



## St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi

### Students' Council

### Report 2024 -- 2025

The academic year 2024 - 2025 began on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 for UG and II PG students. The college commenced for the first UG students on 26<sup>th</sup> June and for first PG on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024. The members of the college administration addressed the students, about the rules of the College. The heads of various disciplines briefed about their departments.

St. Mary's constitutes a Students' Council Union which acts as a liaison between the students and the management. Under the artistic supervision of the Students Council Advisor Dr.S.Mary Baptista Janet, members and office bearers, the council actively engaged the Marian students in leadership programmes through activities related to the institution and ensured disciplined participation. The UG Fresher's Day was organised on 26.06.2024 in order to welcome and encourage the students to inculcate the habit of writing, minimize memorization and to improve application-oriented learning and also to address the fresher's about the discipline to be followed in campus, to emit positivity in the study-process and to hold the key for character building. **Orientation Programme** on Dare to Lead, Ethical Enlightenment and Dream to Achieve was organized on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2024.



**The Students Council election** was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024. All the UG students casted their e-votes in the presence of the members of the Administration, and Students' Council Advisors. Ms. V. Nancy Vidhula Fred, III B.com., Ms. F.MariaRishaline, III B.Sc. ComputerScience and Ms. J. Klency, III B.A. English were elected as the President, Secretary and Vice- President respectively for the aided stream and Ms.G.Nithya Sri, III B.Com , Ms. D.Irudhaya Snowy, III B.Sc. Microbiology and Ms. J.YesuAbinaya, III B.Sc. Psychology were elected as the President, Secretary and Vice- President for the self-supporting stream respectively.



**The investiture ceremony** was held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The office bearers of Students' Council, along with the representatives of students' body, presidents, secretaries of various associations, clubs and forums assumed office in the presence of the chief guest Rev. Fr. Kirupaharan, Director, Inigo Press & Diocesan Social Media Coordinator, Matha TV, Thoothukudi. A tableau based on the theme of the academic year, "Ignite Integrity", was staged to emphasize goodness of "integrity" among the students.



**Talentia 2024**, an event to unfold the talents of the first year undergraduate students was held on 23rd and 24th of July, 2024 where 61 teams showcased their talents on-stage.



**78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day** was celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Mr. Bhagat Singh, Assistant Marine Officer (Rtd) hoisted the flag. Every member of the college pledged the Oath led by the Principal.



The 77-year-old institution was filled with an air of festivity and accomplishment on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024 as the esteemed institution celebrated its **43<sup>rd</sup> Graduation ceremony**. Dr. Pa. Moorthy, IPS, DIG of Police, Tirunelveli Range conferred the degree certificates to 756 candidates from UG and PG programmes of 2023 batch from various streams.





To foster multicultural harmony among students and to make them aware of different cultural heritage, the **Onam festival** was celebrated on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024.



On 17<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas carol** competition was held to celebrate the spirit of Christmas through music and camaraderie.



**The sales day** was held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 with great enthusiasm. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Bala Swaminathan, Former President of the Federation of Tamil Sangam, North America. The day showcased a vibrant array of hand made products, food items and crafts prepared by Students reflecting their creativity and entrepreneurial skill. The highlight of the day was the noble cause behind the event as the entire amount was contributed to charity embodying the true spirit of giving during the festive season.



**Christmas day** was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024. Rev. Fr. Nazarene Promilton Lobo, Director, St. Joseph's Charity Institute, Adaikalapuram graced the occasion with his Christmas message.

On January 13, 2025, a vibrant and culturally enriching **Pongal celebration** took place, marking the auspicious harvest festival observed by the Tamil community. The celebration adorned with colourful traditional decorations, vibrant rangoli patterns and symbolic agricultural motifs, creating an inviting atmosphere that captured the essence of Pongal. The event showcased a myriad of cultural performances including traditional music and dance.





St.Mary's College witnessed the celebration of the **76<sup>th</sup> Republic day** on the 26th January 2025. Rev. Fr. Amalan, Financial Administrator, St. Thomas Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Thoothukudi, unfurled the National Flag in commemoration of the celebration.



A two-day “**Marian Art Fest 2025**” was celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Ms. Sylvia John, Managing Partner inaugurated the fest setting the stage for culturally enriching



experience. Dr. A. Chandra Pushpam, Senior Announcer, All India Radio, Tirunelveli, delivered the valedictory address and distributed the prizes. A total of 24 competitions were held under the theme of the year, Integrity. The highlight of the festival was the outstanding participation of nearly 1352 students exemplifying their creativity, dedication and team work to display the artistry and intellect making the festival an unforgettable experience. The PG and Research Department of English (Regular) emerged as the overall trophy winner for group events, while the Department of Commerce (Regular), secured the overall trophy for individual and dual events. These accolades highlighted the exceptional talents and collaborative spirit of our students.



The **44<sup>th</sup> Graduation Day ceremony** was held on 01.03.2025 marking a significant milestone in the academic journey of our graduands. The event was graced by Shri. S. Michael Jerald, IRS, Additional Director of Income Tax (Investigation), Madurai. A total of 699 students comprising 577 UG and 142 PG students successfully completed their academic program in the

year 2024, They have graduated achieving a commendable pass percentage, reflecting the Institution's commitment to academic excellence.

**The Annual Day** was celebrated along with the **Valedictory Ceremony** on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Smt. Bharathi Sridhar, a distinguished alumna and Astro Counselor was the chief guest. Bestowal was given to the retiring faculty Dr. S. Euchrista Immaculate Sylvia, Dr. L. Jacqueline Leo and Dr. V. L. Stella Arputha Mary along with Mrs. K. Smily Muraiz, S. G. Lab Assistant . Mrs. A. Lucas Rexceline who completes her 25 years of fruitful service was also felicitated. Prizes were distributed to the students for their best performances. The audience were entertained by varied cultural events.

On 11<sup>th</sup> April **Initiation ceremony** was held. The president of the student union crowned the crowning glory of our institution Mother Mary. With prayer and dedication our youngsters were devoted into the Alma Mater's fold. The Alumnae president initiated the final year students into the Alumnae Association of St. Mary's College. The students affirmed their loyalty to their Alma mater by taking the pledge. The programme was concluded with the College Anthem.

