LADY DOAK COLLEGE
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(An Autonomous Institution Affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University)
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“College with Potential for Excellence”

Newsletter 2011

Merry Christmas!
Dear Friends and Alumnae,

When I look back at the year 2011, I stand with a spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude to the Lord Almighty, for His fulfilled Promises, and abundant Provisions that He had showered on our institution, the Lady Doak College. I am delighted to share with you an overview of the significant events, achievements of our faculty and students in the year 2011.

WE ARE OFFERING THE FOLLOWING NEW COURSES / PROGRAMMES FROM JULY 2011

- B.Com. Professional Accounting (by the Department of Commerce)
- PG Diploma in Counselling and Psychotherapy (by the Department of Social Sciences)
- M.Sc. Nanoscience as an interdisciplinary programme - jointly offered by the Departments of Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology and Biotechnology.
- Certificate course in Fashion Designing
- Diploma in Creative Fashion Designing

EXTERNAL FUNDING……..

- A grant of Rs. 5 lakhs by UGC for “Sports Equipment” under the Scheme “Development of Sports Infrastructure and Equipment” during 11th Plan Period”.
- A grant of Rs. 12.5 lakhs by UGC for establishing a Centre for Media Enhanced Teaching & Learning.
- Rs. 75 lakhs by UGC under CPE for its continuation of the 1st phase of CPE status under the XI plan.
- A grant of Rs. 50,000 from Malcom & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust, Chennai to Department of Economics, for the purchase of Sanyo Projector with Tripod Stand and Interactive CD ROMS.
- UGC has awarded a grant of Rs. 2.5 lakhs for the introduction of Foundation Course (2 – 3 months) under the Scheme of Human Rights Education under UGC XI Plan
- UGC has sanctioned Rs. 1.05 lakhs to the Department of Social Sciences for conducting the national seminar on “Learning Disability : Approaches, Challenges and Provisions”
- UGC has sanctioned Rs. 37,500/- to the Department of History for conducting the “National Seminar on Tourism – Innovation and Prospects”
- A grant of Rs.6.74 lakhs was sanctioned by UGC for Centre for Women’s Studies.
• DBT has awarded a grant of Rs. 10 lakhs for strengthening of Life Science and Biotechnology Education under Star College Scheme.

• TNSCST has sanctioned Rs. 10000/- to the Department of Zoology for conducting a State Level Workshop on “Good Laboratory Practices”

• United Board (UBCHEA) has sanctioned grants for two of our proposals: US$ 6000 for ‘Carbon Foot Printing’ in Thathaneri and US$ 3,000 for ‘Action Framework for Parthenium Control’ for the academic year 2011 – 12.

• TNSCST has sanctioned Rs. 20,000/- to the college for conducting a Science Exhibition for School Students.

Special Event

To refresh our curriculum relevant to the present context, we wanted to learn how competence building can happen in today’s trends and challenges in Higher Education. Hence a national conference was conducted by our College on 30th Sep. & 1st Oct. 2011. Presidential address was given by Padmasri Dr. S. Sivaram, Former Director & CSIR Bhatnagar Fellow, National Chemical Laboratory, Pune on the topic “Integrated Science Education – the need of the hour”. Lecture on “Sustainability in Higher Education” was given by Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai, Founder, Secretary and CEO, The Mahatma Education Society, Mumbai. Another lecture on “Power of Interaction in the class room the need of the hour” was given by Dr. E. Ram Ganesh, Associate Prof., Dept. of Educational Technology, Bharathidasan Univ., Trichy. Dr. E. Balagurusamy, Member (Education), Planning Commission, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Former Member, UPSC, New Delhi and Former Vice Chancellor, Anna Univ., Chennai delivered the Valedictory Address. The resolutions of the conference were submitted to Dr. Balagurusamy for consideration by the Planning Commission. 25 papers were presented by the external and internal members out of the total 119 participants.

We have made a humble beginning of Establishing an Art Museum

Coins used during different Dynasties ruled over India and the Photos of Monuments have been purchased for the Museum.

