

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
TAGORE GOVERNMENT ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE

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Honourable Education Minister of the Government of Puducherry, Honourable Member of the Legislative Assembly of Kalapet, Esteemed Invitees, Scholarly Colleagues, dedicated Non-Teaching Staff Members, Parents, adorable alumni, and My Dear Students. Good Evening to all.

I am extremely happy to welcome Shri A. Namassivayam Sir, Honourable Minister for Education and Shri PML Kalyanasundaram Sir, Honourable MLA who have accepted with delight to be with us here, today, for the Fete De TAC - 2k25 to grace the occasion as Chief Guest and to felicitate the function, respectively despite their ever hectic schedule.

I extend a cordial welcome to the all the invitees including media, HODs, members of faculty, non-teaching staff, parents, Alumni and students to this Fete De TAC - 2k25.

Tagore Government Arts and Science College, popularly known as TAC, established in the year 1961 is an icon of the higher education in Puducherry. The college has been the abode for the economically weaker and socially backward section of first generation graduates of Puducherry. Spanning over six decades, the institution has also consistently advanced in its mission of providing quality education and attained noteworthy positions at the national level. **The College intends to serve as a platform for transforming lives to fit in to the present and future with utmost commitment by transforming itself as**

a multidisciplinary-advanced learning, research and skill development Institute.

About our Campus and Environment

The beauty of the College is its architectural planning and landscaping. The College is well planned like a university with different amenities for teaching and learning. Nagar Van (Urban forest) created in the College is unique and appreciated by many across the country. The academic ambiance created through this urban forest is more conducive for teaching and learning and it altered the mind-set of the stakeholders to be more productive. Hence, the College is functioning without any strike or break as per the academic calendar.

Manpower resources

The College has 18 teaching departments. 82 scholarly faculty members (including 15 short term contract teachers) are working in various departments against the sanctioned strength of 125. The College Office is supported with 49 dedicated nonteaching staff members against the sanctioned strength of 84.

Faculty members in our College are serving in academic committees of various intuitions of national importance and thereby acquiring knowledge and contributing to the institutional development.

Academic programs and outcomes

The degree programs being offered in our College are diverse. Sixteen different undergraduate degree programs, viz., Tamil, French, English, History, Economics, Sociology, Philosophy, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science, Botany, Zoology, Psychology, Commerce and Tourism are offered at present with the total intake capacity of 4320 students. Altogether 3033

students are on roll with 80 % of boys and 20 % of girls. **The College is implementing the NEP 2020 curriculum effectively 2023-24** by nominating a co-ordinator for this purpose.

The academic outcome of different degree programs are impressive. The pass percentage ranges from 45 to 90 in different degree courses and this indicates that the students are excelling in their academics. The College takes utmost care in overall development of the students by initiating **mentor – mentee scheme tutorial classes, remedial classes, counselling programs, skill training programs and various coaching programs.**

Highlights of the activities of the Teaching Departments

Department of Tamil

Department of Tamil has organised a 5 days workshop on poetry writing; one special lecture program; one seminar on short film making and a community engagement program of 5 days duration.

The Department of French has celebrated Francophonie day and organized 4 special lectures. The students of this department have taken part in five different community engagement programs.

The **Department English** has organised one National Seminar and a program on understanding India, in Collaboration with SreeSaraswathiThyagaraja College, Pollachi, under MOU.

The **Department of History** has organised on invited lecture program.

In the **Department of Economics**, All the second year students of the have took part in 5 days Community engagement program at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Puducherry.

Department of Philosophy has conducted One Periodical lecture program sponsored by Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi

The **Department Sociology** took an innovative approach to create awareness among the students on Child abuse through discussion, following the screening of Tamil movie, Magharaja. Field visits were organised to Kizhsathamangalam, Central prison, Katterikuppam and Sathaur dam to give exposures on rural life, correcting system and rehabilitation efforts, rural development and livelihood and water management respectively.

Department of Maths has conducted one skill development program for their students on the use of SPSS. Many of the students have participated in Mathematics teacher and talent search programs.

Department of Physics has organised an Industrial visit to Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam and environmental exposure visit to Munar and Kodaikanal.

The **Department Chemistry** organised an exposure visit to Students to a Tea factory at Ooty. for field based learning. Students and faculty members have taken part in this.

Department of Computer Science has organised an industrial exposure visit and an invited talk for the larger benefit of the students.

The **Department of Botany** has Created QR based plant information system of the College campus by digitising the plant information system. Through this, all can learn about the plants of this campus using their android/ iphone with a QR scanner app.

