



**SARAH TUCKER COLLEGE [AUTONOMOUS]**

**Tirunelveli -7**

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024**



***“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1)***

As we reflect on the academic year 2023-2024, it is with great enthusiasm that we present to you the Annual Report of Sarah Tucker College and we thank God Almighty for his abundant grace. As aptly titled, "A Year of Enlightenment", this report encapsulates the achievements, challenges, and aspirations of our vibrant institution, showcasing the collective efforts of our students, faculty, staff, and supporters in pursuit of academic excellence and innovation. With great admiration, I acknowledge that the 129-year-old Institution is the fruit of the selfless contributions and commitment of Christian missionaries with visionary glean that makes the institution serve for the women folks and uplift them from all the shackles that bind them. By Gods grace, I stand before you to present the annual report for the academic year 2023-2024. The Institution has a student strength of 3649. There are 214 members of faculty and 126 non-teaching staff. 400 students are residing in the four hostels within the college campus. The College has 11 Aided and 8 Unaided undergraduate departments, 6 Aided and 8 Unaided post-graduate departments and 10 Research departments. The college was Re-accredited with an 'A+' Grade by NAAC with a CGPA of 3.33 and the college secured a position in 100 to 150 band in NIRF Ranking. Paving the way for inclusive education, the government has given the approval for the commencement of Diploma in Sign Language Course" in our college.

### **IQAC Initiatives**

In a dynamic and evolving educational landscape, the role of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell in our college remains pivotal. The IQAC had been instrumental in organizing 6 workshops, 2 conferences and 10 seminars. An in-service Training for School Teachers was organized in our campus. 7 books were authored, 5 books were edited and 10 book chapters were authored by the faculty. 151 International and 25 National Research Papers were published in peer reviewed journals. 117 papers were presented in Seminars and conferences at International, National and Regional level. Faculty members have attended 308 webinars and seminars , 81 FDPS, 13 short term and Refresher courses. 3 faculty members act as editors in various journals. 17 of the faculty

members are members of Board of Studies, 16 served as chief guest, 33 as jury and 60 as resource persons. A workshop on “Sign Language for Classroom Management” was organized. IQAC along with the Research Cell organized a seminar on the "Academic Writing, IPR and Hands on Training on using Plagiarism Detecting Tool" on 15th March 2024. The Board of Studies of all departments met to finalize the syllabus prescribed by Tamilnadu Government (TANSICHE). FDP on “Idea Generation Methods” was organized in collaboration with ICT Academy.

Academic audit, Administrative Audit, Performance appraisal of Teaching Faculty and feedback from stakeholders were also done. 1332 students have done online Naan Mudhalvan course. 256 of the students have completed online course through ULEAPP – LMS. 316 students completed course through Mahindra Pride Classroom. 35 of our students and 3 faculty members have completed RedHat Linux International Certification upto 2 levels. 272 have enrolled in SWAYAM NPTEL courses this year.

### **Graduation Day**

Graduation day was held on 18th March 2024 for the passed-out students of the year 2022 and it marked a sense of achievement, celebration and reflection. Dr. K. Kala, Vice Chancellor, Mother Teresa Women’s University, Kodaikanal conferred the degree certificates to 1244 students.

### **Faculty Enhancement**

Our principal Dr Usha Godwin visited Australia to attend CUAC 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Discerning Truth, Deepening Learning and Enhancing Wellbeing. We are glad to mention that our faculty enhanced themselves and excelled in their fields. 8 of the faculty members were conferred with PhD degree. 22 prestigious awards were won by our staff members for their academic excellence as well as for their social service.

**CURIE Project** - Department of Science and Technology, Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 61,47,360 /- Lakhs **CURIE (Consolidation of University Research for Innovation and Excellence in Women Universities)** Core Grant for the development of Science Departments. Dr. J. Shakina, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry is the nodal officer for the scheme.

