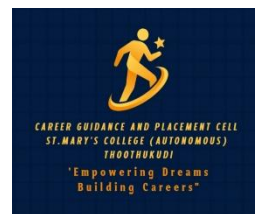




**ST.MARY'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), THOOTHUKUDI**  
**CAREER GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT CELL**  
**REPORT**  
**2024-2025**



**Report on Mega Job Fair 2024: 28.06.2024**



The Mega Job Fair 2024, organized by St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation and Naan Mudhalvan Statewide Placement Programme, on 28.06.2024 was a resounding success, attracting more than 300 job seekers and nearly 30 companies from diverse sectors. The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest Rev. Sr. Dr. C. Shibana, Secretary, and Guest of Honor Rev. Sr. Dr. Jessie Fernando, Principal, along with Rev. Sr. Josephine Jeyarani, Director of SSC, and Rev. Sr. Ezhilarasi, Deputy

Principal. The job fair offered a platform for candidates to engage directly with industry professionals, participate in on-the-spot interviews, and attend workshops to enhance employability skills. The fair's highlight was the issuance of offer letters for more than 200 deserving candidates, demonstrating its immediate employment impact. The event's success is credited to the dedicated efforts of the Career Guidance and Placement Cell of St. Mary's College, coordinated by Dr. Flora, and the support of Mr. S. Dinesh, Naan Mudhalvan Placement Manager. Their work ensured a seamless event, supporting the professional aspirations of students and the local community.

## **Report on An Awareness Programme on Navigating and Empowering Futures”:9.7.2024**





The Career Guidance and Placement Cell organised a meeting titled "An Awareness Programme on Navigating and Empowering Futures". This gathering was empowered by District Employment and Guidance Cell Thoothukudi in the Auditorium on 9.7.2024 from 2.00 - 3.30 p.m. in our esteemed institution St. Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi. This Forum was presided by various active Speakers from the District Employment and Guidance Cell Thoothukudi namely Mrs. M. Petchiammal Assistant Director and Mr. S. Syed Mohammed Employment Officer who provoked on the various government employment opportunities available for students in the current scenario. Finally an address by Mrs. Amutha Sreenivasan Counsellor and Psychotherapist who indeed motivated the students in achievement of great standards through her motivational words. This meeting was headed by Dr. A. M. Sonal Assistant Professor Department of Tamil along with her organising committee members. This event received its great support and favour from our Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. Jessie Fernando who also indeed a pillar of great strength for the Forum. All the final year students of both under graduate and postgraduate cadre were the participants of the gathering.

### **Report on Orientation Programme on Competitive Examination Exposure Test:16.7.2024**



The Career Guidance and Placement Cell of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, organized an orientation program titled "Competitive Examination Exposure Test (CEET)" on July 16, 2024, in the college auditorium from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. The event was led by Mr. Ganesa

Subramanian, Director of Ganesh IAS Academy, Thoothukudi, under the esteemed guidance of the Principal, Rev. Sr. Dr. Jessie Fernando. The program was targeted at final-year students across various departments, aiming to provide insight into competitive examinations. Mr. Ganesa Subramanian emphasized the importance of UPSC exams, highlighting their role in securing employment in various government sectors. He also outlined the numerous opportunities available for students to succeed in these exams, sharing valuable strategies and insights. This initiative was organized by Dr. A.M. Sonal, Assistant Professor of Tamil, with the support of the organizing committee.

### **Report on the Inauguration of the Coaching for TNPSC Examination :**



On July 30, 2024, the Career Guidance and Placement Cell of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, inaugurated the "Coaching for TNPSC Examination" programme. The event, held in the college auditorium, aimed to provide comprehensive guidance and training for students aspiring to succeed in the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC) examinations.

Rev. Fr. Sagesh Santhiya, Project Director, Fisherman Association, Thoothukudi, Mr. S. Petchimuthu, Khins Aademy, Thoothukudi, and Mr. R. Sivaguru Nathan, Department of School Education, Thoothukudi graced the inaugural function as the resource persons.

Rev. Fr. Sagesh Santhiya delivered an inspiring talk emphasising the importance of determination and hard work in achieving one's goals. He highlighted that unwavering dedication is essential for success in competitive examinations and stressed the importance of continuous personal development and learning.

Mr. S. Petchimuthu, known for his expertise in the field of education, shared valuable insights on effective study techniques and time management. He advised students to adopt a structured approach to their studies, focusing on key areas of the TNPSC syllabus. He highlighted the importance of building self-confidence and maintaining a positive mindset.