Two final year students have completed their internships at Puducherry State Medicinal Plants Board.

The **Department of Zoology** has conducted five different community engagement programs. The Department has filed applications for 4 patents, of which patent was granted to one. One faculty attended FDP and two, attended short term courses. Faculty members of this department have published 3 research articles in journals and contributed two chapters in edited volumes. The Department is maintaining a museum beautifully and it is being visited by students from various schools and Colleges.

Department of Psychology has conducted various events such as Poster making in the theme of mental health; Group counselling in the theme of right mind and right attitude; special counselling in the theme of women and mental health; Special lecture on importance of mental health for girl students; a joint venture programs on advocating mental health in adolescence; workshop on unlocking emotions through actions and also celebrated world suicide day with the focal theme on role of youth in suicide prevention.

The **Department of Commerce** has organised two invited talks for the benefit of the students. Students took part in community engagement programs and internship programs.

Department of Tourism organised Field exposure visits to places of heritage tourism such as Thanjavur and Darasuram and Kumbakonam with 109 students and two faculty members. 90 Students and 3 faculty members attended the World Tourism Day celebrations organised by the Department of Tourism, Government of Puducherry.

Students' Achievements in Sports

Students of our College actively take part in various regional and national level events and bring laurels to the College. In National Championship, 19 students, including 15 men and 4 women; in All India Inter-University Tournament 19 students including 18 men 1 women; in State Level Inter-Collegiate Tournament 32 students including 20 men and 12 women and in Pondicherry University Inter-Collegiate Tournament 167 students including 120 men and 47 women have participated during this academic year.

- **National Achievements:**

- Kiruthika, II B.Sc., Botany, secured Gold Medal in Junior National AtyaPatya Championship. She also secured Gold Medal in Senior National AtyaPatya Championship.
- Srinithi, III B.B.A. Tourism, secured Silver Medal in Junior Netball Championship.
- Ravichandran, I B.A. History, secured Silver Medal in Junior National Skating Championship.
- Saravanan. T, I B.A. Economics, secure Silver Medal in Junior National Snow Shoe Run Championship.
- Ganesh Kumar, II B.A. History, secured Bronze Medal in South Zone Junior National Athletics (Javelin Throw) Championship.

- **Inter-Collegiate Tournament**

- Winner in Pondicherry University Inter-Collegiate Handball Men Tournament organized by Pondicherry University.
- Winner in Pondicherry University Inter-Collegiate Kho-Kho Men Tournament organized by Pondicherry University.
- Winner in Pondicherry University Inter-Collegiate Volleyball Men Tournament organized by Pondicherry University.
- Winner in Stellar's Trophy Inter-Collegiate Football Men Tournament organized by MIT.

- Runner in Chief Minister Trophy, PUCC Raiders Carnival Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi Men Tournament organized by Pondicherry University Community College.
- Runner in Pondicherry University Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi Women Tournament organized by Pondicherry University.
- Third Place in Inter-Collegiate Badminton Tournament organized by Election Department, Government of Puducherry.
- Third Place in State Level Inter - Collegiate Kabaddi Men Tournament organized by Puducherry Technological University.

This shows that our students are excelling in sports activities also.

Highlights of the library

The library has fine collection of books, journals, referrals and magazines. An Assistant librarian is taking care of the library. Three lakhs worth of books and journals are added during this academic year. About 9000 visits are made to the library by the students. The library celebrated National librarians' Day, organised book exhibition, celebrated world book day and created Research corner during this academic session. An MOU was also made with Madras Library Association for the developmental initiatives and knowledge sharing in this regard.

Recently our Honourable Minister for Education has initiated the process of construction of a modern reading room with Bomi Poja and very soon the Library will have the facility.

NSS

The College has two NSS Units with 200 students in total. Students are actively involving in various extension activities. Blood donation camp, training programs, village adoption program are a few to mention.

NCC

NCC of our College has three units (Boys Army, Girls Army and Naval Units) each with the strength of 50 cadets. One Cadet from army unit participated in the National Republic Day Parade at New Delhi. Mrs. Bhawna, Assistant Professor of French, Completed ANO training during this academic year. Thus, all the three Units have qualified NCC Officers.

Alumni

The College is constantly in touch with the Alumni. To utilize their potential in shaping our students, the program Alumni Connect, was introduced during last academic session and it turned out to be one of the successful initiatives of the College. At department level, notable alumni are invited to deliver lectures and interact with the students. Altogether 41 programs were organised. All the departments have conducted this alumni meet program and the programs in different departments ranged from 2 to 4.