## **Research Activities and Intellectual Property Rights Cell**

It is the right time to highlight the impactful research activities carried out in our college. There are 10 Research Centres with 47 Research Guides and 145 Research scholars. 34 faculty members have acted as Doctoral Committee members in various research centres. Dr. J. Shakina of Chemistry Department has got one patent granted and 2 published. Dr D Sheefa Ruby Grace, Dr N Subathra of Computer Science and Dr Jai Ruby of Computer Applications and Research Centre has published a patent. Dr Ani Brown of Computer Science has got one patent. Dr F Jeyamangalam, Dr T Varthini, Dr Joy Jebavijila, Dr Lincy Mary Ponmani, Dr SG Pushpalatha, Ms. A. Jai Nirmala of Physics Department has published a patent.

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

Various departments of the college have signed 14 MoUs and the placement cell has 2 MoU's signed with various institutions, industries and organizations.

## **Academic Enhancement**

To pursue career advancement and to foster lifelong learning habits, our certificate courses continue to serve as beacons of opportunity and possibility. Certificate courses like office automation, mobile application development, Handling Online Services, organic skin care, basic cookery, cosmetology, doll making, clinical nutrition and dietetics, vermiculture, jewellery making, tailoring and costume designing, workplace communication essentials, and 39 different add-on courses were offered for the students. 2150 students were benefited through add-on courses.

## **Examination Results**

The results of our college reflect our commitment to academic excellence and student success. The pass percentage of Undergraduate Courses is 98% and Post Graduate Courses is 97%. 9 Undergraduate Departments, 10 Post Graduate Departments have produced 100% Results.

## **Institution Innovation Council and Entrepreneurship Development Cell**

IIC(Institution Innovation Council) was instituted in the College during the academic year 2023-24 immediately on receiving the instructions from MHRD to start up IIC in the higher education institutes. IIC conducts Seminars, Workshops, Quizzes, Panel discussions, Webinars, Motivational talks, student exhibitions and competitions to nurture

entrepreneurial skills in students. The Council has 600 plus student enrolments and 9 faculty innovation ambassadors have done the advanced training.

The budding talented students with innovative skills are geared up in the right path to attain success through the Entrepreneurship Development Cell. The introduction of the new scheme initiated by the Tamil Nadu Government, Niral Thiruvizha, a state-wide hackathon for students to solve real time industry problems really instilled a positive vibe in the students and the interested students were given the EDI's Hackathon -Idea submission draft format to select the problems of their choice and give solutions through their ideas.

### **Scholarship**

BC/MBC/DNC scholarship for 620 students; SC/ST/SCC scholarship for 310 students; Higher Education Special Scholar (HESS) for 51 students ;Beedi Scholarship for 14 students; Ulavar Scholarship for 91 students; Pudhumai Pen Thittam Scholarship for 331 students; 3 Ph.D Scholars are getting the research scholarship from UGC.

### **Religious Activities**

To nurture spiritual well-being, chapel service, special service, counseling sessions and fasting prayers were conducted. Staff retreats was also organized.

### **Placement Cell Activities**

As a vital component of our institution's commitment to student success and employability, the Placement Cell plays a pivotal role in facilitating meaningful career opportunities for our students. 616 students were selected in various companies like TP-Solar, Accenture, E-care, Trident Software, Innovative Software Solutions, MO-Power company, i-Tech Academy, Tiliconveli, Smart Solutions, Drill Tech Oil Field Equipment Manufacturing and Services, Dubai, Atlantic International School, Venpa Staffing Services, Foxconn Technology India Private Limited, Atos Syntel.

158 students cleared the prelims examination and were given training by IITM Pravatak for Bank and Finance Course. 320 students got benefited. Our college has been recognized as a Red Hat Linux training Centre for earning International Certification on Linux. 35 students and 3 faculty members were benefited. 115 students are benefitted through Skill

enhancement training programmes. 721 are benefited by Career Counselling Programme. 3049 Under graduate students were benefited under Nan Mudhalvan programme by the TN government.