The college conducted the two training programmes with a grant from UGC –CPE Scheme Training in Preservation of Artifacts in April 2011 and Training in Performing Art for students in Silambattam and Bharatham in May 2011. 50 students attended.
Highlights of Faculty Achievements:

- **Six** of our faculty members have been awarded Ph.D. Degree
- **Six** have been recognized as Research Guides by Madurai Kamaraj University
- **Three** have been awarded the research grants
- **Six** have successfully completed the National Eligibility Test (NET) for Lecturership.
- **Two** of our research scholars have been awarded the Doctoral Fellowship by DST and ICSSR.
- **Dr. S. Ananathammal**, HOD of Tamil has been awarded the “Thiruvalluvar Virudhu 2010” by Kaviarasar Kalai Tamil Sangam, Namakkal
- **Dr. S. Vasantha**, HOD of Chemistry has received the Best Teacher Award 2011 by the Chemical Research Society of India.
- **Dr. S. Srisudha**, Associate Professor in Botany, has been honoured with the “Rashtriya Gaurav Award” along with a ‘Certificate of Excellence’ by India International Friendship Society, New Delhi.
- **Ms. Mathia** of Chemistry Department was granted the Summer Research Fellowship by IASc, Bangalore, INSA, New Delhi and NASI, Allahabad
- **Ms. Kusum Mary George** of Social Science Department has been selected for the NCERT Doctoral Fellowship 2011, New Delhi.
- **Twenty-one** research papers were published by our faculty members
- **Eleven** members have gone abroad to present papers / participate in International Conferences

**SPECIAL INITIATIVES TAKEN FOR THE STUDENTS**

**10-day Crash Course on ‘English for Communication’**

An online English test was conducted for the I UG on the day of admission. Based on the scores 550 students were selected for the bridge course. Thirty teachers drawn from all departments and two PG students were involved in conducting this course after a two-day training.

**Summer Training on Fundamental Techniques in Basic Sciences (under the Star Scheme by DBT)**

Summer Training on Fundamental Techniques in Basic Sciences was conducted in May 2011 for 100 selected students from I UG Sciences.
DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

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National level workshops were conducted by the Department of Zoology and Biotechnology on “Global Threat of Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases” and “Docking of Small Molecules” in Jan and March 2011 respectively.

話し唯
Ten State Level Programmes were conducted by various departments.

話し唯
Eight training programmes were conducted for faculty and students by some of our departments.

話し唯
Special programmes and exhibitions were organized for School Children by few of our departments like Social Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, Biotechnology, Botany, Zoology, Chemistry and History.

話し唯
The Department of Social Sciences organized an extension programmes with Bethashan Special School (School for Special Children) on unified sports and with the children of Christian Mission Child Development Centre.

COLLEGE CENTRES PROGRAMMES:
Similar to the Departments, Centres also organized different programmes this year.

話し唯
One day state level workshop on “Women in Political Participation” was organized by the Centre for Women’s Studies in Jan. 2011. The Centre also conducted a Leadership Workshop in collaboration with AM Academy and MKU on the theme ‘My Journey to Leadership’ in March 2011. 300 women studies students participated in this workshop.

話し唯
Centre for Entrepreneurship Development conducted a Skill Training Programme on “Jewel Designing and Lamasa Art Work” in March 2011 under the CPE supported scheme of Employability Skills and Programmes.

話し唯
Audio Visual Committee conducted a five-day course in June 2011 on “Documentary Film Making”.

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A two day workshop for the faculty on “Personal Effectiveness” was organized by the Guidance and Counselling Unit in August 2011. A similar one was conducted for another set of faculty in Dec. 2011.

話し唯
CHRD conducted a faculty seminar on “Backward Design : Principles and Practices for Curricular and Course Design for Enhancing Student Learning” in January 2011. Dr. David Jafee and Dr. Glenn Shive, the Full Bright Professors deputed by UBCHEA were the resource persons.
67 students were placed in reputed organization through the campus interview conducted by the Career Guidance and Placement Centre. The interviews were conducted by the companies such as CIT (IT IS), WIPRO (WASE), ILM, iGATE, WIPRO (WIMS), WIPRO (WISTA), etc.

Ms. Jazmin Guerrero, from Oberlin Shansi is the new Director for the International Study Center (ISC) for the academic year 2011 – 2013. She is conducting a semester long programme on “Learning Japanese Language. The ISC’s Christmas Celebration was held on 20th Dec. 2011.

