

**FATIMA COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**  
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**Praise God's name in song and exalt Him with thanksgiving.**  
**Psalm 69:30**

**FATIMA COLLEGE (Autonomous)**  
**Affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai**  
**(College with Potential for Excellence)**  
**Re-Accredited with "A" Grade by NAAC (3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle)**  
**ALL INDIA 94<sup>th</sup> RANK (NIRF 2019) by MHRD**  
**Mary Land, Madurai – 18**

## Principal's Message



### Lead Kindly Light

**Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

**Psalm 37: 4**

**Warm Greetings and loving wishes from your dear Alma Mater!**

Dear Fatimites,

Brimming with immense happiness and gratitude, I pen down my thoughts from my office that I assumed in June 2017. As I dive down the deep seas of memory and hunt precious pearls of accomplishments, I look at our Alma Mater with awe and reverence for the unconditional and colossal ways in which she has formed us into Fatimites (women) of values.

In her yeomen service to the marginalised, deprived and disadvantaged women from the rural areas, Fatima College has been surging ahead in all possible arenas. Her state-of-art infrastructure, dedicated band of teachers, a holistic and outcome-based education focusing on skill-training and value-added courses with due exposure to digital learning and the commendable achievements of the staff, the students and the alumnae have made the college stand tall among the Higher Education Institutions in India. The 94<sup>th</sup> Rank

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secured by Fatima College, among 1304 colleges, in the All India NIRF Ranking 2019 under the College category bears testimony to it.

I am happy to share this joy of our College being placed among the top 100 colleges in India with all our stakeholders – alumnae being one among them. I am also ever thankful to them for their incomparable support rendered to Fatima. I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that we, as an Institution, are gearing ourselves towards the next cycle of NAAC Re-accreditation and the entire campus resonates with the bustling activities effectively initiated and monitored by our IQAC.

As alumnae of this esteemed Institution, you have lived and continue to live by all that you have imbibed from your college. I have witnessed this during the creation of FCAA chapters at Nellai, Devakottai, Malaysia, Bangalore and Rameswaram. Your networking with the Institution and your response to the social and environmental issues and your contributions to your vibrant juniors on campus through sharing of subject / field expertise and regular placement updates speak of the distinct ways in which you pay back to your Alma Mater.

I exhort you to sustain and nurture these ties and noble deeds vouchsafing your dynamic role in the creation of national and international chapters of FCAA that are in the pipeline. I also request you to pursue with passion the noble task of being the bearers of tradition. Wear with pride Fatima's badge that many may acknowledge with gratitude your exemplary services in their lives irrespective of all the hurdles that come your way. Remember to be a powerhouse of inspiration so that many may be inspired to follow your noteworthy paths.

I continue to pray that Our Lady of Fatima goes with you in all your ways and that Our Lord guides every step you take.

**HAIL FATIMA!**

Best wishes

**Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary**

## LET'S REUNITE

With overwhelming joy we are expecting to meet you at 9 a.m on **July 13, 2019** for the Annual Alumnae Meet. The Annual Alumnae Meet is held on the second Saturday of July every year. Fatima is getting ready to MEET AND GREET her daughters. Inform and bring your friends for the GET TOGETHER. Come and join the fun.



### **Editor-in-Chief**

**Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary**

### **Principal**

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## MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF FCAA

The Association strives to strengthen the bond between the alumnae and the Alma mater through various meaningful ventures.

### DEVAKOTTAI CHAPTER

The Fatima College Alumnae Association (FCAA) had its grand inauguration of the Devakottai Chapter on June 29, 2018 at St. Mary's Girls Higher Secondary School, Devakottai. Around 21 alumnae took part in the inauguration. Dr S.J.Kala, Associate Professor of the Research Centre of English and President of FCAA described in detail the aims and objectives of the FCAA and briefed on the activities carried out throughout the academic year.



Dr. S. J. Kala explained the eclectic activities undertaken by the Association like eco-friendly ventures, promotion of research activities and entrepreneurial skills. A committee of office bearers was formed with **Mrs. Nithya** as President, **Ms. Karpagam** as Secretary and **Mrs. Sebishy Joseph** as Treasurer. Rev. Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary, Principal, honoured the

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office holders with sash and mementoes. The office bearers felt honored and expressed their gratitude.

The office bearers cheerfully accepted the responsibilities and promised to do their best to the Alma Mater by maintaining a harmonious link with the FCAA. Rev. Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary, Principal, expressed her words of appreciations and motivated the alumnae to strengthen their ties with the institution and to share their expertise and values with the present generation of students.

The Alumnae came forward to recall their wonderful days when knowledge and values were learnt sincerely and joyfully. They also shared how the valuable lessons taught in Fatima help them tackle real-life situations. They promised to take part in the upcoming activities on campus and to expand the Devakottai Chapter.

## **ANNUAL ALUMNAE MEET-2018**

The Annual Alumnae meet was held on July 14, 2018. The Guests of honour were **Mr. Krishnaveni Kannan**, Correspondent, Ramana Vidhyalaya, Rajapalayam, **Ms. S. Shahila**, Uxlead, Wipro Technologies, Chennai and **Ms. R. Jeyalakshmi**, Principal Correspondent, The New Indian Express, Madurai. Alumnae Entrepreneurial Exhibition is an important event of this meet. The campus was vibrant with the presence of Alumnae whose joy of homecoming and reunion echoed throughout Mary Land.

The reminiscences of sweet and unforgettable experiences of nearly 635 alumnae animated the scenario. The cynosure of the event is the participation of a group of around 25 alumnae from Nellai chapter. The college campus was reverberating with the blissful memories of Alumnae who had come from various places ranging from the 1964 Batch down to last year, recollecting and relishing the past golden moments of their life in Fatima. The report highlighted how Alumnae Fund supported the needy students of Fatima and specified how the Association established seven solar lights and six solar focus lights on campus. FCAA instituted Nellai and Devakottai Chapters and intends to create Chapters across the globe. The functioning of Fatima Incubation and Skill Training Centre is the first college to establish such training centre in Southern Tamil Nadu. The

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training centre nurtures the skills of entrepreneurship in the students and gives them space to start their career.

The Alumnae Association also invites proposals from its Alumnae to cherish their innovative ideas in the entrepreneurship field. The Alumnae put up various stalls on campus and the audience visited the stalls with much enthusiasm. Cultural Programmes added colour and excitement. The Alumnae participated in the cultural Programmes with delightfulness. The Research Centre of Commerce bagged the trophy for bringing in the maximum number of alumnae.



In Varanasi, the level was 48.20 ft. (71 Ft.) with an inflow of 1,016 cumecs and a discharge of 960 cumecs. The combined storage in Pariyar credit was 5,299 mcf.

Spread over south India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia from the 3rd century to 13th century A.D. It is compared with Ahle, a historic site in Karnataka. Residents recall that their

by Parthi Muni overnight, who left it unfinished at dawn.

A model Sivan temple. According to Dr. Vedachari, this is a model Sivan

**Alumnae meet**  
Fatima College Alumnae Association (FCAA) organized the annual alumnae meet in Madurai on July 14. About 400 alumnae, including those from the 1964 batch, participated in the event. The guests of honour were illustrious alumnae Krishnaveni Kannan, correspondent, Ramana Vidhyalaya, Rajapalayam; S. Shakila, UX Lead, Wipro Technologies, and K. Jeyalakshmi, Principal Correspondent, The New Indian Express. Principal Rev. Sr. G. Celine Sabaya Mary, Vice Principals Rev. Sr. M. Fatima Mary, Rev. Sr. J. Aral Mary, G. Uma and M. Arasammal addressed the gathering. President of Alumnae Association S.J.

**MADURAI TODAY**  
RELIGION  
Selva Vinayagar Temple: Chaturthi puja, 7.00 p.m.  
Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple: Ann Makavilattu procession of deities, Adi Street, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Tiruvalluvar Mandapam, Discourse on 'Sambal Kavothal' by A. Arumugam, Sakthi Velammal Nagar, S. Colony, 5 p.m.  
Sankarathina Mutt, Bhujan and

arathi, New Natham Road, 6.30 p.m.

