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Praise God's name in song and exalt Him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 69 : 30

FATIMA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

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Mary Land, Madurai - 625018

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Alumnae,

Fond memories flanked with jubilation and Cheer overpower me as I fondly look at Fatima turning 70. What a multipronged metamorphoses it has undergone!

This vaulting move of Fatima takes me back to its humble beginning that was well-conceived and providentially executed by its founder Mother Rose Benedicta and her companions in 1953. Aligned with the dreams of the pioneering visionaries,

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Fatima forayed into the vistas of imparting whole person education to the less-fortunate in her own distinct fashion.

The concerted and synchronised undertakings that Fatimites ventured into fraternising with her collaborators have led her unfaltered on the rugged paths to success. At this juncture, I would like to commend and congratulate our staff, students and stakeholders for all the institutional and individual accomplishments that have helped Fatima draft a noted site for herself in the global map.

With a deep sense of pride, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that FCAA has expanded further by creating an International chapter at Dubai on May 27, 2023. I would like to chronicle with thanks the undue enthusiasm with which each of our alumna gathered making it a memorable event. I'm really spellbound at your ties among yourselves, with the institution and with your immediate community. I would also like to appreciate your instant response to the social as well as to the environmental issues and the sharing of your expertise along with regular placement updated among your juniors on campus vouch for your unconditional love to your Alma Mater.

I pray and wish that you sustain and nurture these bonds and your ensuing noble deeds of championing the cause of the downtrodden. I urge you to continue to be the brand ambassadors of your Alma mater that passionately chiselled you into befitting citizens of the globe.

I assure you and all your loved ones of my prayers for God's abundant blessings in all your present endeavours and of those in the days to come!

God Bless!

HAIL FATIMA!

FATIMA COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Fatima College Alumnae Association (FCAA) is a registered body since June 2015. FCAA has formulated its own objectives and structured by laws in compliance with the vision and mission of the Institution (Fatima College) to which it is associated. The Association is comprised of Chairperson, President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee Members elected on a democratic basis. Hence, the body meets regularly to plan and effectively execute the various activities of the association. Whenever important resolutions are passed in the meetings, the President makes it a point to brief the same to all the members of FCAA other than the office bearers and executive committee members.

The Annual Alumnae Meet is slated on the second Saturday of July every year. Besides enhancing the networking between Alumnae and Institution, FCAA endeavors to organise eclectic activities thereby gearing up towards holistic progress and achievement.

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	Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary Principal & Chairperson
	Dr. M. Ragam President
	Dr. B. Vinosha Vice President I
	Dr. Sr. G. Jenita Rani Vice President II
	Dr. S. Parvathi Secretary
	Sr. B. Margaret Mary Treasurer

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

	<p>Dr. P. Loyola Juliet Mary Assistant Professor of Tamil</p>
	<p>Mrs. N. Asha Assistant Professor of MBA</p>
	<p>Mrs. S. Selvarani Assistant Professor of BCA</p>
	<p>Mrs. M. Fanny Assistant Professor of B.Com(SF)</p>
	<p>Mrs. J. Annaal Mercy Assistant Professor of Mathematics (SF)</p>

ANNUAL ALUMNAE MEET 2022

Fatima College Alumnae Association (FCAA) organised the virtual Annual Alumnae Meet on July 09, 2022. Dr. M. Ragam, President of FCAA, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the milestones of FCAA. Rev. Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary, Principal honoured Dr. S. J. Kala, Former President of FCAA and other outgoing office bearers. Dr. S. J. Kala introduced the newly elected members of FCAA and the Principal wished the new office bearers for the future endeavours. Rev. Dr. Sr. M. Francisca Flora, Secretary of the College, expressed her wishes and blessings on the special occasion. Dr. R. Velankanni Matharasi, Former Secretary, FCAA presented the annual report for the academic year 2021-2022.

The Guests of Honour, Mrs. Madhu Thiruvengadam, Product Support Engineering Manager, California, USA, addressed the gathering by indulging in a pleasant recollection of her golden days on Maryland. Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Jegadeesh, Managing Director, JVKM & Mitraa Group of Companies, Singapore recalled random memories of her alma mater and shared the inspirational story of how she became a successful entrepreneur. In her chief guest's address, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi envisioned a bright future for her college and lauded the institution for contributing towards empowerment of women. Both the alumnae have reiterated their experiences and emphasized how their holistic education in Fatima College chiselled their private lives as well as their career.

The FCAA Newsletter 2021 - 2022 was released by the Principal and the first copy of the same was received by Rev. Dr. Sr. Francisca Flora, Secretary of the College. Alumnae representing various chapters entertained the audience with a variety

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ofcultural programme. A few of them shared their random reflections and reminiscences. The event came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. S. Parvathi, Secretary of FCAA.



Newly elected office bearers of FCAA



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The Secretary & the Principal honouring Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Jegadeesh with a shawl and memento



Release of the Alumnae Newsletter 2021 - 22 by the Principal

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HIGHLIGHTS OF FCAA

SHARING OF EXPERTISE BY ALUMNAE

The session sharing of Expertise by Alumnae on “Exploring Career Avenues” was organized by the Fatima College Alumnae Association on 22.07.2022. The alumnae, Mrs. Uma Shankar (Co-founder and CFO & CPO of Maximus Infoware India Pvt Ltd.) and Mrs. Smriti Rekha Vijay (Independent Director of Akzo Nobel India Ltd., Proprietor of Smriti Rekha & Co., Chartered Accountants of Strategist Energy & ESG Transformations and RAS Board Director), were the guest speakers. Both the speakers shared their experiences of having begun their own business. Mrs. Smriti Rekha Vijay emphasized the importance of Emotional Intelligence and Relationship Management as the required soft skills in today’s competitive world. She further motivated the students to explore avenues in Artificial Intelligence and machine learning. Mrs. Uma Shankar persuaded the students to learn SQL, Database, Oracle & Dot net. She also suggested the idea of mastering Organisational System which would help individuals start their own business. The beneficiaries of the session were the outgoing students of UG and PG courses.

