23 schools.
- Mrs.P.N.Pushpalatha, Assistant Professor of English, delivered a guest lecture on ‘International Literacy Day’ on 09<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Little Flower Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Sathyamangalam and at Gobi Arts and Science College on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

- Ms.C.Mathenilashna, Assistant Professor of English, gave an orientation towards NET/SET Examinations at Seethalakshmi Ramaswami College, Tiruchirapalli, on 19th September 2023.
- Ms.T.Ramya, Assistant Professor of English, acted as a resource person for the seminar ‘Invest in Girl’s Rights: Our Leadership, Our Wellbeing’ on 08<sup>th</sup> October 2023 International Girl Child Day 2023, at Paran Tribal and Social Welfare Centre, Kadambur Hills, Erode (Dt) and also for the workshop on ‘English: the seventh sense’ at Annai JKK Sampooraniammal Polytechnic College, T.N.Palayam, on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and also
- Dr.S.Vidhya, acted as resource person for a lecture on “Optimisation and Integration of modern methods of teaching and learning”, Dhanraj Baid Jain College(Autonomous),Chennai.
- Dr.G.K.Pooranee acted as resource person for the Workshop on “Data Handling using SPSS” in Gobi Arts and Science College, Gobichettipalayam and acted as Chief guest for Kindergarten graduation day at Amala Matric Hr.Sec.School,Gobichettipalayam.

### **Webinars/ Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops/ Guest Lectures of Departments**

All the 7 departments of our college conducted Webinars, Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Symposium and Guest Lectures through Offline and Online mode.

On the whole, 3 International Seminars, 1 International Conference, 2 International Webinars, 1 National Level HR Conclave, 14 Seminars, 4 Webinars, 10 Professional Development Programmes, 1 Faculty Development Programmes, 1 International Workshop, 10 Workshops, 1 Personality Development Programme, 12 Student Development Programmes, 7 Capacity Development Programmes, 4 Industry Institute Connect Programmes, 4 Career Guidance Programmes, 7 Awareness Programmes, 8 Alumnae Interactions, 7 Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)Programmes, 1 Skill Development Programme, 1 Entrepreneur Development Programme, 11 Industrial Visits, 1 Inter-class Dramatics, 1 Science Expo, 1 Literary Expo were organized and 19 National and International days were celebrated.

30<sup>th</sup> **Alumnae Meet** was organized by all the seven departments through online mode on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Prominent alumnae of all the departments were invited to deliver a special address. All the UG and PG students participated in the programme.

### **Scholars pursuing Ph.D**

- In the Department of Tamil, 5 scholars were doing their Doctoral Degree under the guidance of Dr.S.Maragathamani, Dr. E.Uvarani, and Dr.N.Amirthakodi.
- Mrs. S.Abinaya, Assistant Professor of English, completed her First Doctoral Committee meeting. Ms.S.Shobana, Assistant Professor of English registered for Ph.D. during this academic year.
- Mrs. C.Aruljothi Head i/c, Department of Physics submitted her thesis. Ms. A. Neelaveni, Ms. J. Vijayalakshmi and Mrs. K. Valliyammal, were doing Ph.D in Physics.
- 28 scholars are pursuing their Ph.D degree under the guidance of Dr. P. M. Gomathi, Dr.G. Deepa, Dr. D. Karthika, Dr. V. S. Lavanya and Dr .M.Saranya in the Department of Computer Science.
- 10 scholars are doing their Ph.D degree in the Department of Commerce under the guidance of Dr.Nancy Fernandez, Dr.T.Kokila Priya and Dr.N.Surega.
- Mrs. S.Subatra devi and Mrs. V.Hamsadharani, Assistant Professors of Management, are doing their Ph.D under the guidance of Dr.V.Kavitha.

### **Details of Ph.D awardees**

- Mrs.S.Gayathri and Mrs.V.Bhuvaneshwari were awarded Doctoral Degree in Tamil Literature under the guidance of Dr.E.Uvarani and Dr.S.Maragathamani.
- Mrs.R.Janani, Assistant Professor of English, was awarded Doctoral Degree in English.
- Mrs.Kristin Marian Martin was awarded Doctoral Degree in Commerce under the guidance of Dr.H.Chandra, Associate Professor of Commerce and Ms.B.S.Kiruthika was awarded Doctoral Degree in Commerce.

- Ms. J.Malarvizhi, research scholar, was awarded Doctoral Degree in Management under the guidance of Dr.S.Vidhya.

### **Webinars / Seminars / Conferences / Workshops participated by staff**

All the faculty members of the 7 departments of our college participated in Webinars, Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Symposium and Guest Lectures through Offline and Online mode.