CULTURE  
International Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centre, Yoga classes, 4.4.3.32 Nagar, East Ninth Street, 9 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 4 p.m. (for women)  
Rajaloka Brahmacharya Ashramam, Vaidhya Vidyalaya, Free Rajayoga practice, 7.30 a.m., Westchick Nagar, 9 and 1 Nagar, AD Sembandampalay Street, 4.2.5.6.4. Road and 35.7 Anna Nagar, 6.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.

**CAMPUS CONNECT**  
For old times' sake: Fatima College Alumnae Association conducted its annual alumnae meet on Saturday. Assistant Professor of English, proposed a vote of thanks.  
Orientation programme  
An orientation programme for freshers was held at N. M. S. Serrmathal Vasan College, Madurai, on July 9 in which

**GENERAL**  
Saraswathi Narayana College, Kanara, 10th anniversary celebration, M. Laxmidevi, poet and orator, addressed, 9.30 a.m.  
Serrmathal Vasan College for Women, English 2018 inauguration, 10 a.m., Abhishek Cell and college exam coaching inauguration, 2 p.m., Bird Watch Centre and Cultural Club, Sky watch, Madurai, 4 p.m.  
SPJ Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Kanara, 10th anniversary celebration, 9.30 a.m.

## **NELLAI CHAPTER HONOURED MS. PRISHA, A CHILD PRODIGY**

The alumnae of Nellore chapter met on Dec. 19, 2018 at Tirunelveli. Mrs. Janardhana, President, organised the distribution of நிலவேம்புகஷாயம் (NilavembuKashayam) to the public in order to reach out to the society.

Mrs. Rama was unanimously elected the Joint Secretary. The members of the Association honoured Ms. Prisha, a 9-year old who holds 14 world records in Yoga & Swimming and has an Honourary Doctorate. Eco-friendly oxygen producing in-door plants were distributed to all who were present.

They chalked out the following:

- a. To adopt a village
- b. Increase membership by each one catch one method



## **BANGALORE CHAPTER**

The creation of Alumnae Chapters provides enough scope for the Institution to collaborate with the Alumnae and involve in various activities that enhance the lives of individuals and the society at large. As a further step towards networking, Fatima College Alumnae Association inaugurated its Alumnae Chapter in Bangalore on Jan. 12, 2019. Around 23 alumnae took part in the inaugural meet. Dr S. J. Kala, Associate Professor of the Research Centre of English and President of FCAA, explained the goals and objectives of the FCAA and listed the activities carried out throughout the academic year. The alumnae were motivated to a greater extent. They came forward to accept the responsibilities and promised to do their best. Rev. Dr. Celine Sahaya Mary, Principal, expressed her words of appreciations and motivated the alumnae to share their expertise and values with the present generation of students.

The following were elected as Office Bearers of the Bangalore Chapter:

- **Ms. S. Rose Malini**, President
- **Ms. S. Zeeinath**, Secretary
- **Ms. T.S. Shubasree**, Treasurer



## **JOYFUL HOMECOMING - POLICE AND LAWYERS**

FCAA facilitated the joyful homecoming of our alumnae from the Departments of Police and Law on January 28, 2019. The formal Programme took place in SJ5 and around 25 alumnae took part in the get together. The Programme began with a prayer followed by the welcome address. Dr. S.J.Kala, President of FCAA, presented the various activities undertaken by the alumnae association over the years. She underscored that the FCAA caters to the demands of the NAAC and NIRF.

Some of the important ventures of FCAA of are the attempts to create eco-friendly environment on campus and to promote research activities. She emphasized that the Association motivates and sanctions money for life-oriented and impact-based research proposals. The Secretary and the Principal felicitated the alumnae and honored them with mementoes. The alumnae shared their experiences and expressed with gratitude the eclectic ways in which Fatima groomed them as empowered and spiritually strong women.

They also lauded the college for having inculcated value-based education which helps them to cope with their professional challenges. The alumnae promised to enhance their bond with the alma mater. The Programme ended with a note of thanks.



## REUNION

1968-71

FCAA facilitated the get-together of a group of 7 alumnae of 1968- 71 batch from the Departments of Chemistry and Home Science on March 8, 2019. The alumnae had an informal gathering at the Lobby. They were greeted and welcomed by the members of the FCAA. After a formal exchange of words and wishes, the alumnae went on a campus tour to relive their treasured memories.

They also visited their departments and science labs. They were awestruck at the tremendous growth of the college over the years. The alumnae met the staff and shared with them the golden opportunities Fatima had created for them to hone their skills. The executive committee members of the FCAA honoured them with mementoes and briefed on the various activities undertaken by the Alumnae Association.

They appreciated the FCAA for facilitating research activities on campus. They also lauded the Association for grooming the young women with entrepreneurial skills. The alumnae met the Principal and the Management and honoured the Principal with a memento.



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**INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER ON MARCH 15, 2019**

**1971 Batch - Chemistry & Zoology**



## **RAMESWARAM CHAPTER**

The Fatima College Alumnae Association (FCAA) had its grand inauguration of the Rameswaram Chapter on 29 March 2019 at St. Josephs School, Verkadu, Rameswaram.

Rev. Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary briefed on the vision and mission of Fatima College, its noble role of imparting value-based holistic education to young women with the objective of giving preference to the rural and economically backward women and first generation learners. She also introduced about the FCAA, its new chapters and their role in the development of the college.

Dr. S.J.Kala, Associate Professor of the Research Centre of English and President of FCAA, described in detail the aims and objectives of FCAA and briefed on the activities carried out throughout the academic year. Following is the list of Office bearers elected for the FCAA Rameswaram Chapter.

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- ♥ **President** – Dr.Geetha Manickka Naachiar (1987-1993 B.A, M.A, M.Phil Tamil) , Principal (incharge) & Head of the Department of Tamil, Govt. Arts College for women, Ramnad
- ♥ **Treasurer** – Ms. Arul Pushpam (2008-2011, B.A. Sociology)
- ♥ **Secretary** – Ms. Judith (2007 – 2011, BCA)



## Research Activities

FCAA motivates both staff and students to involve in meaningful and outcome based research activities. Every year, the association sanctions a reasonable amount to initiate productive research proposals.

Rs. 30,000/- sanctioned to 2 projects

### 2 Projects completed

- ✚ Home Science: Project on **ANAEMIA CONTROL – SIGNIFICANT BEGINNING TOWARDS HEALTHIER GENERATION** – Dr. Vasantha Esther Rani, Head, Research Centre of Home Science with Food Biotechnology & Mrs C.Helen, Research Centre of Home Science with Food Biotechnology
- ✚ MBA – Project on **A STUDY ON DEVELOPMENT OF SELF ENHANCEMENT AND SOCIAL CONSCIENCE AMONG STUDENTS IN FATIMA COLLEGE** – Dr. P. Shyamala, Department of Management Studies, Mrs. Asha, Department of Management Studies & Dr. M. Nagarenitha, Department of Management Studies

### Ongoing Projects:

- ✚ **Organic Farming using Cocopeat** – Ms.P.Nancy Vincentina Mary, Department of Computer Applications (BCA)
- ✚ **Fabrication of Solar Cells using e-waste** - Dr Ancemma Joseph & Dr. M.Ragam of the Department of Physics

## OTHER INITIATIVES

- ✚ **Going Green:** As per the demands of NIRF & NAAC, FCAA also endeavours to create an eco-friendly atmosphere on campus. The alumnae rendered monetary support and installed 26 solar lights on campus. Installation of Paper Recycling Unit is another achievement. The Paper Recycling Unit functions effectively by honing the latent entrepreneurial skills of the students of Entrepreneurial Development Cell. The unit also organises special training Programmes and short-term courses. The students are also motivated to make paper products.
- **Soup Kitchen:** FCAA organizes a soup kitchen to offer hygienic and tasty soup to the sports students.