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Guest speakers flanked by Vice principal and President - FCAA

FCAA organised a Special Talk on “Exploring Career Avenues: An Insight On Work Integrated Learning Programme” on 13 Feb. 2023. The guest speaker was our alumna of the Department of Physics, Ms. Madhumati Kumaran, Senior Administrator / Senior Project Engineer, Wipro Technologies Coimbatore, ELCOT SEZ. Ms. Madhumati spoke on the advantages of learning-integrated programme offered to BCA & B.Sc. students to pursue M.Tech. in a reputed institution. The session was interactive.

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Ms Madhumati Kumaran addressing the students

PLACEMENT DRIVE

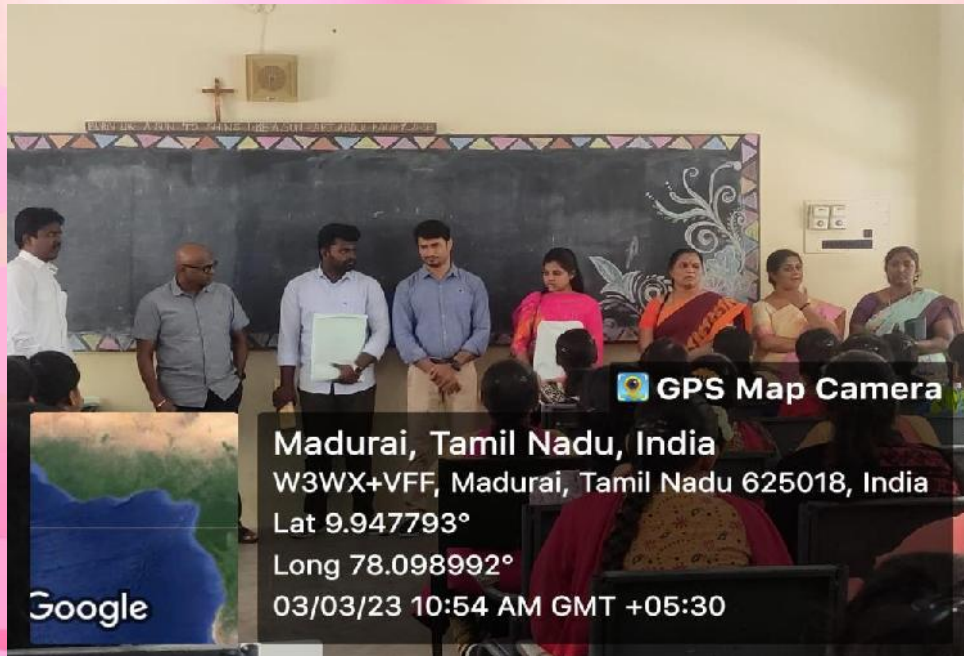
Fatima College Alumnae Association in collaboration with the Placement Cell organised a Placement Drive on Mar. 3, 2023 at San Jose Hall. Ms. R. G. Sobitha, Manager of Brick Steel Enterprises Infotech Pvt. Ltd. and Ms. Dhivyashree, Mobile Application Developer and alumnae of 2013-16 batch of MCA facilitated the Drive. The on campus placement interview comprised Coding round and HR round. Of the 106 students who attended the interview, 18 were selected for the final round.

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Students taking part in the written Aptitude test



Dr. Ragam introducing the members of the Panel

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EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TOWARDS ALMA MATER

FATIMA COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION – PLACEMENT DRIVE

PHOTO	NAME	DESIGNATION
	BHAVANI G	ANDROID DEVELOPER
	DHARANI DEVI V	ANDROID DEVELOPER
	DEEPIKA S	TRAINEE DEVELOPER

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JENIFER D

ANDROID DEVELOPER



POOJA T

Jr DEVELOPER



VINODHINI R

WEB DEVELOPER



YAMINI N K

Jr BLOCKCHAIN
DEVELOPER

We heartily express our gratitude to our college alumnae association for arranged this wonderful placement opportunity from the BRICKSTEEL ENTERPRISE PVT Ltd. We students of MCA and MBA department batch 2021-2023 participated in this interview and are placed with decent salary.

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ALUMNA'S VISIT TO ALMAMATER

To cherish her fond memories Ms. Vidya Balasubramanian, B.Sc Computer Science, Batch 1990-1993, Senior Director - Program Delivery, SVB- member of USA West Coast chapter, visited our college on 17th June 2022.



Principal Honouring Ms.Vidya Balasubramanian

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RESEARCH INITIATIVES

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. 50,000/- has been sanctioned to 3 projects.

S. No.	NAME OF THE FACULTY	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT SANCTIONED (₹)
1.	Dr. S. J. Kala Associate Professor of English Ms. A. J. Bernita Assistant Professor of English	Linguistics: An App to Learn English Linguistics	₹ 20,000
2.	Dr. J. Asnet Mary Assistant Professor of Zoology	In Vitro Evaluation of Hypoglycaemic and Hypolipidemic Potential of Wheatgrass	₹ 20,000
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. R. Suganya Assistant Professor of Management StudiesDr. B. Jayanthi Assistant Professor of Management Studies	A Study on Assessment of Entrepreneurial Competencies among Women Students in Higher educational Institutions with Reference to Madurai District	₹ 10,000
		TOTAL	50,000/-

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SPONSORSHIP

The sponsorship rendered by the FCAA US West Coast chapter towards the education of students from economically weaker section, was utilized to pay the semester fee of 16 students to the tune of Rs. 1,56,067/-

DR. AMIRTHAVALLY RAGUPATHY MEMORIAL FUND

Fatima College Alumnae Association (FCAA) acknowledges with gratitude the kind gesture of **Mr. N. K. RAGHUPATHY**, IAS (Retd), Chennai, for launching *Dr. Amirthavalli Raghupathy Memorial Scholarships* in memory of his wife Dr. Amirthavalli Raghupathy, an alumna of 1962 Batch of Chemistry Major.