- On the whole, the faculty members attended 2 Professional Development Programmes, 120 Faculty Development Programmes, 17 Seminars, 4 Conferences, 2 International workshops, 9 International Conferences, 6 Workshops, 5 Refresher Programmes, 3 Orientation Programmes and 1 National Webinar

### **IQAC Activities**

- The AQAR for the Academic year 2022-2023 had been submitted on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.
- The IQAC conducted 8 seminars, 1 workshop, 1 orientation programme, 1 administrative training programme and 1 cyber awareness programme.

### **Co-Curricular Activities - NSS**

In the domain of co-curricular activities, NSS enable wider social outreach as an integral part of education. The NSS wing of the College conducted NSS special camp at Kanakkampalayam from 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. They organized 10 awareness programmes, 1 eye care camp, 1 new voter's registration camp and celebrated 10 national and international Days.

### **Youth Red Cross**

- The Youth Red Cross of our College organized 4 camps and 3 Awareness Programmes.

### **Institutions Innovations Council and Entrepreneurial Development Cell**

- IIC of PKR conducted 3 workshops, 6 sessions on start-ups, and 1 Ideathon.
- The Entrepreneur Development Cell of P. K. R. Arts College for Women in association with District Supply and Marketing Supply, Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood



Mission and Tamil Nadu Urban Livelihoods Mission jointly organized a 'College Bazaar' conducted from 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

### **Placement Cell**

- Our Training and Placement Cell organized 9 Career Guidance Programmes.
- P.K.R Arts College for Women, Gobi and Board of Apprenticeship Training (Southern Region), Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Government of India, jointly organized 'the Mega Apprenticeship Fair' (Job Mela) on 06<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Around 300 candidates were placed in this fair.

I feel proud to state that 249 students received 611 offer letters from various reputed companies.

### **Center for Women Development (WDC)**

- The Center for Women Development (WDC) conducted 5 Awareness Programmes, 1 Guest Lecture and celebrated 3 International days

### **Library Activities**

- The Library and Library Bibliophile Club celebrated National Librarian's Day on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to pay a tribute to the father of Library Science Dr.S.R.Ranganathan.

### **Sports**

- Our sports players have been excelling in volleyball, kabbadi, power lifting, weightlifting, hockey & handball continuously and you would have witnessed the trophies standing tall to decorate our reception symbolizing sportsmanship and their triumph.

### **Kabaddi:**

- Our Kabbadi team has been securing First place for the past 26 years consecutively in the Bharathiar University Inter Collegiate Kabaddi tournament.
- I am proud to announce that Six of our students Z.Kathija Bevi, C.Sneka, A.Bhuvaneshwari, S.Logeshwari, A.Jayapriya, K.Abirami participated in All India Inter-University Kabaddi Tournament held at Punjab.
- Our Kabaddi players participated in the National, State and Zonal level tournaments and won first places. This year our Kabaddi team has won a total cash prize of Rs.10,03,000 /-

**Hockey:**

- I am happy to state that our Hockey team has secured First place in Bharathiar University Inter Collegiate Hockey tournament for 15 years consecutively.
- Our students participated in All India Hockey Tournament held at Pune during the month of October.
- Our student, M. Praveena, got selected and participated in Senior Nationals held at Goa.
- One of our students S. Sathiya sri from represented our Tamilnadu team in Junior Nationals held at Jharkhand.

**Volleyball:**

- Our volleyball team secured first place in the Bharathiar University Inter Collegiate Volleyball tournament for the 12<sup>th</sup> year consecutively I'm proud to announce that Ms.R.Jeevika represented Tamilnadu State Level Volley ball team at Khelo India 2024.
- Our Volleyball players were selected and they participated in the National and Zonal tournament. This year our college Volleyball team Secured First & Second Place in Various Open National and Open All India Tournaments held This year the college Volleyball team won a total cash prize of Rs.6,26,000/.

**Athletics**

- Our college athletes participated in various marathons and secured first and second places.
- This year our athletes won a total cash prize of Rs.62,000.

**MoU Signed**

- 41 functional MoUs were active in all the departments.

Time constraint prevents me from mentioning the numerous other achievements of the College. They, however, find a place in the detailed College Report. On this note, I would like to conclude by once again extending my gratitude to all the dignitaries present here; and all those associated with PKR, who have believed in the vision of progress and perfection.

Lastly, I feel it a great privilege to have the unstinted support from the Management, which has been of great help in discharging my duties as the Principal of the college.

My sincere appreciation to all the teaching, non-teaching and support staff, for their sincere and concerted efforts in the smooth functioning of the college and the students and alumni for bringing laurels to their Alma mater.

Thank You!