Mr. R. Sivaguru Nathan provided a comprehensive overview of the TNPSC examination pattern and strategies to excel in it. He underscored the necessity of setting clear, achievable goals. He emphasised the effective use of available resources, including study materials and coaching classes. He shared anecdotes of individuals who overcame challenges through persistence and resilience.

The inauguration of the "Coaching for TNPSC Examination" programme was a resounding success, with students expressing their appreciation for the insightful and motivational talks delivered by the distinguished guests. The Career Guidance and Placement Cell of St. Mary's College remains steadfast in its commitment to provide students with the resources and support needed to excel in their academic and professional endeavours.

### **Report on Inaugural Ceremony of Typewriting Course:22.8.2024**



The inaugural ceremony of the free typewriting course at St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, was a notable event organized by the Career and Placement Cell. The event was held on 22.8.2024 with the aim of equipping students with essential typing skills to enhance their employability.





The ceremony was graced by distinguished guests and dignitaries, including Rev. Sr. Josephine Jeyarani - Director of the Self-Supporting Stream, who performed the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Rev. Fr. Amalan - Financial Administrator of St. Thomas Institutions, who offered a blessing for the course. Rev. Sr. Dr. C. Shibana - Secretary Rev. Sr. Dr. Jessie Fernando - Principal of St. Mary's College ( Autonomous) were the great inspirers for the event to take place graciously. This event was organized by the Career and Placement Cell, led by Dr. Sonal, Assistant Professor of the Tamil Department, along with her dedicated team. The primary beneficiaries of this initiative are the students of St. Mary's College( Autonomous). The course is expected to greatly enhance their employability by providing them with a critical skill set required in various administrative and professional roles.

## **Report on Entrance Exam Conducted by Ganesh IAS Training Academy on 23.8.2024.**



An entrance exam for UPSC training admission was conducted in collaboration with Ganesh IAS Academy on August 23, 2024, at St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi. Fifty students participated in the exam, with the top five performers set to receive free training. The remaining students will be offered a seven-month training course for a fee of ₹7,500. The exam was conducted under the supervision of Dr. A.M. Sonal, Assistant Professor of Tamil and Head of the Career Guidance and Placement Cell, assisted by Dr. J. Arul Jesti, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Dr. K. Mary Vino Lobo, Assistant Professor of History, and Dr. J. Shoba, Assistant Professor of Zoology.

## **Report on Orientation Programme : Company Secretary(CS) held on 9.9.2024**





On September 9, 2024, the Career Guidance and Placement Cell at St. Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi organized an orientation programme focused on the Company Secretary profession. The event was held in Fatima Hall, led by Dr. A.M. Sonal and Dr. Bhanumathy, Head and Associate Professor of Commerce, along with their dedicated team. The esteemed resource person for the event was Mr. R.S. Dravida Gokul, an Executive (Academics) from the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Noida.



The orientation aimed to:

- Educate students about the role and significance of Company Secretaries in corporate governance. Provide insights into the qualifications, examinations, and career pathways available in this profession.
- Encourage students from Commerce and Mathematics backgrounds to explore this viable career option enhancing employability.



Mr. R.S. Dravida Gokul delivered an informative session covering the responsibilities and functions of a Company Secretary in various organizations. Detailed information on the



qualification process, including necessary exams and training. Potential career opportunities and growth in the field, along with the skills required for success. The session included an engaging questioning / answer segment, where students posed questions regarding the profession, study strategies, and job market trends. Mr. Gokul provided thoughtful responses and practical advice. The orientation primarily benefited students from the Commerce and Mathematics departments, equipping them with knowledge about the Company Secretary profession and its potential career pathways. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. Students expressed appreciation for the depth of information provided by Mr. Gokul and found the interactive format to be particularly helpful in clarifying their queries. The Orientation Programme on the Company Secretary profession was a significant success, providing valuable insights to students and promoting awareness of this essential career path.

