



FATIMA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)



Affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai
Re-accredited with "A++" by NAAC (Cycle -IV)
100th Rank in India Ranking 2025 (NIRF)
Mary Land, Madurai - 625 018.

Faculty Development Grant 2026

Integrated Scholarship Addressing Environmental Sustainability

Sponsored by
**United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia
(UBCHEA)**



**Date: 21st September –
25th September, 2026**



**Time:
9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.**



Venue: SJ5

About the College

Fatima College (Autonomous), Mary Land, Madurai, is a Postgraduate College for women affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University. It is a Catholic minority institution established and run by St. Joseph's Society of Madurai (of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon, France). This institution came into existence through the tireless efforts of the missionary sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon and the zeal and heroic sacrifice of Rev. Sr. Rose Benedicta, the Foundress of the College. The College was started in St. Joseph's School Campus, Madurai as a Secondary Grade College with 63 students in 1953.

It was upgraded into a Postgraduate College in 1964 and Autonomous in 1990. The College now offers 24 Undergraduate Programmes, 15 Postgraduate Programmes and 3 Professional Programmes (UG - 1; PG - 2). 8 Departments have become Research Centers. It has strength of 3958 students, 219 Teaching Staff and 99 Non-Teaching Staff. The comprehensive assessment by NAAC in 1999 placed Fatima College in Five Star Status of Merit. The College strives to sustain excellence, quality, and relevance while equipping students to meet the demands of higher education in India.

In 2004, the UGC conferred on Fatima College the status of College with Potential for Excellence (CPE). In 2006 and 2013, NAAC re-accredited the College with an 'A' Grade. In 2021, NAAC re-accredited the College with an 'A++' Grade. The College secured the 100th Rank in the All India NIRF Rankings 2025.

United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA)

The United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA) is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing whole-person education through academic excellence, Christian values, and transformative leadership across Asia. Established in 1922, the United Board partners with colleges and universities to strengthen teaching, learning, research, leadership, and institutional capacity while fostering educational practices that promote justice, compassion, and service. Through faculty development, collaborative networks, and institutional partnerships, the United Board empowers educators and institutions to address contemporary societal challenges through innovative scholarship and meaningful community engagement. Its commitment to nurturing ethical leaders and promoting inclusive, sustainable development has made it a trusted partner in strengthening higher education across the Asian region.

Faculty Development Grant'2026

As part of its Faculty Development Grant'2026 initiative, the United Board has awarded a grant to Fatima College (Autonomous), Madurai, to organize a Faculty Development Programme on "Integrated Scholarship Addressing Environmental Sustainability." This grant reflects the United Board's continued commitment to fostering interdisciplinary scholarship and equipping educators to contribute to a more just, sustainable, and flourishing society.

Programme Objectives

1. To build the capacity of teachers as green-skill trainers and community facilitators.
2. To develop practical green livelihood skills using locally available and biodegradable resources.
3. To promote green entrepreneurship and sustainable livelihood opportunities through eco-friendly product development.
4. To strengthen community-based practices in waste management, composting, recycling and sustainable resource use.
5. To foster participatory, ethical and community-centred approaches to sustainable development.
6. To train teachers in the development of online courses and digital learning resources on green skills, sustainable livelihoods, waste management and community development for wider dissemination and continued learning.

Expected Outcomes

1. Teachers will be equipped to transfer green skills and sustainable practices to community groups.
2. Participants will develop practical skills in producing coir, coconut-leaf, bamboo and recycled products.
3. Participants will gain knowledge of costing, pricing, marketing and developing small-scale green enterprises.
4. Communities will be encouraged to adopt waste segregation, composting, recycling and other eco-friendly practices.
5. A sustainable Teacher-led multiplier model will be established to promote green livelihoods, community participation and environmental sustainability.
6. Teachers will be able to develop and deliver online courses and digital learning materials on the programme themes, enabling the knowledge and skills to reach a wider audience and support continuous capacity building.

Programme Schedule

SEPTEMBER 21,2026

Inauguration

Welcome Address

Dr. S. Saira Banu

Associate Professor of English, Fatima College, Madurai.

Inaugural Address

Dr. Sr. M. Fatima Mary

Principal, Fatima College, Madurai.

Felicitation

Dr. Sr. J. Arul Mary

Vice-Principal - I (Shift - I), Fatima College, Madurai.

Technical Session - 1 (Forenoon)

Dr. K. Ravichandran

Regional Coordinator, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan,
The Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU),
Gandhigram, Madurai.

**Topic: "Community Engagement of Higher Education
Institutions in India"**

Technical Session - 2 (Afternoon)

Dr. U. Ramesh

Assistant Professor, Department of Molecular Biology,
School of Biological Sciences,
Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.

**Topic: "The Art of Bonsai: Unlocking the Timeless Beauty
and Serenity of Miniature Trees"**

SEPTEMBER 22,2026

Technical Session-1 (Forenoon & Afternoon)

Dr. Hillela

Assistant Professor, Lady Doak College, Madurai.

**Topic: "Creating an Online Course on Environment
Sustainability"**

SEPTEMBER 23,2026

Technical Session - 1 (Forenoon)

Dr. Saji Varghese

Professor, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru.

**Topic: "Design & Inspiration The Sunbird Journey: From
Problem to Possibility Experience sharing in Design,
Innovation & Entrepreneurship"**

Technical Session - 2 (Forenoon)

**Topic: "Empathy & Understanding Seeing Through Their
Eyes: Building the Empathy Map Understanding People,
needs and hidden opportunities"**

Technical Session - 3 (Afternoon)

**Topic: "Value & Innovation from Insight to Impact: Building
the Value Proposition Canvas Turing user needs into
meaningful Value"**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

Industry Visit-1 (Forenoon)	Mr. S. Suthagar Boys Town Trust, Pulloothu Road, Post. Kilamathikattinan, TamilNadu. Topic: “Bamboo for Sustainable Enterprise: Workshop & Hands on Product Development for Skill Developments”
Industry Visit-2 (Afternoon)	Vaigai Coir Cluster private limited, Mattaparai Village, Nilakottai Taluk, Dindigul. Topic: “From Rawmaterial to Market - Ready Products: Hands-on Training in Sustainable Coir Technology”

SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

Technical Session - 1 (Forenoon)	Rev. Dr. T. Sahayaraj, SJ Director, Extension Department-SHEPHERD, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Trichy. Topic: “Sustainable Communities through Higher Education”
Valediction (Afternoon)	Welcome Address Dr. J. Saral Evangelin Head, Department of History, Fatima College, Madurai. Felicitation Dr. Sr. Ignatius Mary Secretary, Fatima College, Madurai. Valedictory Address Dr. Maher Spurgeon, PhD Consultant, Director for South Asia United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia
	Distribution of Certificates & Feedback Vote of Thanks Dr. Ancemma Joseph Assistant Professor of Physics, Fatima College, Madurai.

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