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**Monetary support:** Every year, FCAA renders financial support to meritorious but economically dependant students of various majors including Shift-I and Shift-II. The details of the beneficiaries during the academic year 2018 – 2019 are as follows:

S.No.	Name	Major	Amount
1	T. ISHWARYA	III HOMESCIENCE	5785
2	S.PRIYADHARSHINI	III B.A ENGLISH	5270
3	M.PRIYADHARSHINI	III B.A TAMIL	5240
4	S.ANANTHALAKSHMI	II M.Com	6780
5	M.KEERTHIKA	III BCA	7440
6	A.ARUNADEVI	III B.Com	8885
7	V.ELIZABETHRANI	IIM.Sc. CHEMISTRY	9088
8	R.S.HARINI	II BCA	7824

**TOTAL:**

**56312**

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## **FATIMA INCUBATION & ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILL TRAINING & ANIMATION (FIESTA)**

The Centre aims at encouraging young Fatimites to have their own business start-ups. It facilitates the budding entrepreneurs to showcase their entrepreneurial skills and kindles their Innovative ideas in marketing. The activities for the academic year 2018 – 2019 began with a special training in Paper recycling for 75 students. The members were given awareness on utilisation of eco-friendly paper bags and were trained in various processes like conversion of discarded paper into pulp, calendaring and making beautiful bags after the dying process.

**Fatima Incubation Centre** has established the following start-ups:

🌿 Health Care & Beauty Culture

🌿 Nutrition Café

Doll Making and Fancy Items

Tailoring Units - 2



## WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE AWARD 2019

- ❖ Hearty Congrats to our alumnae who received **Women of Excellence Award 2019** conferred by Marti Foundation, Thirumangalam & Tamil Nadu Mercantile Bank (TMB), Madurai on March 08, 2019.



**Rev. Dr. Sr. M. Francisca Flora**  
Secretary  
Excellence Award for  
Education



**Rev. Sr. Fatima Antony**  
Former Principal  
Excellence Award for  
Social Work



**Mrs. C. Visalakshi**  
Associate Professor &  
Head (Rtd.)  
Research Centre of Tamil



**Dr. R. Velankanni Matharasi**  
Directress of Physical Education



**Mrs. Swarna Vel Shankar**  
Alumna, Department of  
Home Science



**Mrs. Archana**  
Alumna, Department of  
Physics

## BOUQUET OF GRATITUDE



FCAA acknowledges with gratitude the kind gesture of Mr. N. K. RAGHUPATHY, IAS (Rtd), Chennai, for launching *Dr.Amirthavalli Raghupathy Memorial Scholarships* in memory of his wife Dr. Amirthavalli Raghupathy, an alumna of Chemistry major of Fatima College.

✚ **Dr. Amirthavalli Memorial Award** (Rs.10,000 /each) to two students during the academic year **2017 – 2018**:

1. Ms.Celestisheeba - UG chemistry
2. Ms.Kayal Vizhi - PG Chemistry

✚ **Dr. Amirthavalli Memorial Award** ( Rs.20,000 / each) to two students during the academic year **2018 – 2019** for both odd & even semesters:

1. Ms. Darathy Punitha - III B.Sc Chemistry
2. Ms. Hariharani – II B.Sc Chemistry



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✚ **Dr. Amirthavalli Scholarship** (Rs.10,000 / each) to two meritorious students during the academic year **2018 – 2019**:

1. Ms.P.Devi - III B.Sc Chemistry
2. Ms.Sharmila - II M.Sc Chemistry



■ **The Amirthavalli Raghupathy Memorial Scholarships** incorporates a reasonable amount for extension activities and skill development Programme. During the academic year **2018 – 2019**, an amount of Rs.40,000/- was spent towards such activities.



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## ALUMNAE ACHIEVERS

**Dr. R. Velankanni Matharasi**, Physical Director, received the **Award for 100% Attendance** for the year 2017 – 2018 conferred by Fatima College on March 23, 2018. It is to be noted with pride and joy that Dr. R. Velankanni Matharasi has received it for **9** consecutive years.



✦ **Ms. J. Sahaya Bowlin**, Assistant Professor, SF Department of Tamil received the following awards:



“கல்வி  
ஞானிவிருது  
(KalviGnaniVirudhu)”  
from கவியரசர்  
கலை  
தமிழ்ச்சங்கம்  
(KaviyarasarKalai  
Sangam), Namakkal for  
the Best Educational  
Service on Aug. 15, 2018



“கவியரசுவிருது  
(KaviyarasuVirudhu)  
from தமிழக கவிஞர்  
கலைசங்கம் &  
தமிழ்ப்பணி  
அறக்கட்டளை  
(TamilagaKavingar  
KalaiSangam & Tamilpani  
Arakkattalai), Chennai  
for Best Poetess on Sep.  
23, 2018.



“பேராசிரிய ரத்  
னா விருது-  
2018 (PerasiriyaRathnaVi  
rudhu)” from the  
கவியரசர்  
கலைதமிழ்ச்  
சங்கம்  
(KaviyarasarKalai Tamil  
Sangam), Namakkal for  
the Best Educationalist  
on Sep. 05, 2018.

✦ **Ms. Jenith Jessey**, III B.A. English won the II Prize and Cash Award of **Rs. 30,000** in the National Essay Competition on the topic “Dawn of the New Century” organised by the International Association of Lions Club on June 02, 2018.

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## SHARING OF EXPERTISE BY THE ALUMNAE



**Dr. Vasantha Esther Rani**, Associate Professor & Head, The Research Centre of Home Science, delivered a **Keynote Address** in an **International Conference** on “World Probiotics and Prebiotics 2018” at **San Francisco, USA** on Oct. 31, 2018.



**Dr. S. Saira Banu**, Associate Professor, The Research Centre of English & Assistant Coordinator, IQAC is a Master trainer to redress the mental and physical stress of the Tamil Nadu Police personnel and their families. This is an initiative by the Tamil Nadu Government with the assistance of experts from the **NIMHANS, Bengaluru**.



❖ **Dr. S. Saira Banu**, Associate Professor, The Research Centre of English & Assistant Coordinator, IQAC offered sessions on:

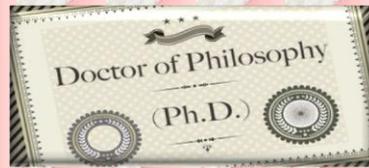
- a) **Emotional Intelligence** to the Non-Teaching Staff & Sub Staff on April 6, 2018
- b) **Team Building** to the Sub Staff on July 28, 2018
- c) **Fatima Culture** to the I DC Students on October 11, 2018

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- ❖ **Dr. Sr. Francis Pauline**, Student Counselor (Shift-II), gave a session on **Self-Motivation & Emotional Stability** to the sub-staff on July 28, 2018.
- ❖ **Dr.R. Velankanni Matharasi**, Physical Director, gave a session on **Physical Fitness** to the sub-staff on July 28, 2018.
- ❖ **Dr. P. Shyamala**, Associate Professor & Head, Dept. of Management Studies, gave a session on **Motivation** to the non-teaching staff on July 19, 2018.
- ❖ **Mrs. Janardhana, President, FCAA Nellai Chapter**, was invited as the Chief Guest for the Hostel Day on Jan. 27, 2019. Mrs Janardhana inspired the Fatimites by recalling how her alma mater instilled values and moulded her as an educated and spiritually empowered woman.