✿ **Dr. Amirthavally Ragupathy Memorial Fund:** A total amount of Rs.60,000/- was contributed for the academic year 2022-2023.

✿ Scholarship of Rs.10,000/- each was given to the following students who are from a rural background or reared by a single parent.

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Ms. A. Asha Banu - II M.Sc. Chemistry receiving the Scholarship



Ms. A. Delicia-I M.Sc. Chemistry receiving the Scholarship

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Ms. Sahaya Sheryl Joice - II B.Sc. Chemistry receiving the Scholarship



Ms. P. Akila - I B.Sc. Chemistry receiving the Scholarship

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Scholarship of Rs.10,000/- each was given to the following best outgoing students of UG and PG.



Ms. C. Febia, II M.Sc. Chemistry receiving the Meritorious Fellowship



Ms. Trinity Mariasalomi - III B.Sc. Chemistry receiving the Meritorious Fellowship

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PAPER RECYCLING UNIT

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.



Processing flowchart in Paper Recycling

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SOUP KITCHEN

An initiative of FCAA that attempts to offer hygienic and nutritious soup to the sports students of Fatima College who unceasingly bring accolades to the institution. In the academic year 2022-2023, more than 50 sports students benefited from soup Kitchen



Distributing nutritious Soup to the sports students

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SOLAR LIGHTS ON CAMPUS

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.



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THE LAUNCH OF INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER

FCAA DUBAI CHAPTER

The FCAA Dubai chapter was created on May 27, 2023 at Nest Academy of Management, Dubai. The programme began with a prayer song. Dr. Ragam, President of FCAA, welcomed the gathering and presented the objectives of chapter creation. The Principal, Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary, gave a special message and blessed the alumnae. She emphasized the need to strengthen the networking of alumnae and to involve in a wide range of activities for the benefit of the institution as well as to cater to the needs of the upcoming generations of Fatimites. After Principal's address, the team of office bearers with Ms. Rizwana (alumna of 1993 - 96 Batch), Ms. Aarthy (alumna of 1986 - 89 Batch) and Ms. Mrinalini (alumna of 2012 - 17 Batch) was constituted. A few of the alumnae came forward to share their golden moments on Maryland. The programme ended with the vote of thanks.



Launching of FCAA Dubai Chapter

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Honouring the Office bearers, President - Ms. Rizwana, Secretary - Ms. Aarthy and Treasurer - Ms. Mrinalini of Dubai chapter with Sash



Glance of Newspaper clippings of Dubai chapter

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DUBAI - A JOURNEY WITH GOOD BEGINNING

A Surreal Voyage in the sky
A dreamt journey in real,
With flying colours,
Boarded the flight in surreal,
With Lots of wishes in bliss,
From Mary Land to Dubai,
Fifty- two travellers in smiles
With miles to walk.
Of the five good days,
From Airport to Airport,
Exported the emotions,
Imported the experiences.
A Safari ride with a dessert delight
In desert paving ways to
roller coaster ride in ecstasy.
Reviving memories with alumnae,
Brought tears of meeting and parting,
Not for ever but joined hands in forever,
A new beginning in Nest,
Spinning threads to be connected like a nest.



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A frame of Dubai to time travel to past
Impression of footprints in the sea shore
From Jumeria Beach to jumping into
the museum
Of present and future,
Impressive Abhu Dhabi Mosque,
To cherish memories,
Dubai has touched our hearts,
With hard work and smart work,
With technologies and innovation.

Ms. J. Hindu Sree
Assistant Professor
Department of English (SF)



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HEARTY CONGRATS

ACHIEVEMENTS OF ALUMNAE

Ms. B.Vijayalakshmi's (1996-1999 batch of UG English) book " *Write Choice*" (2022) was released by R.Bhagwan Singh , Veteran Journalist.

Write Choice



The book, 'Write Choice' by B. Vijayalakshmi (second from left), Senior Editor, *Deccan Chronicle*, was released by R. Bhagwan Singh (extreme right), veteran journalist, in the city on Tuesday evening. The first copy was received by R. Mohan (fourth from left), Resident Editor, *Deccan Chronicle*, and Chitra Rangaraj, senior journalist. Olivannan of Emerald Publishers was also present.

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AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR ALUMNAE ON STAFF

Dr. Sr. G. Jenita Rani, Assistant Professor of Physics & the Vice-Principal of Self-Financing Programmes became a Fellow in United Board Christian Education in India (UBCHEA) in Aug. 2022.



Dr. P. Shyamala, Head & Associate Professor of Management Studies, was conferred with an International Award for **Senior Researcher Proficiency** by KaLa's Research Skill and Training Organization, Vijayapur, Karnataka in Dec. 2022



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✦ **Ms. P. Nancy Vincentina Mary**, Assistant Professor, PG Department of Computer Applications, received the **Best Paper Award** for her paper titled “An Analysis on Machine Learning Techniques in Microarray Gene Expression Data for Cancer Classification” in the International Conference on “Innovative Technologies and their Application in Higher Education” organised by Annamalai University, held from Oct. 17 to 19, 2022.