SPARKLING ACHIEVEMENTS BY STUDENTS:

Our vibrant students brought many laurels to the college this year.

Ms. Jaanu Surendran of II B.A. English has attended a 6-week exchange program entitled “Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for student leaders on Women’s Leadership at University of Kansas in the United States in June 2011. Selection for this programme was done by US Embassy.

Four of our II MSW students as a team, received a Fellowship amount of Rs. 18,000 for their project on ‘Women and PHCs in Madurai’ by IWID - Initiatives : Women in Development.

Ms. V. Rajeswari of M.Sc. Zoology and Ms. V. Kavitha of M.Sc. Biotechnology have been selected for INSPIRE Fellowship funded by DST for 5 years (being the Rank Holders in their Masters Programme).

M.C. Rishya Kulya of III UG Physics was ranked in the top 1% out of 6730 candidates enrolled at 184 centres in India in the National Graduate Physics Examination 2011. Hence she was given the Certificate of Merit by Indian Association of Physics Teachers.

Thirty six students from various departments attended the Summer Training Schools at various institutions.

A number of our students participated and presented papers in the national and state level seminars and won prizes.

Overall Shield was won by the Physics students at the PHYONICS 2011 conducted at Sermathai Vasan College, Madurai in Aug. 2011. The Botany students won the shield at the ICERT 2011 – A State level Inter-collegiate Technical Symposium conducted by Sri. R. Ramasamy Naidu Memorial College, Sathur in Aug. 2011 and the BBA students won the shield at the Inter Collegiate Meet held at ANJA College, Sivakasi in Sep. 2011.
Seven students have been selected at the national level by the National Science Academies for Summer Research Fellowship.

Sivagami @ Sindhu of II Biotechnology has been selected as the Best Student of NSS in the Mega NSS Camp conducted by National Level NSS in June 2011 at Pune.

The students from Centre for Music won the second place in Aachi’s ‘Sing the Season 2011’. They were awarded Rs.30,000/- cash prize. It is an annual intercollegiate singing competition conducted at the state level by Vijay TV. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkXd_NHxfh0&feature=related](Aachi Sing the Season 2011 audition Lady Doak College(9003))

Our students participated in a debate programme ‘Perithinum Perithu Kezh’ conducted by Vijay TV and won the 1st prize. This show was telecasted on 17th & 18th Dec. 2011. It can be viewed in [http://www.rajtamil.com/2011/12/perithinum-perithu-kel-17-12-11-vijay-tv-show/Perithinum Perithu Kel 17-12-11-Vijay TV Show](Perithinum Perithu Kel 17-12-11-Vijay TV Show).

**International Student Exchange for Academic Credit Transfer**

Jane Elsie Susan of Social Sciences and Aarthy of English did their one semester Student Exchange Programme at Mary Baldwin College, Virginia, USA, from Jan. – May 2011

Saraswathi, Nandhini and M. Gayathiri of I MSW successfully completed their summer programme in May 2011 under International Student Exchange Programme with Renison College, University of Waterloo, Canada

The two cadets Shekira Ramdass and Tyla Stormes from Mary Baldwin College, Virginia, USA are presently doing their Study Abroad Programme from Dec. 2011 to April 2012 at Lady Doak College.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

_tick_ Our college is the **only college** to receive all the Trophies awarded in a year by the Madurai Kamaraj University. University Blues Champion Trophy has been consequently retained by our college from the year of its inception (except the year 2003-04) for contributing **51 University Players**. The Madurai Kamaraj University **Inter Collegiate Aggregate Team Championship Trophy**, was retained for the past 20 years (except 2003-04).

_tick_ Our players participated in the M.K.U Inter Collegiate athletic meet and won the **Mother Annociate Trophy** for the 7^{th} consecutive year and also won the Madurai Kamaraj University **Inter - Collegiate Athletic Team Championship** with 76 points.

_tick_ B. Suganya of III B.Sc. Mathematics won the MKU **Individual Athletic Championship** with 18 points. She bettered her MKU Triple Jump 2010 record (Old Record 10.80 mts and New Meet Record 11.06 mts)

_tick_ Our students received the Championship Trophies in Basketball, Table Tennis, Ballbadminton, Weight Lifting, Hockey, Kho-kho & Athletics and Runner up Trophies in Football, Handball, Volleyball, Kabbadi, Swimming & Badminton in the **MKU Inter Collegiate Tournament** held at MKU.