## VERTICAL MOBILITY



### Ph.D awarded to two of our alumnae on staff

- **Dr. Sr. M. Fatima Mary**, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics & Vice-Principal
- **Dr. A. Tamil Selvi**, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Zoology
- **Ms. A.J. Bernita**, Assistant Professor of English, cleared **NET**, lectureship eligibility test
- **Ms. S. Selvarani**, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications (MCA) obtained **Microsoft International Certification** on Microsoft Technical Associate (MTA) in “Introduction to Programme Using Java” on Dec. 13, 2018
- **Ms. R. Meenakshi**, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Information Technology (PG IT) obtained **Microsoft International Certification** on Microsoft Technical Associate (MTA) in “Introduction to Programme Using Java” on Dec. 13, 2018



## ENHANCING INFRASTRUCTURE

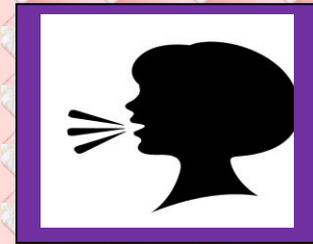
### CONTRIBUTION BY FCAA

**7 Solar Lights installed on  
Campus**



## ALUMNAE SPEAK

### ODE TO THE BLACKBOARD



### **It will continue to have a lasting role in teaching and learning**

The other day there was a news item which said blackboards would be replaced by interactive ‘smart boards’ in classrooms shortly. Surely, the digital generation needs the constant stimulus of bytes, to keep awake and abreast of the latest in every field of knowledge.

But it would never know the romance of the inanimate blackboard that stood as a sentinel to all knowledge imparted and absorbed when eyes and ears were not being subjected to incessant assault by information technology.

It was in a way a misnomer to call it a blackboard, for oftentimes it was a greyish expanse, coated with chalk powder, except when you returned from the holidays. It would then be a pitch-black matt surface, which both tempted and threatened at once. To deface it seemed sacrilegious while the urge to be the first to imprint white on black was almost painful to resist. The teacher who had the first hour of the first day seemed immune to such conflicts and went about scrawling all over the surface, with Mathematics or English in good, bad, indifferent handwriting.

Writing on the blackboard was an art that had to be assiduously cultivated. While many of those who taught were

themselves found inadequate on this front, the student found to her or his dismay how anemic the handwriting turned out to be when called on rare occasions to write out an answer or work out a problem. Letters and numbers became your nemesis as you tried to keep them in shape or uniform size, or worse still, not proceed in steep slanting lines upward or downward. Even students with the best handwriting in their slates and notebooks were stumped when they had to magnify the letters tenfold and twentyfold and make the lines behave.

In spite of such challenges, many students harboured the hope and longing to be called to the blackboard to write. That was a moment of triumph and glory when they were called upon to display to their peers what they had mastered. There were also occasions when you were called to work out something you were at a loss to figure out and tentatively went on writing and erasing as your mates either heckled or looked sleepy and bored, depending on the time of the day and their disposition towards you.

The class leader usually had the honor of writing details about the class that was to follow, unless she had a poor handwriting. In my ninth standard this scheme of things was given up and it was a free-for-all. It was a race between the front-benchers and others to reach the board even as the teacher of the previous class had scarcely stepped out of the classroom. Sheela, my dear friend, ran to the board, erased the writing from the previous class swiftly and wrote on the next class and triumphantly marched back to her seat, unaware of the cause of the burst of laughter from us all. Convulsed with mirth we could only point to the board, which displayed the next class as ENGLISH PEOTRY. Horrified, she ran back and hastily erased the T, which made it ENGLISH PEORY. The class became delirious with mirth as the sporting teacher

walked in announcing, “I seem to be teaching a new subject today.”

If writing on the board was a coveted job, erasing with a duster was the most attractive chore in a classroom. With fiendish glee one went about doing a thorough job of erasing and going over the area over and over again until no lines from the previous class were visible even vaguely. And then the welcome breather one got when you could take the duster out of the classroom to shake out all the chalk powder and catch a glimpse of what went on in the corridors and verandahs.

Copying from blackboards was a necessary evil, particularly for myopic ones like me. As we rushed to the board to scribble the home work or lessons in our rough notebooks, the monitor threatened to establish her authority by wiping the board. Many a battle has been fought at the blackboard.

Forgot all about chalk pieces. They offered a world of their own. The tiny white stubs were chewable tidbits, something you relished when you were a tiny tot, defiant against all attempts on the part of elders to prevent and to admonish you for the surreptitious pleasure. The fragrance of earth after the first spell of rains was somehow trapped in those delicious pieces of chalk, which of course came out of mother earth. As you graduated from the stubby pencils in the sixth standard to the use of ink pens, the chalk was a handy tool to take care of mini-disasters. A blob of ink on the notebook was absorbed by the chalk stub. A frantic attempt to scrub the chalk around the threads of the neck to stem the leaking pen never quite did the job, but you did persist. And carving of figures on chalk pieces with the forbidden razor blade, printing AF on your friend’s shirt back with a chalk saturated with the letters in ink, constituted little thrills that enlivened otherwise uneventful schooldays.

The teachers also loved the chalk stubs for wholly different reasons. Miss Sugantham, our science teacher with a jolly disposition, could aim and shoot a little stub to startle a dozing student or somebody plotting some mischief in the backbenches. Some of the habitual offenders eventually grew brazen enough to boast about their hoard of chalk stubs as trophies.

The colored chalk did not have the same allure as the white chalk pieces did. Their pastel shades looked dull and watered down on the blackboard, unless they were soaked in water and applied thick to sport a brighter shade. That brings to mind the star system our school adopted in our fourth and fifth standards. The different houses were given plus and minus points in the form of little white stars on top of the board against the house names. Ten small white stars added up to make one large pink star. This was long before Hogwarts and its system of points or even their author was born. A pink star would be degraded into a few white stars if any student of the house gave cause for negative points or if the whole house failed miserably in any performance. Tempers ran high following such eventualities and friends became foes for days until the stars reigned supreme again.

The colored chalks had their field day, believe me, in my college years. Once a year, my alma mater held a kolam competition. There were many more events like Pongal celebration, Christmas function which promoted equality of religions with equal enthusiasm.

As part of the kolam competition, each class was apportioned with space on the verandah and space on blackboards which had to be covered with drawings. Depending on the size of the class the size of the board differed. We English Majors numbering only eight had only a

single small board and were thankful for our lot. None of us had great artistic skills. We could manage a passable kolam. But to cover an entire board was a tall order. If my memory is to be trusted, Prema and Clara went on to do their best on the board while the rest of us lounged on chairs and kept throwing our inexpert suggestions and unwarranted criticism at the duo.

What we really enjoyed was walking through the corridors and classrooms to look at the prize-winning entries. The Zoology Majors won it hands down every time. Not because they were a burgeoning group of more than thirty, but they really sported abundant talent honed by drawing frogs, beetles and cockroaches and the human anatomy for their record note books. They had the widest expanse to cover in their labs. Blackboards from end to end measuring something like twelve feet by five feet. And they came up with the most imaginative themes and figures and interesting blurbs. Coloured and white chalk provided a feast for the eyes and we wondered how heartbroken the artists would be to wipe it all clean the next day to yield ground for the frogs and earthworms.

I have seen photographs of green-coloured blackboards, pardon me for the oxymoron. The term 'green board' somehow does not sound right and does less to convey the meaning. Apparently yellow or cream-coloured chalks are used to write on them. But it seemed to lack the drama of the black and white and I squarely disapprove of such heretical practices.

My joy knew no bounds when I saw the double blackboard at the Harvard Business School, where I happened to watch a class full of executives and CEOs and students from across the globe. So, even they need the blackboard, I mused happily. The professor walked up and down the aisles as he posed questions to the 'students' to elicit answers which he promptly

wrote on the board in big bold letters. He was trying to explain an Accounting theory and enabling the students to figure out the steps logically. As he came to the last line at the bottom of the board he pressed a button and hey presto, the board just slid upwards smoothly, revealing a second board underneath. The second board at the bottom was filled in no time and he went on to the adjoining board, and that too slid up to reveal a fourth surface. By the time the class was over four blackboards contained the entire lesson fully worked out and I found most of the students copying it all in their notebooks.

A final surprise was in store for me. The professor explained that the board was glass with a matt surface while it was the wall behind that was painted black. And of course he used the good old white chalk and the entire board was later wiped with a wet towel.

Let the Smart boards come into the class. No problem. But this Harvard classroom made it clear to me that blackboards are here to stay and no power on earth can abolish or banish them without jeopardising the process of teaching and learning.