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE COLLEGE

- ❖ Autonomous Status of Fatima College, Madurai is extended for a period of **10 years** from the academic year **2022-2023** to **2031-2032** as per the decision of the standing committee constituted by UGC.
- ❖ We are placed in the rank band 101-150 in the NIRF India Rankings 2022 conducted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in the All India “College” category.
- ❖ Recognizing the college's merit and its contribution towards Higher Education in India, the Government of India selected it for the following programmes in 2018, the same is extended to 2022 - 2023.
 - **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)** - Government Programme
 - **National Resource Centre** - Cyber Safety and Security Standards.
- ❖ **Appreciation Award** for having a Medical Laboratory on campus conferred by Medical Lab Technologist Welfare Association Madurai “*Medi Lab Techon 2022*” on Sep. 18, 2022.
- ❖ **Certificate of Appreciation** was given by the Tamil Nadu State Aids Control Society and State Blood Transfusion Council, Chennai for organizing a voluntary Blood Donation Camp with 90 donors at Fatima College, Madurai on Feb. 02, 2023.

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FACULTY AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ **Dr. B. Poornima Sethupathi**, Assistant Professor of History; **Dr. R. Jothi Mani**, Assistant Professor of Physics; **Dr. N. Asha**, Assistant Professor of Management Studies; and **Dr. R. Niranjana Devi**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, received the **Best Performance Award** instituted by Fatima College for the year 2021 - 2022, on Sep. 05, 2022.
- ❖ **Dr. S. Arul Micheal Selvi**, Assistant Professor, The Research Centre of Tamil, received the following awards:
 - ❖ Best Motivational Educational Award given by London Academy of Art Literature Association, Melvin Hall Society, London & Indian Research of Associational Literature, Ramanathapuram, on Sep. 05, 2022.
 - ❖ Anbumighu Aasan Virudhu given by Bharathiyar Foundation (பார்போற்றும் பாரதியார் அறக்கட்டளை, தமிழ்நாடு) on Sep. 25, 2022.
- ❖ **Dr. B. Poornima Sethupathi**, Assistant Professor of History, received the **Best Oral Presentation Award** for the paper presentation on “Challenges of Urban Tourism Towards Sustainability in Madurai Region’ in Virtual Global Congress on “Sustainable Growth & Development 2022 - Health and Life Sciences” organized by INTI International University, Malaysia, on Nov. 25 & 26, 2022.
- ❖ **Capt. Dr. Antony AmalaJayaseeli**, Assistant Professor of Zoology, NCC Officer (ANO) received *Vira Maarayam Award* given by Madurai Ilakiya Mandram and Arunachala Foundation, Madurai, on Jan. 31, 2023.
- ❖ **Dr. P. Anita**, Assistant Professor of Economics, was conferred with **Global excellence Outstanding Faculty Awards in Best Senior Faculty - 2022-23** by

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Sun Sea Institute of Management & Spectrum Skill Yard City Academy,
Coimbatore, on March 11, 2023.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT CELL

The Curriculum Development Cell (CDC) functions with the distinct objectives:

- ✦ To design and develop curriculum involving Local, National and Global, subject and industrial experts to meet the international demands at all Sectors.
- ✦ To sustain, enhance and enrich the teaching and learning on campus to bring it on par with the Global Standards.
- ✦ To organize Seminars, Conferences, Workshops on curriculum designing and development; material production, Innovative teaching learning pedagogies, Evaluation Reforms and on innovative and need based value added, skill - oriented courses.

TEACHING, LEARNING AND EVALUATION

Advanced Teaching-learning pedagogies are adopted to cater to the learning needs of the new generation of students, thus providing Fatimites with an enhanced and enriched learning experience.

29 FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE MEMBERSHIP IN 59 ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL BODIES:

✦ UNIVERSITY NOMINEE, BOARD OF STUDIES – 6

✦ ELECTED MEMBER FROM FATIMA COLLEGE, ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEMBER - 1

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- ✧ **SUBJECT EXPERT, BOARD OF STUDIES - 19**
- ✧ **SUBJECT EXPERT, INTERVIEW BOARD -1**
- ✧ **SUBJECT EXPERT, SCREENING CUM EVALUATION COMMITTEE -1**
- ✧ **UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, BOARD OF STUDIES - 1**
- ✧ **ALUMNA, IQAC EXTERNAL MEMBER - 1**
- ✧ **ALUMNA, BOARD OF STUDIES – 3**
- ✧ **EXTERNAL MEMBER, RESULT PASSING BOARD - 1**
- ✧ **SUBJECT EXPERT, ACADEMIC COUNCIL - 1**
- ✧ **EDUCATION EXPERT, ACADEMIC COUNCIL - 1**
- ✧ **NOMINEE OF VICE-CHANCELLOR, INTERVIEW PANEL - 1**
- ✧ **SUBJECT EXPERT, INTERVIEW PANEL - 1**
- ✧ **EXTERNAL SUBJECT EXPERT, RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE -2**
- ✧ **MEMBER, RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 2**
- ✧ **MEMBER OF BOARD OF ADJUDICATORS - 1**
- ✧ **FELLOW MEMBERSHIP, INDIAN ACADEMIC RESEARCHERS' ASSOCIATION-1**
- ✧ **FELLOW MEMBERSHIP, UBCHEA - 1**
- ✧ **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES – 14**

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ENDOWMENTS INSTITUTED

8 New Endowment Prizes have been created during the academic year 2022 - 2023, along with existing 446 Endowment Prizes & 26 Endowment Lectures/Seminars.