### **Library**

A total number of 15927 visitors including research scholars have used our library during the academic year 2023-2024. During the year, 255 new books have been purchased. 6 newspapers in Tamil and English language, 32 journals and magazines were subscribed for the library. For the research scholars and the faculty, the library provides an online digital library and INFLIBNET- N-list providing access to 6500 e-journals and more than 2 lakh e-books. The library conducts a Credit course on “Developing reading and writing skills through printed resources”. 1100 students have successfully completed this course. The best library user Award was also presented. Central Library is also publishing “Sarah Research Journal” for the benefit of Research scholars and 90 articles were published in 2 volumes.

### **Saraha's Steps**

Saraha Steps gives confidence and hope for the physically challenged students. 11 Students got scholarships worth Rs 1,40,000 from Help the Blind Trust. The students have also applied for government Scholarships. 2 students are given free boarding in the college hostel by the Management. Muthulakshmi of III B.A. History TM is the recipient of the Best Saraha Award for her outstanding performance in academics and she is one of the Students' Council Leader. A MoU with Florence Swainson School for the deaf was signed this academic year.

### **Smart Cell**

The sole focus of smart cell is the mental health and quality life of students. It does counselling at entry level, exit level and for slow learners. Various awareness and counselling programmes were organized to help them to become a better social being by overcoming their problems.

### **Noon Meals Scheme**

102 financially backward students from various departments were offered free noon meals under “Feed a Girl” project which is sponsored by the generous faculty members of the college.

## **Earn While you Learn**

Under this scheme the students are encouraged to work in their respective departments and libraries after class hours and are paid for their services. 34 students are benefited this year.

## **Students' Council**

The Student Council is the voice of every student. The election of the office bearers of the College Union was conducted by the President and the Vice Presidents of the Union. In the investiture ceremony, the office bearers of the College Union took the oath and assumed office along with the Secretaries of all Associations and Clubs.

The following programmes were conducted - Induction Programme for freshers, Freshers day, Teacher's Day, Communal Harmony and Flag Day, Independence day, Republic Day, the Tamilians' Harvest festival Pongal and women's Day were also celebrated. Special Programme with Rotary Club of Tirunelveli and Virudhunagar on “யாதுமானவள்” was organized and Dr Jayanthasri Balakrishnan, motivational speaker gave a speech on empowerment of women. Programmes on Digital Literacy, Cyber Crime, Kavalan App awareness, Voting awareness, TNPSC awareness, Tamilnadu Global Investors meet, Health and Hygiene awareness, career guidance were organized by the Students' Council. International womens' day was celebrated.

## **Sports**

Our college team won State Level CM Trophy held at Ramachandra University, Chennai. and won Inter Collegiate Hockey Tournament held at Rani Anna College and five of our students were selected in the South Zone Inter-University. Our Hockey team won in State Level and District Level Tournaments. Our Basketball team won second position in the Inter Collegiate Tournament held at Parasakthi College Courtallam and won Southern District Inter Collegiate Basketball Tournament held at APC Mahalakshmi College for Women. Our team won District Level Pongal Basketball Tournament. Nellai District Athletics Association organized Athletics meet in 3000 mts and 5000 mts, Muppudathi of Economics participated and won the Gold Medal. She also won the district level marathon. Shalini of Food Science participated in 3000 mts and javelin throw and won the 2nd Place. She also stood second place in district level marathon.

## **National Cadet Corps [NCC]**

The College NCC unit has 160 cadets. The Annual Training Camp for the Academic year 2023 was held from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The Rolling Trophy for the Best Institution in Audit was Awarded to (Leftinent) Lt. Dr. E. Angel Saral Rose, Associate NCC Officer, Sarah Tucker College. Cadet G. Gayathri and Cadet I. Shanmuga Harishma won medals. Cadet Janani won 1st place in IUC event.