### **Report on Kalvith Thiruvizha Conducted by Career Guidance and Placement Cell on 14.10.2024.**



The Kalvith Thiruvizha was successfully conducted at St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi on 14.10.2024 in the Fatima Hall bringing together students aspiring to excel in competitive examinations, particularly the UPSC exam. This event was organized by the Career Guidance and Placement Cell in collaboration with the Ganesh IAS Training Academy under the great support of our secretary Rev.Sr.Dr.C.Shibana, Our Principal Rev.Sr.Dr.Jessie Fernando. The event saw participation from students majoring in History, Economics, and Mathematics, along with faculty members and representatives from the organizing bodies. The highlight of the meeting was the motivational talk delivered by the chief guest, Mr. Michael Gerald, an esteemed IRS officer. His address focused on understanding the UPSC Exam. Mr. Michael Gerald elaborated on the structure and components of the UPSC exam, emphasizing the importance of thorough preparation and a strategic approach. He shared his personal journey and the challenges he faced while preparing for the exam, motivating students to remain persistent and dedicated. Practical tips were provided on effective study habits, time management, and the importance of self-discipline in the preparation process. He encouraged students from History, Economics, and Mathematics to leverage their strengths and integrate interdisciplinary knowledge into their preparation.



After the talk the top five students who attended the CEET exam conducted by Ganesh IAS Academy were awarded with certificates for securing their scholarships offered by the academy. The gathering was also further addressed by Mrs.Monica who provided her knowledge upon the different tiers of exams to be pursued under UPSC.The question session was handled by Mr.Ganesh ,the head of the academy where the students raised their queries and vulnerable solutions were offered.



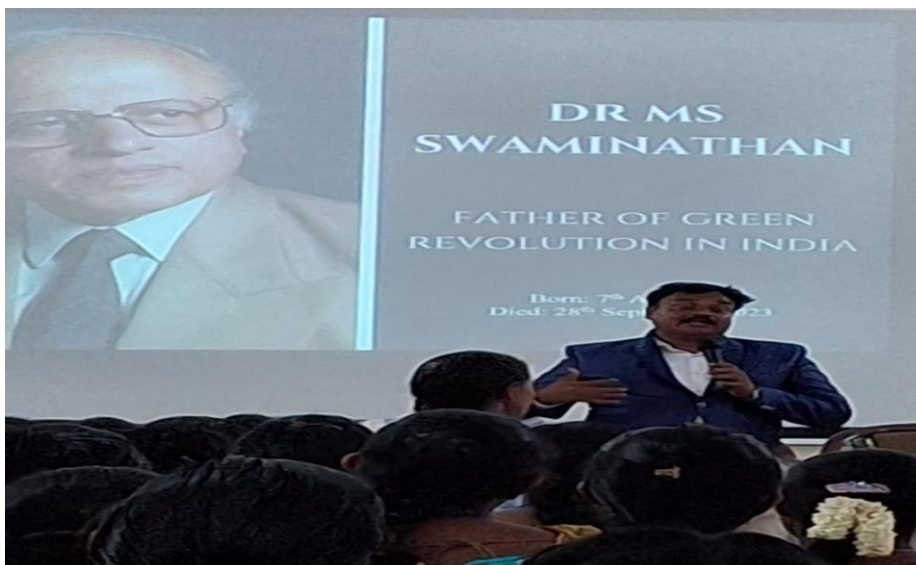
Students actively engaged with Mr. Gerald during a Q&A session, seeking advice on various aspects of preparation and career paths in civil services. The interaction fostered a sense of community and enthusiasm among attendees. Finally the session was concluded with the college anthem.



**Report on Guest lecture : “Career Prospects for Students of Arts and Humanities dated 8.10.2024.**



On October 8, 2024, a guest lecture on “Career Prospects for the Students of Arts and Humanities” was held in the Star Hall St.Mary’s College(Autonomous) Thoothukudi featured Dr.C Ravinder Singh, Chief Scientist of Research and Innovation at Aakash Plantations LLC, Business Bay, Dubai



The session focused on the various employment opportunities available in the banking sector, both at the national and global levels. This event was organized collaboratively by the Microbiology Department of St. Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi and the Career Guidance and Placement Cell, led by Dr. A.M. Sonal, Assistant Professor of the Tamil Department, along with her team. Dr. Singh provided insights into the evolution of the banking industry, discussing its critical role in the economy and the myriad of career paths it offers.

He elaborated on the differences between national and international banking roles, highlighting the skills and qualifications needed for each. The lecture covered various job roles available within the banking sector, including investment banking, risk management, and retail banking. The session was well-attended by students from the Department of Commerce, including both regular and SSC stream, students of English, History, and Economics. The interactive nature of the lecture encouraged students to engage actively, ask questions, and gain clarity on their career aspirations.