ENDOWMENT PRIZES

1. **Mrs. Shenbagam Ramasamy Endowment Prize** instituted by Ramasamy in memory of his wife to be awarded to the best student of III BA Tamil in dramatics
2. **B. Com. SF 2019-22 Batch Endowment Prize** instituted by B. Com. 2019 -22 batch students in memory of the I batch of B. Com. to be awarded to the best outgoing student in both Academic and Extracurricular activities
3. **Mr. Marimuthu Endowment Prize** instituted by his daughter Mrs. Vijimuthumari to be awarded to the final year project on the basis of merit cum means to a III B. Sc H.Sc. student.
4. **V. B. S. Clinto Endowment Prize** instituted Dr. Josphine Mary, Department of Tamil, in memory of her son to the PG student who scored first mark in the course "Tamil & Christianity"
5. **Dr. Mahima Ragland Memorial Endowment Prize** instituted by her sister Ms. Lalitha Ragland Noel to the Department of Zoology given to the needy and bright 3 students of B. Sc Zoology, by taking care of their Semester fees (Odd and Even).
6. **Rev. Fr. Vimi Charlie Endowment Prize** instituted by his family to two poor, Catholic and academically sound girls from Samaya Nallur.

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7. **Dr. A. I. Auxilia Felicitas Endowment Prize** founded by her in memory of her parents Mr. C. Augustine and Mrs. Margaret Augustine to the best candidate for proficiency in all accounting papers in all Six Semesters (B. Com.)
8. **Mr. C. Augustine and Mrs. Margaret Augustine Endowment Prize** founded by Dr. A. I. Auxilia Felicitas, Head and Associate professor, Research Centre of Commerce, in memory of her parents to the best candidate for proficiency in Management Accounting (M. Com.)

RESEARCH, CONSULTANCY AND EXTENSION

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The College strives to create an ambience of research culture on campus to tap the research acumen of staff and students.

■ VERTICAL MOBILITY

♥ PH.D. AWARDED	:10
♥ SUBMITTED	:4
♥ PURSUING	:16
♥ REGISTERED	:8
♥ NET	:2

■ RESEARCH PROJECTS

The details of the ongoing Research Projects are as follows:

- ♥ CURIE Programme of Department of Science and Technology for Women's PG Colleges.

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- ♥ Muttollayairam Translation Project (Tamil to Malayalam) funded by Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai.
- ♥ Impact of Sanskritization on Tamil Society funded by Research Institute for Social Sciences, EAST Trust, Palayamkottai

S. N O.	FACULTY NAME & DESIGNATION	TITLE OF THE PROJECT	SANCTIONED AMOUNT ([₹])DURATION/DATE
ONGOING DST CURIE CORE FOR WOMEN PG COLLEGES RESEARCH PROJECT SANCTIONED			
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. B. Medona Associate Professor & Head of Chemistry • Dr. A. Tamil Selvi Assistant Professor &Head of Zoology • Dr. M. Ragam, Assistant Professor of Physics 	Green Science Initiatives for Sustainable Development(Mar. 2022 - Mar. 2025) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I Installment(Sep. 29, 2022) 	` 69,03,360 (Sanctioned) `55,23,120
ONGOING TRANSLATION PROJECT FUNDED BYCENTRAL INSTITUTE OF CLASSICAL TAMIL			
2.	Dr. S. A. Suja Assistant Professor of Tamil	5 Months <i>Muttollayairam</i> Translation Project (Tamil to Malayalam) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installment I (Feb. 2022 - July 2022) • Installment II (Sep. 12, 2022) 	` 1,10,000 (Sanctioned) ` 44,000 ` 44,000
MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT			
3.	Dr. M. Vijaya Shanthi Assistant Professor of History	Impact of Sanskritization on Tamil Society6 months Research Institute for Social Sciences, EAST Trust, Palayamkottai	`30,000 July 01 – Sep. 30, 2022

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RESEARCH GUIDANCE

RESEARCH GUIDES DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023: 39

- ✿ 37-Madurai Kamaraj University
- ✿ 1 - Madurai Kamaraj University & Manonmaniam Sundaranar University
- ✿ 1 - Madurai Kamaraj University & Mother Teresa Women's University

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CELL (RDC)

The Research and Development Cell reviews the research activities and plans ways and means to create a Research Culture on campus by developing the research acumen among staff and students. **Exploria**, an Intercollegiate Research Fest, is organized annually. Students from Fatima College and other colleges participated enthusiastically and presented the research projects on the day. Cash Prizes were given to the first three winning projects of Fatima and other colleges.

Student's Resource Forum (SRF): The Student's Forum is an active student's wing of the RDC that motivates students to undertake various research projects.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR)

The Research and Development Cell & Intellectual Property Rights Cell of Fatima College in collaboration with the Fatima College Alumnae Association (FCAA) organised a National Seminar on Feb. 15, 2023 on the topic "Research and IPR for Sustainable Development". **Dr. S. C. B. Samuel Anbu Selvan**, Associate Professor, Research Centre of Commerce, The American College, Madurai, gave a special talk on

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the day. The technical sessions were handled by **Dr. S. Sudhakar**, Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, and **Dr. C. Sekar**, Department of Bio-Electronics and Bio-Sensors, Alagappa University, Karaikudi. **Dr. K. Sakthipandi**, INSA Visiting Scientist, Department of Inorganic and Physical Chemistry, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, was the chief guest for the valediction. The total number of beneficiaries of the National Seminar is 1150.

PUBLICATIONS

105 RESEARCH PAPERS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED by the faculty in International & National Journals & Magazines, ISBN certified Seminar Proceedings and Books. **7 CHAPTERS IN BOOKS, 2 EDITED BOOKS& JOURNALS** and **5 BOOKS** have been published. **5 BOOKS & JOURNALS** have been Reviewed.