## **National Service Scheme [NSS]**

The NSS unit of our college functioned meritoriously with 600 NSS Volunteers per year and Six Programme Officers. The NSS Volunteers extend their participation in all the events with vibrant spirit. Our volunteers eagerly participated in the human chain rally conducted by Agarwal Eye hospital, Tirunelveli. 43 NSS volunteers actively participated in the health walk conducted by District Health Organization, Tirunelveli. 50 volunteers involved in the various activities like labour bond handwriting, Pot painting, Paper art and Jewellery making workshop in the book fair festival. Our volunteers provided awareness of Dengue and Nilavembu kudineer to Corporation Primary School, Perumalpuram.

## **Youth Red Cross**

This unprecedented endeavor exemplifies the power of collaboration, creativity, and determination within our institution. Awareness programmes on Glaucoma, tree plantation and various campaigns on communal harmony, and blood donation were organized.

## **Fine Arts and Youth Welfare**

The club has accomplished a remarkable achievement of compiling a book titled “படைப்புலகில் நெல்லை பெண் எழுத்தாளர்கள்” in a single day. To top it all, our students have contributed all the articles in the book. The club encourages the students to participate in the extracurricular activities like Elocution, Essay writing, classical dance, western dance, quiz, poster presentations etc.

## **Best Practices**

Best Practice is a place where innovation meets excellence in education. Sarah sales, Science Expo, Internship for school teachers, skill development, ICT enabled teaching, senior sarahs as resource persons, Alumni Library, first aid box, retired staff get-together are some of the best practices and the department associations and various clubs and cells like Pathfinders, Quiz, Rotaract provide platforms for students to prove themselves.

## **Eco Club**

The eco club provides a platform to create awareness about biodiversity conservation and local environmental issues. Tree Plantation Day, Nature Conservation Day, Ozone Day, and Conservation of earth day were celebrated. 'Say no to Plastics' related posters are displayed in every department and competitions were conducted for the students regarding alternative to plastics.

## **Anti Sexual Harrasment**

The cell aims to educate students to escape, prevent and eliminate harassment in any form. Students were informed about the legal laws in India pertaining to sexual harassment. Real life case studies were also discussed to provide better understanding for students. Mrs. C. Rameshwari, Inspector of police crime, Perumalpuram gave a keynote address on "Raising Mental Health Awareness".

## **Anti Ragging Cell**

Awareness programmes and meetings are conducted at regular intervals. Students are incessantly warned from the first day itself. Awareness programme was organized by the department of Computer Science on Anti ragging and Anti drug.

## **PTA/ Mentoring**

PTA gives an opportunity to have a meaningful bond among parents, teachers and students. The main objective of the association is to develop a holistic personality of the students. Periodic meetings are conducted to build the rapport between the teachers and the parents. One mentor is assigned with 15 mentees for personal and academic counselling.

## **Alumni Association**

The final year students both UG and PG were enrolled. Members from the Alumni of 1971 – 1974 batch of Botany Department visited college and spent time with students and teachers, shared their experiences and donated a digital board to a Botany classroom. Alumni from New York, USA had sent 2000 American dollars, worth one lakh sixty-five thousand Indian rupee to the Alumni Association to be utilised for the college. The alumni association donated needy articles to the inmates of the Old Age Home, TB patients, Blind women, Bishop Sargeant School for the Intellectually Disabled Children, and The Hope Foundation.

## **Village Adoption Cell**

Under the Unnat Bharat Abiyan Scheme 5 villages - Manapadaiveedu, Sivanthipatti, Rajavallipuram, Araikulam, and Reddiyarpati were adopted. Cancer screening, health awareness, plastic disposal, millet awareness, child education awareness programs were organized. Our students participated in the Gram Sabha meeting to know about the root needs of the villagers. 183 students participated in these activities. Science Exhibition was organized for the Government Primary and Elementary school students of the adopted villages.

## **Extension Activities, Industrial Visits and Field Trips**

To reflect our commitment to community engagement, social responsibility, and the search of positive change, the faculty members and the students visited various orphanages, old-age homes and schools. To widen the horizon of knowledge, the faculty members and the students visited various places, industries and farms.

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Thank You

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Principal