**Ms. Sujatha Vijayaraghavan**

The author, Ms. Sujatha Vijayaraghavan, is an alumna who completed English Literature in 1966. The article appeared in The Hindu and can be accessed@

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/open-page/ode-to-the-blackboard/article26424346.ece>

## THE LIGHT OF FATIMA COLLEGE

Growing up is an exciting adventure for every seventeen year old girl. I entered Fatima, my Alma mater, as a seventeen year old girl with high hopes and an urge to know more. I still remember those days when we sat together with different ambitions and attitudes to listen to what life would offer us. We were taught life lessons in connection with our subjects. Those life lessons enriched my experiences as a student.

Of all human values, love is the first and foremost one. To love someone, one needs to accept everything about that ‘someone’ with a right attitude. It is my Alma Mater which inculcated in me this attitude. In Fatima, we weren't judged by our inadequacies; instead, we were acknowledged for our strengths. I used to be afraid to express my thoughts and to speak boldly. But my Fatima created a platform and helped me overcome this phobia. The department organised various meetings wherein the MCs were students. This enabled a space for people like me to overcome stage fear. Blogging was another forum for students to fly into the realm of creative imagination.

I was never discouraged whenever I made mistakes. I was given a second chance to try and give my best. I was encouraged not to give up. So, I never stopped exploring and participated in almost every event that helped me to showcase my talents. I chose to shine with confidence. In turn, I was recognised for what I am. I grew up like I wanted to. I grew up carving my own identity.

Now as a teacher, I am forever grateful to all my teachers. They always loved us and had a special concern for our future. I can list out countless examples that motivated us to move forward. I still got my composition

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notebooks where my teacher had written comments on my innovative ideas and felicity of language. It gives me immense pleasure when I go through it even now. There might be times when we didn't score much but the teacher's comments had motivated us in innumerable ways.

It takes a lot of time to talk about some of the healthy practices followed in Fatima College. I would like to highlight some of them. We had events that promoted unity and harmony. One example is the Pongal celebration which is a special occasion for outgoing students. They come together in uniform sarees which vary according to the department. This event celebrates the differences among students and brings them together to celebrate Pongal. Although being a Christian institution, my alma mater encouraged us to celebrate every festival and promoted inter-religious harmony.

As Fatimites, we learnt the values of generosity and discipline which are lacking in many people. Peer learning was another healthy practice that encouraged sharing of knowledge among students. A disciplined student can take up any challenge and attain success. I learnt the value of discipline only in my alma mater.

Fatima College has been a place for good academic and mental growth. We learnt to be free but socially concerned individuals. We were trained to become empowered women in this society. We were taught to embrace kindness with courage, speech with responsibility, goodness with love and future with hope. And I am proud to be a part of Fatima College forever.

K.Primrose

B.A. English (2011 - 2014)

## RECALLING THE MIRACLES OF FATIMA

Time is momentary but every moment in Fatima deserves to be cherished. Yes! This is nil exaggeration but the experience relished by a true Fatimite in the past three years in the holy temple of Learning. Right from the inaugural function till the convocation, every Fatimite is taken care of by the faculty members and the Sisters of the institution.

Prayer relieves us from worries and in our college, Prayer does wonders. Every morning dawns with a devotional song followed by a meaningful prayer. The sense of social work and empathy is instilled in the mind of every student when spelling out the morning college prayer. Likewise, the day ends with a silent prayer which inculcates the sense of gratitude in us.

Education grades humans but discipline outshines them. Discipline is the prime jewel of Fatima which stays secured and polished under the guidance of the teachers. Beginning from the parking of the two wheelers to the modest dress code, the value of discipline is incomparable. After being a Fatimite for three years, discipline has become my habitual attire. Fatima is like a caring womb which safeguards the child.

Fatima not only renders education but it also shapes young women with outstanding extra-curricular activities and skills. The enthusiasm of the teachers stimulates the students and taps their hidden talents. May it be academic challenges or cultural competitions, the teachers encourage the participation of students and guide them towards success. The limitless support extended by the teachers motivates the students to scale greater heights. The annual report of the college reflects the same. Fatimites not only compete at the regional level competitions but also in national competitions.

I would strongly declare that everything is possible if you are a Fatimite. FINE ARTS, the annual inter-major cultural meet builds team spirit and nurtures the inborn talents and potential in us.

Apart from the cultural, the competitions organised by the Department groom the students in their respective fields. The EXPLORIA provides us with a platform to develop our research. I entered Fatima with no hopes but my

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three -year stay groomed me into a good human being. It has given me a new identity. I enjoyed the good fortune of having presented four papers at EXPLORIA and five papers in various intercollegiate events. The guides take utmost care in each and every activity, ranging from the selection of the title, the methodology and the presentation. I am not sure whether I am a good captain but I assure that I am a good team player. As a team, we have won more than 15 competitions. The college gave me an opportunity to enhance my skills and allowed me to participate in the Indian Students Parliament at Pune and National Students Parliament at Kerala. Fatima helped me become a Student Speaker among 13 others. The regular visits to the School for the visually challenged did miracles in me. It unlocked the sense of charity and humanity in me.

I owe all my accomplishments to Fatima College which sculpted me into a good student and groomed me into a good human.

Not all stones are diamonds

FATIMITES!

Not all students are academicians

Not all students are rich

But every Fatimite is HUMANE!

And every Fatimite is DISCIPLINED!

**T. Thamarai Yazhini**

**English 2016 – 2019**

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ùNôpXj úRûYÂpûX, EûP ùNôpím  
SôeLs Vôo Guñ!

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TÁim YúWÁp CúNdám LpÁfNkRm!

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**K. Divya**

**Tamil 2014-2019**

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BIG SALUTE TO YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE

*Happy Retirement*



**Dr. S. Rose Mary**  
Associate Professor & Head  
Department of Mathematics

**Mr. M. James**  
Lab Assistant  
Department of Physics

**Mrs. S. Siriyamalar Annai Mary**  
Lab Assistant  
Department of Chemistry

*Happy Jubilarian*



**MRS. L. SHANTHI, DEANS' ASSISTANT**

**GLIMPSES OF FATIMA**

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ Fatima College secured the **65<sup>th</sup> & 94<sup>th</sup> Rank in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2018 and 2019** respectively conducted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development respectively in the All India “College” category.

**2018**



2019



- ❖ The Government of India has selected the College for various Programmes on recognising its meritorious contribution towards Indian higher education:



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- **Study in India Programme (2018) launched by EdCIL (India)**
- **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Programme (2018) of MHRD**
- **National Resource Center - Cyber Safety and Security Standards**

## ❖ **Best Department Award:-**

The Research centre of English received a **National Level Award** conferred by Dr. Abdul Kalam Educational Trust, Chennai, on March 15, 2018.



- ❖ **Best Social Forum Award** - The **Women Empowerment Animation and Training (WEAT) Programme** received a National Level Award conferred by Dr. Abdul Kalam Educational Trust, Chennai on Mar. 15, 2018.



## FACULTY AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

### AWARDS CONFERRED ON FACULTY – 18

- ❖ **Arul Michael Selvi**, Assistant Professor, The Research Centre of Tamil received the following Awards:

#### “சாதனையாளர்விருது-

2018(SadhanaiyalarVirudhu)”from Sankara College of Science and Commerce, Coimbatore & வளர் தமிழ் ஆய்வுமன்றம் (Valar TamilAivu Mandram), Dindigul for பெண்ணிய மேம்பாட்டு சேவை(PenniyaMempaattuSevai) on May. 19, 2018.



#### “பேராசிரிய ரத்னா விருது-

2018 (Perasiriya Rathna Virudhu)” from the கவியரசர்கலை தமிழ்ச்சங்கம் kaviyarasarKalai Tamil Sangam),namakkal for Best Educationalist on Sep. 05, 2018.



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❖ **Dr. R. Angel**, Assistant Professor, The Research Centre Tamil received:



- **Cash Award** of Rs. 5000/- from Virudhunagar Hindu Nadars' Senthikumara Nadar College, Virudhunagar for the Best Essay titled “Ilakiya Nayagar Kamarajar” on July 10, 2018.
- “**கல்விஞானிவிருது** (KalviGnani Virudhu)” from **கவியரசர் கலை தமிழ்ச்சங்கம்** (Kaviyarasar Kalai Sangam), Namakkal for the Best Educational Service on Aug. 15, 2018.