■ 105 RESEARCH ARTICLES IN:

➤ RESEARCH ARTICLES:

JOURNALS :67

PROCEEDINGS :6

➤ MAGAZINES & BOOKS :7

➤ CHAPTER PUBLISHED IN BOOKS :7

➤ BOOKS PUBLISHED :5

➤ EDITED BOOK & JOURNAL :2

➤ REVIEW ON BOOK/JOURNAL :5

➤ REVIEWER :3

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

7 new MoUs were signed during the academic year in addition to the existing 32 functional MoUs; MoUs were signed with reputed Institutions, Government Sector & Corporates. Student and Faculty Exchange Programmes, sharing of knowledge and resources, Research, Internships and Placements are the outcomes of the MoUs.

CAREER GUIDANCE CELL (TRAINING & PLACEMENT CELL)

The Career Guidance Cell takes all efforts to provide placement opportunities for the students through frequent campus interviews, Career Counselling and Seminars to enhance the employability skills of the students. In the Academic Year 2022 - 2023, 24 Corporate Sectors & 3 Schools have conducted interview for the final year students and 153 students were placed.

CORPORATE SECTOR	:	146
EDUCATION SECTOR	:	7

SPECIAL EVENTS ON CAMPUS

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Five members from Mary Stella College, Vijayawada visited the campus on June 01, 2022 and interacted with staff and students.
- ❖ U. S. Consulate General Chennai & Justice Shivaraj V. Patil Academy for Democratic Values (A Unit of SOCO Trust) jointly organised One-Year Certificate Course on “Promoting Inclusive Democracy for Young Leaders” between Sep. 2022 – Aug. 2023. Seven students have enrolled in this course.
- ❖ Drive Against Drug (DAD) was launched by our Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on Aug. 11, 2022. In connection with the Drive against Drug (DAD), 3957 students have taken pledge to create awareness against drug abuse.
- ❖ Online International Youth Day celebration was organised on Aug. 12, 2022 in collaboration with 7 renowned institutions and 190 students of Fatima College attended the programme.
- ❖ The students of Fatima have taken a pledge to act against Caste Discrimination on Sep. 28, 2022.
- ❖ Microsoft Certification Examination, as part of Student Development Programme, was conducted to the takers of the course on Oct. 27, 2022 by ICT Academy in the college premises.
- ❖ Fatima College provided its Infrastructure for the conduct of **Welfare Scheme of Differently Abled** presided by Hon’ble MP Mr. Su. Venkatesan on Oct. 01, 2022. NSS Volunteers made the arrangement for the programme.

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- ❖ Fatima College organised Independence Day Celebration on August 01, 2022 as part of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*. The Chief guest Dr. M. Solomon Bernard Shaw, Advocate, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court Madurai hoisted the National Flag.
- ❖ Awareness on '*Har Ghar Tiranga*' campaign was organised during the first and the second week of August. National flag badges were distributed to the staff and the students to be worn from August 1 to 15, 2022.
- ❖ Fatima College facilitated administering the National Voter's Day Pledge on Jan. 25, 2023. The students of Fatima College took pledge uphold the democratic traditions of our country.
- ❖ The students of Fatima administered a Pledge for the abolition of Bonded Labour on Feb. 09, 2023.
- ❖ Awareness Programme on "Lend your Hand to DIVANGJAN" was organised on campus on Nov. 11, 2022. Mr. B. Velmurugan, Founder, *Thuimal Vizhihal* Trust, Madurai, was the Resource Person.
- ❖ Fatima College, on the lines of Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Ek Bharat Sherestha Bharat, live-streamed Our Hon'ble Prime Minister's participation in "The Kashi Tamil Sangamam" held on 19 November 2022. 152 Tamil Major Students watched the programme live-streamed in San Jose Seminar Hall while 684 other major students watched it in the Jubilee Hall accompanied by 22 staff.
- ❖ A Sensitization Lecture on "Provisions of Act for Protection against Sexual Harassment of Women" was organized on Nov. 12, 2022.
- ❖ Observance of Discrimination against Women Discrimination Pakhwada.

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- A Street Theatre was performed by the students of Sociology and Social Work at Fatima College on “Protection against Sexual Harassment at Workplace” on 25 November 2022.
- A Street Play was enacted in Athalai, one of the adopted villages of Fatima College, on 1 December 2022 by the students of Sociology and Social Work that created awareness on Women’s right to equality.
- ❖ IQAC & The Research Centre of Tamil organized Siddha Awareness Day on Jan. 09, 2023. The Resource Person was Dr. A. Pappy Kamala Bai, Former Head, The Research Centre of Tamil, Fatima College.
- ❖ A Documentary Film on *Ottapanthaiya Veerangani* was screened to all UG students on Jan. 10, 2023, as per Government directive
- ❖ A team of enthusiasts and philanthropists from Germany visited Fatima College on January 19, 2023. Their onsite visit and interactions with the staff and the students are sure to pave the way for futuristic collaborative ventures in the spheres of academic and research. It would rope in financial assistance towards enhancement of the infrastructure and in educating the needy students.
- ❖ YUVA Tourism Club was inaugurated on 25 January 2023, in the college premises. Mr. S. M. Shribalamurugan, District Tourist Officer, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Tamilnadu, Madurai, was the Chief Guest.
- ❖ A Blood Donation Drive was organised in college on Feb. 09, 2023. 90 students donated blood on that day.