Infrastructure Developments

The college is creating state-of the art facilities for effective teaching- learning process. I submit my sincere thanks to the authorities of Government of Puducherry for providing adequate infrastructure facilities to our College. During this academic year:

- (i) Repair and renovation works were completed in the Science block.
- (ii) A D-G set (power generator) of 125 KVA is procured for the installation at the main block for ensuring uninterrupted power supply.
- (iii) Modern analytical equipment for the Department of chemistry and Zoology and operational instrument for the Department of Physics were procured to promote research.

- (iv) Computer Science Laboratory is upgraded with i5 Systems. Also all the departments are ensured with a computer and internet connectivity.
- (v) Guest room and Air-conditioned Mini conference hall in the main block and an A/c Seminar Hall in Computer Science Block also created for the conduct of programs simultaneously by different departments.
- (vi) Student furniture were procured adequately.
- (vii) Large android enabled interactive panels were installed in class rooms and conference halls for effective teaching and learning.
- (viii) An RO system for providing purified drinking water to the public (especially the walkers using the College road) is installed near the main entrance of the College.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

The College has a robust innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem which is one of the unique features of the College. Institution's Innovation Council established, following the guidelines of the Ministry of Education, Government of India is functioning with the President-ship of the Principal, and it is planning and executing the activities as per the Ministry's Innovation Council.

Incubation and Pre-incubation Centres

The College established TGASc's Atal Incubation Centre and it was inaugurated by our Honourable Education Minister during this academic year. This self-supportive Incubation centre is the first one in the academic institutions of Puducherry. There is also pre-incubation Centre, named as TGASc-IIC-Biotech Park, which mentors in the areas such as composting technology, mushroom technology, green-house technology and apiculture.

Start-ups

This is the only Government Arts and Science College that has students' Startup in the College. This year the College has funded for a student start-up in **3D Printing** by a Student of the Department of French.

National Innovation and Startup Policy (NISP)

The College has Institutional Start-up Policy called TGASC's Innovation and Start-up Policy that has been prepared following the National Innovation and Start-up Policy.

Idea Lab

The College procured equipment for the establishment of idea lab as per the guidelines of MIC, MOE, Govt. of India. The facility will soon be inaugurated for the use of students who intend to develop business models with their ideas. The lab will have facilities to work in the field of Microbial Technology.

Dr. Natesan Payer Nadimuthu , Assistant Professor of Botany is instrumental in creation of this innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem as the Convener of IIC.

Museum

The College established TAC – Museum with the artifacts, dating from pre-historic times to Indo-French period, collected by Dr. Ravitchandirane, Assistant Professor cum Archaeologist since 1994.

The Museum was inaugurated by our Hon'ble Education Minister, in the presence of Hon'ble Tourism Minister and Dr. Kalimuthu, the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India of Chennai Circle, Government of India, Director of Education and Director of Art and Culture, Government of Puducherry, on November 28, 2024.

The main objective of the Museum is to train the students in Museology, Archaeology, Geology and Heritage Conservations. The museum will carry out Archaeological Excavations/Research. A lot of students from other institutions and the general public are also learning about our heritage from this museum.

Skill Development

In NEP 2020 Skill education is given due importance and as per UGC regulations 50% of the courses should be on skill development. Thus, the College taking a keen interest in introducing Skill courses on the demand basis, apart from the skill courses offered through the regular curriculum.

1. The College with the financial support of the Datamatics, Mumbai under CSR funds has conducted Datamatics Industrial Training Program for 24 students.
2. Through the National Career Service Centre for SC/ST, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India various skill training programs are offered to our students. 30 students benefitted out of this.

Students support

Financial assistance

College identifies and supports financially the needy students to minimize the dropouts due to financial constraints and enable them to continue their studies and without stress. Similarly, meritorious students were also identified and provided them with scholarships to encourage them in their studies. A sum of Rs 1.5 Lakh has been spent for this purpose from the CSR grant received from Datamatics Mumbai through an MOU.

Legal Assistance

The legal services clinic of the College is organising periodical sessions to the students with the experts. 6 such sessions and a special talk on POSH and POCSO acts were also arranged for them.

Counselling

The Counselling centre managed by faculty members of the Psychology Department is offering counselling to the students on the basis of need and request.