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**Dr. Shobana Nelasco,**

Associate Professor & Head, The Research Centre of Economics was awarded the **Best Associate Professor Award**, an International Academic Excellence Award - 2018 for female category conferred by Environment Advisory for Sustainable Trust (EAST), Tirunelveli.



**Dr. S. Sukumari**, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry won the **Best Oral Presentation Award** in the International Conference on “Innovative Trends in Chemical Science” organised by the Department of Chemistry, Devanga Arts College, Aruppukottai on Feb. 04 & 05, 2019.

**Dr. C. Sornamala**, Assistant Professor, The Research Centre of Tamil received “**பேராசிரிய ரத்னா விருது**” 2018 (Perasiriya Rathna virudhu) from the **கவியரசர் கலை தமிழ்ச்சங்கம்** (KaviyasarKalai Tamil Sangam), Namakkal for Best Educationalist on Sep. 05, 2018.



## WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE AWARD 2019

- ❖ 4 staff received the International Women's Day **Women of Excellence Award 2019** conferred by Marti Foundation, Thirumangalam & Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank (TMB), Madurai on March 08, 2019.



**Dr. Mahima Ragland**  
Controller of Examinations



**Dr. S. Rose Mary**  
Associate Professor & Head  
Department of Mathematics



**Dr. Mary Magdalene Abraham**  
Associate Professor  
The Research Centre of English



**Ms. S. Annamayil**  
Sub-Staff

## CURRICULAR ASPECTS

**ACADEMIC REFORMS:** Regular, relevant and innovative academic reforms are carried out every year. This year too is no exception.



- Academic Audit is a regular feature of the college
- Remedial Coaching and Communicative English are the distinctive characteristics
- The number of Online, Value-Added & Certificate Courses increased
- Online Quizzes conducted
- Value-Education offered semester-wise to all the three years of the UG Programme
- Two more courses on General English to be introduced for B.Com. students
- Two courses on Tamil -One per semester-to be offered to I B.Com. students instead of one course per year
- The number of contact hours for the course on General Tamil offered to I B.Com increased from 3 to 5 hours per semester
- Number of contact hours for Major and Allied courses to be increased for all UG & PG Programmes.

### **ACADEMIC PROGRESS:**

#### ■ **NEW COURSES INTRODUCED:**

- Ph.D. Physics &
- Ph.D. Home Science



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- International collaborations and Blended Programmes to be launched
- Zero-Based revamping of UG, PG & M.Phil. curriculum
- College is moving from content based to competency based curriculum - the Outcome Based Education - a Milestone in Higher Education
- Introduction of Non-Major Elective (NME) paper on Library Science by Rosa Mystica Library
- Summer Internships and Projects mandated for all PG Programmes
- External Viva for Projects made mandatory for all UG Programmes
- Certain Courses are taught through **Google Classroom** and through apps like Screencastify, Presentation tube.
- **FATIMA ONLINE & DIGITAL EDUCATION (FONDE):** To facilitate the students to know the basics of other disciplines and to improve their self-learning skills FONDE provides online FOUNDATION COURSE for the first year students during I and II semesters with 3 credits each.
- **VALUE-ADDED CERTIFICATE COURSES:** The value added crash course and certificate course are offered to fine-tune the student's career prospect. The courses also increased chances in campus placement.
  - **VALUE ADDED CERTIFICATE/ADVANCED CERTIFICATE COURSES: 9**
  - **VALUE ADDED CRASH COURSES: 13**
- **VALUE EDUCATION:** A new syllabus for Value education was framed for all three years. The syllabus includes topics like i) Goals and Attitude ii) Personality development iii) Stress and Time management and iv) Family, Marriage and Life skill. Meditation in Action Movement is exclusively meant for I DC students.

## ■ **STRATEGIES ADOPTED TO IMPROVE LEARNING SKILLS (SAILS):**

Creates a healthy and conducive environment for slow learners mainly first generation and tamil medium students. Extra classes with separate timetables are organised. The outcome supports the students to cope with their studies and join the mainstream.

- **SOFT SKILLS:** To compete in today's techno – world, students are expected to hone their Soft skills. The course comprises components like etiquette, body language, interpersonal skills, Public speaking and SWOC analysis.

- **QUALITY CIRCLE:** It aims at sustaining and enhancing the quality of the working environment and at tapping the potentials of every student through several activities.

- 👉 Student two-wheeler parking area is well maintained
- 👉 Honesty shop, self-help & pay shop, is run to strengthen the virtue of honesty among students.

## TEACHING-LEARNING AND EVALUATION

With due focus on Teaching and Learning, tailor-made curriculums befitting global job-markets are introduced. Newer teaching/learning pedagogies and innovations are adopted to cater to the learning needs of the new generation of students, thus providing Fatimites with an enhanced and enriched learning experience. **30 FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE MEMBERSHIP IN**

**VARIOUS ACADEMIC / PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

**30 SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES & SYMPOSIA ORGANISED**

**1** International Workshop was organised at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



❖ **29** Programmes have been organised on campus

### ■ INTERNATIONAL LEVEL (9)

- ◆ SEMINARS - 2
- ◆ CONFERENCES - 4 (2 - Interdisciplinary Conferences)
- ◆ WORKSHOP - 1 (Interdisciplinary Workshop)

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◆ SYMPOSIUMS - 2

## ■ NATIONAL LEVEL (9)

◆ SEMINARS - 7 (3 - Interdisciplinary Seminars)

◆ WORKSHOPS - 2 (1 - Interdisciplinary Workshop)

## ■ STATE LEVEL (4)

◆ SEMINAR - 1

◆ WORKSHOPS - 3 (1 - Interdisciplinary Workshop)

## ■ REGIONAL LEVEL (8)

◆ SEMINARS - 1

◆ SYMPOSIUM - 1

◆ WORKSHOPS - 6 (2 - Interdisciplinary Workshops)

## 12 CAREER GUIDANCE/OUTBOUND TRAINING/TRAINING PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

## 16 INTERCOLLEGIATE & INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEETS ORGANIZED

◆ INTERCOLLEGIATE -14

■ STATE LEVEL - 8

■ REGIONAL LEVEL - 6

◆ INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEETS -2



## 12 ENDOWMENT LECTURES/SEMINARS ORGANIZED

## 93 GUEST LECTURES ORGANISED

## CONVOCATION

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Day was held on Feb. 23, 2019. **Prof. M. Krishnan, Vice Chancellor, Madurai Kamaraj University**, Madurai, was the guest of honour. The number of graduates who received their respective degrees is as follows:

- **102** Professional
- **303** Post Graduates
- **1025** Under Graduates
- **2** M. Phil. Scholars(2016-2017 Batch)



## ENDOWMENTS INSTITUTED



**Endowment prizes  
411**

**Endowment  
Lectures/Seminars  
25**

**New Endowment  
Prizes 17**

**New Endowment  
Lecture 1**

## RESEARCH, CONSULTANCY AND EXTENSION

**RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:** The College encourages research culture on campus by tapping the research aptitude of staff and students through the following activities:

### \* VERTICAL MOBILITY

#### ■ Ph.D. Awarded: 2

- Dr. J. Asnet Mary, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology
- Dr. P. Ruby Leela, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration (BBA)

- **8 Faculty Members have submitted their Ph.D. theses; 29 of the Faculty Members are pursuing their Ph.D., and 13 Faculty Members have registered for Ph.D.**

#### NET

1. Dr. P. Ruby Leela
2. Ms. S. Mary Helan Felista

#### SET

1. Dr. Meena Kumari
2. Dr. M. Shapna Yasmin
3. Ms. V. Vanitha
4. Dr. C. Priyalatha
5. Ms. M. Aabidha Thaslim

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## \* **46 STAFF MEMBERS ATTENDED ORIENTATION / REFRESHER / FDP / TRAINING PROGRAMMES/ WORKSHOP/TRAINING WORKSHOP**