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CONVOCATION

45th Graduation Day of Fatima College was held on Aug. 13, 2022. **Dr. J. Kumar**, Vice-Chancellor, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, the Chief Guest, distributed the Diplomas to **3 M.Phil. Scholars, 110 Professional Graduates, 333 Post Graduates and 1307 Under Graduates.**

The **46th Graduation Day** was held on Feb. 18, 2023. **Dr. P. Ponmuthuramalingam**, Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Madurai Region was the guest of honour. The number of graduates who received their respective degrees is as follows:

- 90 Professional
- 291 Post Graduates
- 1058 Under Graduates



ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS

Sports in Fatima College, is given equal importance along with academics. Under the guidance of the Physical Directress Dr. R. Velankanni Matharasi the students have brought in many laurels. We have produced:

National Players	: 7
State Players	: 47
University Blues	: 26
District Players	: 91

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TOURNAMENTS

Fatima College participated and won prizes in tournaments held at various places. The details are:

MKU INTER-COLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT

- **Winner:** Hand Ball, Kho-Kho, Foot Ball
- **Runner:** Basket Ball
- **III Place:** Hockey, Table Tennis, Badminton, Ball Badminton

OPEN TOURNAMENT

- **Winner:** Hand Ball, Kho-Kho, Foot Ball
- **Runner:** Kabadi

CHIEF MINISTER TROPHY

Runner: Basket Ball, Kabadi, Foot Ball & Hockey

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.

- 🦋 20 students of II PG Social Work have volunteered in the People Solution Center, Collectorate, Madurai from Jan. 04 - 30, 2023 for the disposal of the petitions received in the center. They were appreciated by the Special

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Deputy Collector, Social Security Schemes, Collectorate, Madurai, for volunteering in the effective disposal of the petitions.

✿ 50 students volunteered for the Government Programme on "*Maaperum Tamil Kanavu*" and attended a meeting addressed by the Hon'ble MP Mr. Su. Venkatesan, at Velammal College of Engineering and Technology, Madurai, on Feb. 3, 2023.

✿ 60 students from the Department of MCA, attended the "Psycho Spiritual Training Programme - Healing the Inner Child" at Anugragha College, Dindigul on March 01 & 02, 2023.

➤ RESEARCH PROJECT

Tamilnadu State Council for Science and Technology (TNSCST) has released Rs. 42, 500/- towards Student Research Project fund.

➤ AWARDS

12 Awards in various competitions.

➤ 36 Students won Cash Awards for a sum of Rs`**.63,300/-** in various competitions.

➤ OVERALL SHIELD

■ STATE LEVEL OVERALL SHIELD: 3

✿ **The Research Centre of Physics:** 5 Students won the Overall Shield in the State level Intercollegiate Competitions conducted by Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, Madurai on Feb. 23, 2023.

✿ **Department of Mathematics:** 13 Students won the Overall Shield in the State level Intercollegiate Meet conducted by Sourashtra College, Madurai on March 01, 2023.

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🦋 **The Research Centre of English:** 21 Students won the Overall Shield in the State level Intercollegiate Competitions conducted by Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, Madurai on March 04, 2023.

■ REGIONAL LEVEL OVERALL SHIELD: 5

🦋 **The Research Centre of Physics:** 4 Students won the Overall Shield in the Regional level Intercollegiate Competitions conducted by Sermathai Vasan College, Madurai on August 27, 2022.

🦋 **Department of History:** 16 Students won the Overall Shield in the Regional level Intercollegiate Competitions conducted by Heritage, Madurai on October 09, 2022.

🦋 **The Research Centre of Home Science:** 4 Students participated and won the Overall Shield in the Regional level Intercollegiate Competitions conducted by Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, Madurai on October 19, 2022.

🦋 **The Research Centre of English:** 3 Students participated and won the Overall Shield in the Regional level Intercollegiate Competitions conducted by The American College, Madurai on March 04, 2023.

🦋 **Department of Computer Science:** 11 Students participated and won the Overall Shield in the Regional level Intercollegiate Competitions conducted by Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai on March 10, 2023.

➤ COMPETITIVE/ELIGIBILITY EXAMINATION PASSED

■ TNPSC/SSC/IBPS/RRB/CIVIL SERVICES/TNUSRB/ANY COMPETITIVE EXAM

: 25

REVERBERATING VOICE OF ALUMNAE

Reminiscences- Journey through the Portals of Fatima



I am proud to be an alumna of Fatima College! I have a deep sense of adoration to my Alma Mater. My desire to study here was instilled in the rudimentary level while doing my schooling at St. Joseph's Matriculation School. I remember how I was attracted by the personality of the young staff members – Miss Mahima, Miss Rita and Miss Maria. I started my journey at Fatima and was moulded by my beloved teachers and Sisters. Fatima has been my home and my Dept. staff and students have been my extended family members. I can say with confidence that our potentials, not recognised elsewhere, will blossom to the fullest, in our Fatima environment. The

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encouragement and appreciation of my well-wishers made me participate and volunteer in most of the curricular and co-curricular activities. The motivation of my beloved teachers – Sr. Mary Francis, Miss. Thresiamma, Sr. Flora, Miss Maida, Miss. Bridget, Miss. Mahima, Miss. Gnanadeepam and others, helped me to become the recipient of University First Rank – Gold medallist in Major, General English and French.

Sr. Regina Mary, the office manager, encouraged me and guided me when I desired to participate in various conferences – paving way for me to present my research paper at NIN, Hyderabad and secure the Young Scientist Award in 1986.

In 1999, the responsibility of headship fell upon me. I have enjoyed being a member of the Home Science family. My beloved colleagues have made my life very pleasant and memorable. Sharing our joys, anxieties, worries, achievements with each other and upholding each other in prayer strengthened our bond.