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

IQAC of our College is proactive that conducts quality audits periodically. The Cell based on the feed-back from the stakeholders prepares action plans for quality enhancements and implements the same. It also organised 3 seminars on quality improvements. The Cell ensures timely submission of Annual quality Assessment Report (AQAR) to NAAC that makes the accreditation processes easier without any hardships. Dr. R. Velu Raj is serving as the Coordinator of the Cell, while Dr Ananthalakshmi Hemalatha and Ms. T. Sunitha are serving as Joint Coordinators and Mr. S. Prasath Sivasubramanian and R. Sridevi are serving as ICT Coordinators.

Recognitions

The College stands as the only **A grade** institution among the Government Arts and Science Colleges of Puducherry as Re-accredited by NAAC, during the third cycle of assessment.

TGASC is the only Government higher educational institution in Puducherry **awarded with 3 stars** by the Innovation Council of the Ministry of Education, Government of India for its innovation and entrepreneurship activities.

Short term vision of the College

With these national level recognitions, the College aims to get academic autonomy and has also applied for the same and is following up the processes. Hopeful that the College will get autonomy from the forthcoming academic session (2025-26) and this will be one of the important milestones in the history of TGASC.

Long term vision of the College

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in India emphasizes the importance of Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU) to enhance higher education quality and relevance. Multidisciplinary education and research universities aim to break down traditional disciplinary barriers, fostering learning that integrates knowledge from various fields. This approach prepares students for the complex challenges of the 21st century by developing a broader range of skills and problem-solving abilities. TGASC on the conferment of autonomy, will work towards the transformation as MERU through the state university status. NAAC team that accredited our College also pointed out that our College has the potential to be a State University.

The College has achieved these elevations because of the team efforts of all the stakeholders under the leadership of Dr. SasiKanta Dash, former Principal of this College, who has also got an elevated position as Registrar of Pondicherry University. To up keep the status and march ahead the faculty members and nonteaching staff members are striving hard.

Shortfalls

Though the College is excelling in all aspects to be forefront among all the government higher educational institutions of Puducherry, there are also

shortfalls that hinders our routine in achieving the desired outcome, on time.

They are:

An auditorium with 4000 seating capacity with large visual displays and to conduct College level events.

Central computational facility with 100 i5systems to provide access to the MOOCS (Massive Open Online Courses learning has become a part of NEP2020) and also to conduct online evaluations (examinations).

20 additional lecture hall to run the existing courses (three year degree programs have become as 4 years Honours degree program due to the implementation of NEP).

Sports education block in the College ground with Health and Fitness Centre to ensure the physical and mental wellbeing of the students as per the UGC guidelines.

Sir, creation of all these essential facilities will eliminate the hurdles faced by the College, and will facilitate moving towards the desired objectives.

Fete De TAC - 2k25

It's indeed a proud moment for me to be hosting Fete De Tac2025, in the campus today. What started as a spark of an idea has set blaze the spirit it of confidence and competition among students. In a very short notice with mid-semester exams midway, practical examinations for the science department, we have had a Staggering number of 300 students participating in various competitions from the 28th of April to the 2nd of this month. The back bone of the extracurricular Activities CECA with its enthusiastic team of faculty have organized various events to showcase the hidden talents of the students Whether it was painting or drawing, cooking without fire, rangoli the boys

actively participating and have won prizes. Hearty congratulations to the boys. Apart from this, there were Tamil and English literary competitions-essay writing, elocution, Creative writing and skit on the theme "Digital Dangers" and photography.

Today I am very happy to see my small dream of empowering my students come true. When they go out of the college, I am sure they will be proud of their achievements in their alma mater and cherish being a product of the heritage college. I congratulate the heads, faculty and the event coordinators wholeheartedly for their commitment towards harnessing the talents and moulding the young and eager Minds.

Honourable Minister Sir, the College has attained these greater heights only because of your interest and involvement in transforming the higher education system in alignment with the NEP 2020 and your constant support and advice to us. We seek your blessings and support as in the past to march ahead, please.

Our Honourable Minister Sir, during his last visit to our College, a few days ago convened a meeting with the Heads of Departments and offered valuable guidance for the development of the institution. Sir has carefully listened all our grievances and assured to address them. The important one is the long pending promotion issues (implementation of CAS). Sir has taken this in to consideration. However, I once again submit this request to you Sir, for your kind perusal, please.

At this juncture, with this brief report, I thank our Honourable Minister Sir, MLA sir, all the higher authorities for allowing me to serve as Principal in this prestigious institution. And I thank all, on the dais and off the dais, for their

kind cooperation in all possible ways for the successful celebration of this event.

Jai Hind.