<b>Orientation Programmes</b>	-	<b>6</b>
■ <b>Refresher Courses</b>	-	<b>18</b>
■ <b>FDP Programmes</b>	-	<b>15</b>
■ <b>Training Programmes</b>	-	<b>2</b>
■ <b>Faculty Workshop</b>	-	<b>2</b>
■ <b>Faculty Training Workshop</b>	-	<b>4</b>
■ <b>Faculty Training Programme</b>	-	<b>2</b>

## \* **6 NON-TEACHING STAFF ATTENDED SEMINAR / WORKSHOPS**

## \* **FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED –16 STAFF MEMBERS**

## \* **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

The details of Research Projects are as follows:

- **8** ongoing Minor Research Projects are funded by UGC.
- **1** ongoing Project is funded by The Research Advisory Committee, Fatima College.
- **1** United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia(UBCHEA) Sponsored 3-Day Workshop
- **13** Research Projects applied to Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology (TNSCST)
- **1** Research Project applied to Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)

## \* **RESEARCH GUIDANCE**

**34** of the faculty members are recognised Research Guides and **1** is newly Approved during 2018-2019.

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## **Fatima Resource Team**

A team comprising 10 faculty members with eclectic expertise in various fields to cater to specific academic needs of Higher Educational Institutions was formed. The first invitation for the Fatima Resource Team was from St. Justin's college of Education, Madurai. Two members of the team, Dr. S. Saira Banu, Assistant Co-ordinator of IQAC & Associate Professor of English & Dr. L. Meena, Assistant Professor of Management Studies (MBA) were the Resource Persons for two sessions on Life Coping Skills on Jan. 09, 2019

## **RESEARCH ADVISORY CELL (RAC)**

The RAC is a vibrant cell that reviews the research activities and plans ways and means to create Research Culture on campus. It organizes national seminars and international symposia. An **INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM** on the topic "The Future Research Trends and Challenges" was organised on Feb. 02, 2019. Four Malaysian delegates were the guests of honor and two Malaysians attended the symposium. The Journal **FACET** is a multidisciplinary Annual Journal of Research with the ISSN, publishes research articles of staff, M.Phil. students and Ph.D. scholars from all the Departments.

**STUDENTS' RESOURCE FORUM (SRF)** is an active wing of the RAC.

SRF was inaugurated by Dr. S. Rajendran, Associate Professor and Chair, Unit of Rural Biotechnology, Saraswathi Narayanan College on July 25, 2018. **Exploria'19** - Intercollegiate Research Fest was organised on Feb. 20, 2019. Participants from various colleges attended and presented their projects and research articles.

**PUBLICATIONS :- 161 RESEARCH PAPERS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED** by the faculty in International & National Journals & Magazines, ISBN certified Seminar Proceedings and Books. **8 CHAPTERS IN BOOKS, 3 BOOK/JOURNAL REVIEWS, 3 EDITED BOOK** and **3 BOOKS** have been published.

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## ■ 135 Research Articles in:



### ■ Journals (95)

#### ■ International - 77

■ National - 4

■ College Journal- 11

■ Proceedings -3

#### ✚ Books(66)



## **PAPERS PRESENTED:-**

The Faculty members have presented **180** Research Papers in various Seminars, Conferences, Workshops and Symposiums (International **140**, National **38** and State **2**)

### ■ International Level - 140

- Conferences: 8
- Seminars : 29
- Workshop : 1

### National Level - 38

- Conferences : 80
- Seminars : 58
- Workshops : 2

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- **State Level - 2**
  - Conference : 1
  - Seminar : 1
- ❖ **18 STAFF MEMBERS AS RESOURCE PERSONS/ CHIEF GUESTS/CHAIR PERSONS IN 46 EVENTS / PROGRAMMES**
- ❖ **50 GUEST LECTURES / ENDOWMENT LECTURES DELIVERED BY 36 FACULTY MEMBERS**
- ❖ **CONSULTANCY - 4**
- ❖ **INTERNSHIP ATTENDED BY STAFF: 12**
- ❖ **CONTRIBUTION TO MASS MEDIA: 2**

## **ROSA MYSTICA LIBRARY**

The library houses around 132070 books. There are **210** Journals, Periodicals and Magazines, **13000+** e-Journals, **25** Printed International Journals, **2850** e-Resources, **2832**e-Theses, **8333** Back Volumes. The other activities undertaken are Lib Fest, Library Club & Book Fair. The library subscribes N-LIST to access numerous full-text online books through E-Books

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU): **7 MoUs**

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC NETWORKING:

- **A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Binary University, Malaysia** was signed on Apr. 07, 2018.



- The 2nd phase of alliance with **Binary University - Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)** was signed on Sep. 14, 2018.



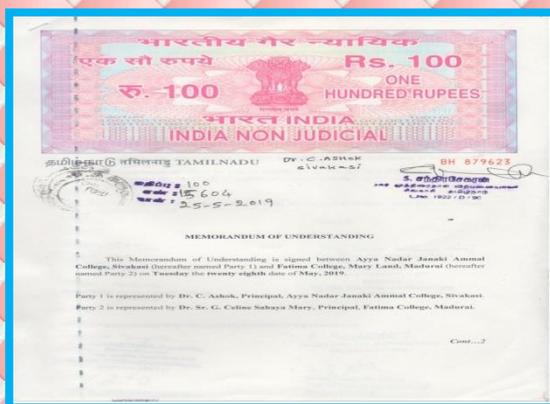
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- **NETWORKING WITH COLLEGES:** Fatima College has initiated a **Networking of Colleges** by signing a Memorandum of Understanding on Jan. 23, 2019 with three colleges.



- ❁ Mangayarkarasi College of Arts & Science for Women, Madurai
- ❁ N. M. S. SermathaiVasan College for Women, Madurai
- ❁ Senthamarai College of Arts & Science, Madurai

- Fatima College has signed an MOU with ANJA College, on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.



- **STUDY IN INDIA:** An MoU was signed with EdCIL India for the **“Study in India” Programme** launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to promote Indian education to foreign students on June 15, 2018.

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- **THE RESEARCH CENTRE OF HOME SCIENCE SIGNED AN MOU WITH A.R. Dairy Food Private Limited**, Dindigul, for hands on training and research for the period from July 24, 2018 to July 24, 2021.

- **PLACEMENT:** MoU with

- Brick Steel Enterprises Infotech Private Limited, Madurai
- Abserve tech Private Limited, Madurai
- Nobel Institute for Communicative English (NICE).

**COACHING CLASSES FOR IAS PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION:** Fatima College in collaboration with IAS Galaxy Academy has started coaching classes for IAS aspirants. 135 students have enrolled in this course during this academic year.

## **OTHER VENTURES**

- ❖ **LAUNCHING OF CYBER SECURITY CELL**

- ❖ **WEB COMMITTEE**

- ❖ **GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING CELL:**

### **INSTITUTE-INDUSTRY INTERFACE CELL (TRAINING & PLACEMENT CELL)**

The Institute-Industry Interface Cell takes efforts to provide Placement Opportunities to students through frequent Campus Interviews, Career Counseling and Seminars to enhance the employability skills of students.

- ❖ In the Academic Year 2018 - 2019, **645** Students have been placed in the Corporate and Educational Sectors.

## STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS



Fatima College adopts the healthy practice of identifying and nurturing the latent talents among students. The students are encouraged to participate in various intra and intercollegiate cultural and academic events and competitions.

### 🏆 INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ATTENDED IN MALAYSIA- 54

S. No.	FACULTY NAME & DESIGNATION	COUNTRY	TYPE OF PROGRAMME	PURPOSE	DATE
1.	54 Students	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	International Workshop on "Women Transcending Gender Boundaries: The Malaysian Story"	Academic	Sep. 14, 2018

🏆 **Ms. B. Vaishnavi**, II BCA was awarded **Taekwondo Championship Award 2018** (Gold Medal) conferred by Madurai District Taekwondo Championship'18 on Mar. 12, 2018.