_tick_ 5 students won the Second Place in the Senior South Zone Inter State Hockey Tournament held at Andra Pradesh during March 2011.

NATIONAL CADET CORPS

_tick_ SUO A. Bhaarathi - III B.Sc. (CA) and CUO S. Esther Mercy - II B.Com attended the **Republic Day Parade** Camp, Delhi.

_tick_ SUO A. Bhaarathi - III B.Sc. (CA) participated in the **Prime Minister Rally**, RDC Cultural Programmes and NIA Presentation and received a Cash Award of Rs. 3000/-.

_tick_ CUO S. Esther Mercy - II B.Com received Rs. 2000/- Cash Award and participated in Delhi **RDC Parade** and won the First Prize in SW Drill.

_tick_ Sgt. R. S. Gayathri – III B.Com CA participated in the Thalsainik Camp at New Delhi and won **Gold Medal**.
CUO V. Shanmuga Priya - III B.Com received the Best Cadet Award and DG Commendation from the Delhi Directorate.

**INAUGURAL OF THE STUDENT UNION COMPRISING OF ELECTED AND NOMINATED STUDENT LEADERS**

It was held on 14th July 2011. Dr. Rani George, (former faculty of Department of Social Sciences) Dean of Graduate School, Albany State University, Albany, USA, was the Chief Guest.

**ALUMNAE MEET – BENGALURU CHAPTER**

An Alumnae Meet was conducted at Bengaluru on 27th August 2011 at the United Mission Junior Degree College, Bengaluru. 20 staff members from the college attended the meet. 55 alumnae of different age groups ranging from 77 years to 20 years attended the meet with their family members.

**THE INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES FOR INTERNSHIPS, VISITS, INITIATING COLLABORATIONS, ETC.**

- Ten Korean students from **Seoul Women’s University, South Korea**, in Jan. 2011 for Service-Learning Internship.
- Prof. Martha Rampton and her team of 13 members from **Pacific University, Oregon**, in Jan. 2011 for Socio Cultural Programme
- Prof. Dilafruz Williams and her team of 12 members from **Portland State University, Portland, Oregon**, from 26th Jan. to 14th Feb. 2011 for Socio Cultural & Service-Learning Exposure Programme
• Prof. Carl Jacobson, The Director & Ms. Deborah Cocco, Associate Director of Oberlin Shansi Programme, Oberlin College, Ohio, in Feb. 2011

• Prof. Yoshi Hongo from International Christian University, Japan in Feb. 2011 to finalize the MoU.

• Dr. John Webb, Deputy Director, Australia India Institute, Melbourne was on campus on 25th Feb. 2011 to have an interactive session with faculty on “Indo-Australian Collaborative Research”.

• 6 Church Leaders from American Madura Mission visited our college on 8th Feb. 2011. A Special Reception was organized and a brief history of American Madura Mission in the form of a documentary slide show was presented.

• Jim and Jane Moore were on campus on 16th & 17th of March 2011 to have interaction with the LPNI Scholarship students.

• Dr Alexander J Kent, Senior Lecturer in Geography and GIS, from Canterbury Christ Church University, UK was on campus from 15th to 21st June 2011 for exploring the possibility of a Collaborative Research Project on GIS with LDC and Canterbury Christ Church University.

• Dr. Rani George (former faculty of Social Science Dept.) from Albany State University, Georgia, USA, was on campus from 13th to 16th July 2011. During that period she handled different sessions : Student Life in US, Writing Innovative Research Proposals and Strategic Planning for Fund Raising.

• Six Korean students from Seoul Women’s University, South Korea, were at Lady Doak College for their service-learning programme from 10th July to 5th August 2011.
• Two Japanese students from **International Christian University**, Tokyo, Japan, from 10th July to 6th August and two Chinese students from **Chung Chi College**, Chinese University, Hong Kong, from 14th July to 6th August, were at Lady Doak College for their service-learning programme.