The guest lecture was a valuable opportunity for students to explore the banking sector's vast potential. Dr. C. Ravinder Singh's expertise and insights inspired many attendees to consider various career paths in banking. The collaboration between the Microbiology Department and the Career Guidance and Placement Cell showcased the college's commitment to providing holistic education and career support to its students. Overall, the session was a success, fostering a deeper understanding of the banking industry's opportunities and equipping students with the knowledge to navigate their future careers effectively.



## Report on Exploring Pathways to Higher Education on 28.2.2025.



A special session on "Exploring Pathways to Higher Education" was conducted with great enthusiasm and participation on 28.2.2025 in the Auditorium. Mr. Santosh Kumar delivered an insightful talk focused on the various aviation courses and career opportunities available in the field. He highlighted the increasing demand in the aviation industry and elaborated on specialized programs such as pilot training, aircraft maintenance engineering, cabin crew training, airport ground operations, and aviation management. The Pathway was guided by our esteemed Principal Rev. Dr. Jessie Fernando and Dr. Sonal Assistant Professor of Tamil Department took the lead in co-ordinating the protocol with the assistance of the Career and Placement Cell Team. The session was highly interactive, with students engaging actively and posing numerous questions about course eligibility, fee structures, career growth, and job placement prospects. The speaker and his team patiently addressed all queries, making the session informative and inspiring for aspiring students. Overall, the session served as a valuable guide for students exploring their future academic and professional pathways, especially those inclined toward the dynamic field of aviation.. This plan of action was addressed to the final year students of various departments.

## **Report on Campus Interview and Internship Awareness Program Organized by Career Guidance and Placement Cell on 27.3 .2025**



The Career Guidance and Placement Cell of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, organized a significant career-oriented program in the month of March to bridge the gap between academics and the professional world.

In collaboration with Infosys and Centum Foundation, the cell organized a session titled "Unlocking Internship Opportunities: Bridging Students and Industry" on 27th March 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the College Auditorium. The session was graced by the presence of Mr. Prathap and Ms. Jeniffer from A2000 Solutions Pvt. Ltd., who served as the Chief Guests. They shared valuable insights into the importance of internships, industry expectations, and how students can enhance their employability through hands-on experience.

The inaugural session included warm wishes from: Rev. Sr. Dr. C. Shibana, Secretary, Rev. Sr. Dr. Jessie Fernando, Principal, Rev. Sr. Dr. M.S. Ezhilarasi, Deputy Principal, Rev. Sr. Josephine Jeyarani, Director, SSC. The program was convened by Dr. A. M. Sonal, Assistant Professor of Tamil and her team members.

Mr. Prathap and Ms. Jeniffer from A2000 Solutions Pvt. Ltd. conducted the recruitment process, which saw enthusiastic participation from students. Several candidates had the opportunity to showcase their skills and qualifications, and many left the interview hopeful for positive outcomes.



## Report on Campus Interview Organized by Career Guidance and Placement Cell April 5th 2025.



The Career Guidance and Placement Cell of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, successfully organized a Campus Interview on 5th April 2025 at 9:30 a.m. The event took place in the college auditorium and was exclusively conducted for the final-year students of Arts and Science disciplines. The program commenced with an inaugural address delivered by Rev. Sr. Dr. Jessie Fernando, Principal of St. Mary's College. In her inspiring speech, she emphasized the significance of campus placements as a stepping stone towards a successful career and encouraged students to seize the opportunity with confidence and preparedness. The event was graced by the presence Rev. Sr. Dr. C. Shibana, Secretary Rev. Sr. Dr. M.S. Ezhilarasi, Deputy Principal Rev. Sr. Josephine Jeyarani, Director, SSC.



Dr. Sonal, Assistant Professor from the Department of Tamil and her placement team, coordinated the event and served as the point of contact for queries and arrangements. The session witnessed active participation from enthusiastic final year UG and PG students who arrived well-prepared with updated resumes, showcasing their skills and aspirations to potential recruiters. Various organisations enlisted in the Placement recruitment were TP Solar Tirunelveli, Tech

Mahindra,Sathya Technosoft Thoothukudi,Michael's Academy Salem,E-Kids International ,PSsS Mobile Manufacturers, HDFC Insurance Kamal Health Care.etc..The event concluded on a positive note with appreciation from both recruiters and students for the well-organized platform that bridged the gap between academic learning and professional opportunities.The event truly echoed the quote displayed on the event poster:“The biggest opportunity one can have is, to grab the right one at the right time.”