🏆 **Ms. V. Abirami Kumari**, II M.Sc. Computer Science (Batch 2016 - 2018) was awarded the **Best Student - 2017 Award (National Level)** conferred by Dr. Abdul Kalam Educational Trust, Chennai on Mar. 15, 2018.

🏆 **Ms. S. S. Thenmozhi**, II B.Sc. Mathematics attended the ThalSainik Camp at New Delhi from Sep. 18 to 26, 2018

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🌸 **Ms. Anni Jasmine Josibha**, II B.A. English attended **National Integration Camp** at Alagappa Engineering College, Karaikudi from Dec. 09 to 15, 2018.

🌸 **Ms. K. Deepthika**, I B.A. Tamil, **Ms. A. Sujitha**, II B.A. English, **Ms. F.S. Roselin Jenifer**, II B.A. English and **Ms. M. Viji**, I B.Sc. Physics attended **Youth Parliament** on Jan. 19, 2019 held at The American College, Madurai.

🌸 **Ms. T. Thamarai Yazhini**, III B.A. English, **Ms. P. Devipriya**, **Ms.L. Archana** & **Ms. S. Siva Tharani**, II B.A. Sociology with Computer Applications, **Ms. S. Reshma**, II B.A. English (SF) & **Ms. M. Shiva Ranjani**, II B.Sc. Statistics participated in the **9<sup>th</sup> Indian Student Parliament**, BharatiyaChhatraSansad at Maharashtra Institute of Technology, World Peace University, Pune from Jan. 18 to 20, 2019. **Ms. T. Thamarai Yazhini**, III B.A. English was selected as one in top 3 among 1500 students to question the dignitaries in BharatiyaChhatraSansad at Maharashtra Institute of Technology, World Peace University, Pune.

🌸 **Ms. T. ThamaraiYazhini**, **Ms. U. Sajoe Monica** & **Ms.S.P.Charumathi**, III B.A. English, **Ms. P. Devipriya**, **Ms. M. Archana** & **Ms. S. Siva Tharani**, II B.A. Sociology with Computer Applications participated in the **National Student's Parliament**, Kerala Legislative Assembly at Kerala from Feb. 23 to 25, 2019. **Ms. T. Thamarai Yazhini**, III B.A. English was selected as one of the 17 student speakers of National Student Parliament, Kerala among 500 students to speak in Kerala legislative Assembly.

🌸 **Ms. R. Manipriya**, Ph.D. Scholar of Tamil received **8 Awards**

- கவிச்சுடர் விருது 'KavichchudarVirudhu'
- கவித்தென்றல் விருது 'Kaviththendral Award'
- பாண்டியநாட்டுப் பாவலர் விருது 'PandiyaNaattupPaavalarVirudhu'

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- புரட்சிக்கவி முரசுவிருது 'Puratchikkavimurasu Award'
- கவிவேந்தர் விருது 'KavivendharVirudhu'
- கவிமாமணி 'KaviMaamani'
- கவியரசுவிருது 'KaviyarasuVirudhu'
- கவிமுகிழ் விருது 'KavimuhilVirudhu'

🏆 **31** students of II MCA and **15** students of III MCA cleared the Microsoft Technical Associate (MTA), an **International Certification Examination** on Introduction to Programming Using Java.

🏆 **24** Students of I M.Sc. Computer Science have completed Python Training organised by Spoken Tutorial Project, IIT Bombay on Apr. 04, 2018.

🏆 **Competitive / Eligibility Examination Passed: 47**

■ NET	:	2
■ TNPSC Group-IV	:	6
■ TANCET	:	24
■ MAT	:	3
■ CAT	:	1
■ Company Secretary ship Foundation	:	9
■ Cost Management Accountant Foundation:	:	2

🏆 **42** Students won Prizes & **Cash Awards** of **Rs.98,000/-**.

☐ **8 Overall Shields/Trophies won by various Departments**

● **State Level Overall Shields/Trophies : 6**

🦋 **11** Students from the Department of Business Administration (BBA) won the **Overall Shield** in the **State Level Seminar** on "New

🦋 Trends in Marketing" conducted by N. M. S. Sermathai Vasan College for Women, Madurai on Aug. 04, 2018.

🦋 **14** Students from the Department of Business Administration (BBA) won the **Overall Shield** in the **State Level Seminar** on "Banking: The New Era" conducted by Mangayarkarasi College of Arts and Science for Women, Madurai on Sep. 26, 2018.

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✦ **10** Students won the **Overall Shield** in the **State Level Inter Collegiate Meet - “Pragati”** conducted by Lady Doak College, Madurai on Feb. 11, 2019.

✦ **21** Students from the Department of Management Studies (MBA) won the **Overall Shield** in the **State Level Inter Collegiate Meet - “TALUNT 2K19”** conducted by PSR Engineering College, Sivakasi on Feb. 13, 2019.

✦ **9** Students from The Research Centre of English won the **Overall Shield** in the **State Level Inter Collegiate Meet - “Literaria 2K19”** conducted by Thiagarajar College, Madurai on Feb. 19, 2019.

✦ **26** Students from the Department of Management Studies (MBA) won the **Overall Shield** in the **State Level Inter Collegiate Meet - “MOTO 2K19”** conducted by V. H. N. S. N. College, Virudhunagar on Feb. 21 & 22, 2019.

## ● **Regional Level Overall Shield: 1**

✦ **11** Students of III B.Sc. Physics from the Research Centre of Physics won the **Overall Shield** in the **Inter Collegiate Meet**

✦ **“PHYSAAC 2019”** conducted by Arul Anandar College, Karumathur on Feb. 06, 2019.

## ● **Inter Departmental Overall Shield: 1**

✦ **12** Students from the Department of Computer Science won the **Overall Shield** in the **Inter Departmental Meet - “Zeal O Fest 2K18”** conducted by the Department of Computer Applications (MCA), Fatima College on Feb. 23, 2018.

✦ **31 RESEARCH ARTICLES WERE PUBLISHED BY 23 STUDENTS.**

✦ **98 PAPERS WERE PRESENTED BY 152 STUDENTS IN VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND OF WHICH 22 STUDENTS WON THE PRIZES FOR 13 PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

■ INTERNATIONAL LEVEL :	<b>43</b>	NATIONAL LEVEL :	<b>28</b>
■ STATE LEVEL :	<b>24</b>	REGIONAL LEVEL :	<b>3</b>

✦ **The following students won prizes in various competitions:**

■ **2** Students won Prizes in the **National Level** Competitions

■ **II PRIZE** : **2**

■ **100** Students won Prizes in the **State Level** Competitions

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■ I PRIZE	:	12	II PRIZE	:	14
■ III PRIZE	:	11	V PRIZE	:	3

■ **107** Students won Prizes in the **Regional Level** Competitions

■ I PRIZE	:	25	III PRIZE	:	29
■ II PRIZE	:	19	SPECIAL PRIZE	:	1

## 🏆 PARTICIPATION IN MEDIA PROGRAMMES- 2

🏆 **RELEASE OF DOCUMENTARY AND SHORT FILM** The Research Centre of English in association with DHAN Foundation released a Documentary film titled “Doting on Dot Art” and a Short Film on “ரைட்டாரைட்டு” produced by the students of II M.A. English on Dec. 18, 2018.



## ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS

Physical activities are given equal importance along with the academics. Under the able guidance of the Physical Director Dr. R. Velankanni Matharasi, the students have brought in a lot of laurels.



### MKU Inter Collegiate Tournaments

#### Winners

Table Tennis

Hockey

Handball

Volley Ball

#### Runners:

Badminton

Ball Badminton

Kho-kho

## Open Tournaments

### Winners :

Basket Ball

Hockey

Kho -Kho

Volley Ball

Handball

Table Tennis

### Runners:

Football

- ▶ National Players: **7**
- ▶ State Players: **18**
- ▶ University Blues : **30**
- ▶ District Players: **49**