Being the staff-in-charge of Rotaract, Women's cell and RAC helped me to establish a lasting relationship with my dear friends of all Departments. To mention a few are Kala Albert, Ms. Kanchan, Ms. Selvarani, Mrs. Poornima, Mrs. Shymala, Mrs. Nagarenitha, Ms. Jeyanthi Ms. Priya Ms. SujiKarthika Ms. Prasanna, Ms. Suganya, Ms. Geetha and Ms. Julie, Ms. Lucia Mrs. Tamil Selvi and all others of RAC.

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It was a Providential favour that made me instrumental in commencing Mushroom cultivation, Diploma in Fashion Designing and Garment construction, UGC sponsored innovative programme, M. Sc Human Nutrition and Nutraceuticals, UGC sponsored Major Research Project, and develop the Department into the Research Centre of Home Science. Because of my position in Fatima, I was able to present papers and serve as keynote speaker in conferences on Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals at USA, making use of the UGC Travel Grant.

As an Alumna of Fatima, I was privileged to meet most of the alumnae residing in California, USA in 2018. It was a wonderful time of reunion and togetherness where we had pot lunch together, went out for shopping in 2018, in 2018, and spent time chatting and sharing our nostalgic memories, especially cottage stay. I'm in the student friends WhatsApp groups from 1985 - 1988 onwards. It's pleasure to keep in touch with most of the alumnae globally.

When I walk down my memory lane, I understand that it has been an exceptionally enjoyable sharing of love, joy, care and concern for each member of the Fatima family.

Dr. Vasantha Esther Rani

Retried Head, Department of Home Science

1981-1984 Batch

My dear Mary Land



When I reminisce about my three years of college life in Fatima College, I see the transferable set of competencies that I gained over a period of time. I would like to talk about the skills and mindset that helped me raise the bar of excellence. When I look back and reflect upon my journey of three years in Maryland, my heart swells with gratitude for the priceless values my alma mater inculcated in me. When I first entered Fatima College I was anxious about my future. Over the three years, so many doors opened up for my personal and academic development. The college aims at enhancing our knowledge, skills and abilities. The days I have spent in Fatima are the best years and I happily recall the days I spent with my dear teachers. Fatima has given me an extended platform to enhance my speaking and theatrical skills too. “We don’t grow when things are easy, we grow when we face challenges.” Whenever life hit hard, the life lessons I learnt strengthened me and led towards my personal development.

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Fatima seems like a fairy's place where diversity and academic excellence were in perfect harmony. A good quality education is the foundation of the well being of the body, mind and soul. Fatima really took care of the emotional wellbeing of the students. Even after completing the course, the bond between the college and staff members and a student never ends.

The well-defined curriculum gave me new insights and helps me as I evolve to excel in my career as English teacher. The Cultural Committee has always given me an extra space to enhance my speaking skills. When the world demands me to stand alone, I am able to do so since Fatima has inculcated in me the grit to face challenges Faith, discipline and leadership qualities are the best part of my learning.

My dear Mary Land "I owe to you more than you could ever know".

S.Akiladeswari

2015-2018

B.A.ENGLISH

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MY MARYLAND



I entered the portals of Maryland with mixed feelings. My first day to college is evergreen in my memory. At the first sight, I was awestruck at the beautiful and green campus with different species of trees. The waving movement of leaves on the trees gave a warm welcome. It was an icebreaker by the natural ambiance of Fatima College. I enjoyed each of my UT (under the tree) classes. The five years of Business Administration studies have provided me with a vast amount of life lessons. The Rosa Mystic library on the campus is a peaceful place in this whole world. Whenever I spent my time in the library, I had experienced a serene learning atmosphere. I have never failed to reflect on the knowledge I gained throughout my stay in Fatima College. It is said that the seed must break open to sprout and I have sprouted from Fatima College. Now I am proud that I stand tall like a tree. I have an associate degree in Fashion Design from Pasadena City College, California. Currently, I am now pursuing an Environmental Science at Georgia Gwinnett College, Georgia.

Rathieswari Jeyabalan

BBA 1996-1999 batch

பாத்திமா அன்னை



நானிலம் போற்றும்

நான்மாடக்கூடலில்

நாடறிந்த

பாத்திமா அன்னையின்

நாமத்தைத் தாங்கி

ஆண்டுகள் எழுபதில்

எட்டாத உயரம்

பலவற்றையும்

தொட்டு விடும்

தூரம் சேர்த்த

பாடசாலை எனும் நந்தவனம்!

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விண்ணைத்தொடும் எம்
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விருப்பமுடன்
உயிர்தந்து
பட்டறிவுடன் சேர்த்த
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உயிராய் ஒழுக்கத்தையும்
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ம.தாட்சாயனி

2016-2019(இளங்கலைத் தமிழ்)


2019-2021(முதுகலைத் தமிழ்)

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HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

OBITUARY



Bloomed
13.12.1934

Withered
04.04.2023

Sr. Teresa Chandy SJL
Former Professor, Dept. of English, Fatima College,
Passed away on **04.04.2023 (Tuesday)**
Funeral service at **Sebastian Church, Cherukattoor,
Wayanad, KERALA** on **05.04.2023** at 3.00 pm
Basking in the Glory of God
Unobtrusive with an ever charming pristine smile
Sweetness Personified
We fondly remember your selfless service!
May Almighty God grant you Eternal Peace and Rest!
Immensely Grieved by
The Management, Principal, Staff and Students of Fatima College, Madurai

Sr. Teresa Chandy
Former Professor
Department of English
Fatima College

Dr. Ms. Rosy Thanickal
Former Head and Professor
Department of Economics
Fatima College



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Former Head and
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