• **Ms. Gita Ponnusamy** (alumna of English), Lecturer of Bahrain Polytechnic, Bahrain, was on campus in the month of July 2011 to undertake a survey with students from Government schools who are doing English as Second language for her doctoral studies in Education at the University of Phoenix, Arizona, USA.

• A team of 17 members under the leadership of Dr. Aditi Samarth from **Richland College, Dallas, USA**, were on campus for the United Nations Millennium Development Goals Exposure Programme from 16th to 19th July 2011.

• Six Bishops from United Christ Church and four Board Members from Global Ministries with Dr. James Vijayakumar visited our college on 8th Dec. 2011. They had a campus tour and they were entertained by our Cultural Show.

• Dr. Ishio, the Director of the Service Learning Centre of International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan visited our college on 25th & 26th of Nov. 2011 in order to strengthen the Service-Learning Programme between the two institutions.
• Rev. Canon James G. Callaway, D.D. & Dr. Linda Bright Lankewicz, the General Secretary & Chairperson of CUAC, New York visited our college with Dr. Spurgeon, the Secretary of the India Chapter CUAC (the Chaplain of MCC) on 10th & 11th of Nov. 2011 to learn more about Lady Doak College for initiating a network with CUAC Member Colleges.

We are proud of our former faculty and our former student...

 Wei Our former Faculty of the Department of Economics, Dr. Manorama Talaiiver who is now the Director, SVRTC, Longwood University, has received the ‘Computational Thinking Teacher Leader Award (SC 2011)’. [http://www.longwood.edu/2011releases_39654.htm](http://www.longwood.edu/2011releases_39654.htm)

 Wei Our former student from the Department of Chemistry Dr. Sakunthala Samuleson who is currently the Principal of MS Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Bangalore has been recipient of the Best Paper Award in the 4th National Women’s Science Congress held at Bangalore. The Times of India publication of this event can be viewed at [http://epaper.timesofindia.com/Repository/ml.asp?Ref=VE9IQRcuMjAxM58xM58wOSNBcJAwMjAx](http://epaper.timesofindia.com/Repository/ml.asp?Ref=VE9IQRcuMjAxM58xM58wOSNBcJAwMjAx)

As an institution we have a concern for protecting the environment and so we have initiated the following “Go Green” initiatives...

 Wei Paper Recycling Unit

 The waste paper at the college level is collected and recycled in the unit established by the Department of Botany. The recycled paper is only used for printing invitations for all College Programmes and Department Programmes. The Unit also had sales on Christmas & New Year Greetings made with this recycled paper.

 Wei Waste Management on Campus

 This year being the International Year of Chemistry, the Department of Chemistry has taken an initiative to launch an Eco Project on Plastic Recycling which has a focus in its first phase on the Judicial Usage, Segregation and Safe disposal of Plastic. This project goes hand in hand with the waste management through aerobic oxidation of the waste leading to the preparation of Compost.
Energy Conservation through Solar Street Lamps
We have installed 34 Solar Street Lamps (32 : 12 Watts + 2 : 30 Watts) to Conserve Electrical Energy.

GIS Projects:
- A GIS lab established by the Department of Physics undertakes geo- mapping of social, medical and environmental aspects for the various research projects and provides geo information on other aspects whenever possible.

Research Activities
- Environmental Health Initiatives in Sellur (a particular region in our city, which has a thick population) – sponsored by UBCHEA for year 2010 – 2011.
  o Carbon Foot Printing in Thathaneri – a Cremation Center in Madurai
  o Action Frame Work for Parthenium Eradication in Thondamanpatti – an adopted village of the College
  o Management funded interdisciplinary projects on Environment


International Conference
We are also organizing an Interdisciplinary International Conference on Science, Society and Sustainability with a theme on “Many Species, One Planet and Posterity” from 11th to 13th January 2012.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
December Tenth 2011, was an evening of carols, readings and tableau depicting the birth of Jesus Christ. Dr. Prabhu Singh from Chennai shared the word of God on the theme “His Name…. The Prince of Peace”. The Carol Service was followed by a dinner for the entire LDC Community with their families.

May this season of Christmas bring new insights in us and enable us to share God’s love through our service. May this New Year enable us to brighten the lives of many through Holistic Education!

A. Mercy Pushpalatha
Principal & Secretary, LDC.