VIRUDHUNAGAR HINDU NADARS' SENTHIKUMARA NADAR COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), VIRUDHUNAGAR.

ACADEMIC & ADMINISTRATIVE AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023

An Academic & Administrative Audit is an integral part of the dynamics of higher education to achieve and maintain academic excellence. All the higher education institutions subject themselves to the process of Academic & Administrative Audit every year, as per the norms of the University Grants Commission. Virudhunagar Hindu Nadars' Senthikumara Nadar College (Autonomous), Virudhunagar undergoes this process periodically by an External peer team. The team comprised of Dr. J. Annaraj, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Materials Science, School of Chemistry, Madurai Kamaraj University, Dr. U. Ramesh, Head, Department of Molecular Biology, School of Biological Science, Madurai Kamaraj University, Dr. R. Ganesan, Principal, P.K.N. Arts and Science College, Department of Microbiology, Tirumangalam and Dr. R. Sudhakar, Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli.

The members of the Audit Committee visited the College on 12-04-2023. The team paid a visit to all the departments, Laboratories, Library, Sports Complex, Administrative office of the College and other offices related to various academic bodies. The members of the team interacted with the representatives of Management & Governing Council, the Principal, Co-ordinator – IQAC, Deans, Controller of Examinations, Teaching Staff, Non Teaching Staff and Students and assessed the academic and administrative performance of the College.

The committee's assessment is given below:

The formulation of the vision and mission of the College, keeping in view of the physical, intellectual, psychological and social welfare of the students from socially and economically backward region, has been successfully transferred to all its stakeholders. The College, affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University, is re-accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC. The College offers 24 UG Programmes, 15 PG Programmes and 3 UGC funded B.Voc. Courses.

It is praiseworthy that 11 departments of the college are recognized as research centers by Madurai Kamaraj University and they actively engage themselves in research activities in their respective field.

The Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) is followed in the college both for undergraduate programmes and Post graduate programmes which provide opportunity for the students to secure credits in various subjects in major, allied and inter-disciplinary subjects according to their aptitude and requirements. Almost all the departments offer self-learning subjects to their students which enable them to gain extra credits after the successful completion. Moreover, the students and teaching faculty are encouraged to enrol themselves in NPTEL online courses to enrich their knowledge in their chosen subjects and acquire technical skills, apart from their curriculum, and extra credits are awarded to them after the successful completion.

As the institution is an autonomous one, the curricula of all the programmes are revised periodically and are designed to cater to the industrial requirements and foster the holistic growth of the students. Feedback is collected from the students on the courses, teachers and on the infrastructural facilities of the college, which helps the institution to introduce new courses that suit the requirements of the students in the current scenario and make necessary amendments in the existing curricula and develop the amenities of the college. The feed back obtained from the staff on their respective head of the department and on the Principal facilitate a cordial rapport among them.

The college carries out its admission procedures, according to the norms of the government, giving priority to the meritorious students, sports persons, economically backward and physically challenged students, without availing any capitation fee.

To keep the students and staff updated with the recent trends and growth in their respective field, a number of seminars, conferences and workshops are organized by all the departments with the financial assistance of the management and various funding agencies. It is laudable that the College Organized 19 Conferences and Seminars.

This faculty enrichment and several need – based awareness programmes, training and workshops have been the integral part of the College academic activity.

The research activities in the College flourish incredibly in this period, producing a significant number of Ph.D. Scholars and publishing research articles in reputed, peer – reviewed journals and UGC – CARE list journals. The staff actively involve themselves in the teaching learning process by developing a lot of E-learning contents for the benefit of the students. The outgoing students are given proper training and guidance to fetch employment opportunities. The well – equipped infrastructure, the relevant curricular, co-curricular and extra – curricular activities in the college add to the potentiality of the College.

An Administrative Audit was also conducted. The personal registers of the staff, inward and dispatch registers were checked. Accounts were verified particularly for the funds received from the funding agencies. Inordinate delay has not been observed in clearing of files.

There exists a harmonious relationship among the management, the teaching and the non-teaching staff and the students. The overall ambience and the initiatives taken by the institution are very impressive and conducive for fostering quality higher education.

Recommendations:

- More Self finance programmes can be introduced in the forthcoming academic year to cater to the requirements of the society.
- Each department can plan to introduce more innovative courses in their curriculum so as to enable the students to seek employment.
- Students are to be encouraged to prepare and appear for competive examinations conducted by UPSC, TNPSC, Bank, Railways etc.
- Each department may create a profile of the students to keep record of the academic performance of the students, their attendance, achievement and deficiencies.

- Regular remedial classes may be conducted for improving the results of the slow learners.
- Faculty may be encouraged to apply for international and national research projects and grants to the various funding agencies.
- The college may explore the possibilities of collaborating with other research institutes to enhance quality research.
- All the departments need to be encouraged to take initiatives to sign MOUs with other institutions.
- Faculty and students are to be motivated to enrol themselves in MOOC courses like SWAYAM, NPTEL etc.

The team expresses its profound gratitude for the earnest co-operation rendered by the Management, Principal, Teaching Faculty, Non-teaching staff and students enabling the team to execute this academic exercise successfully.

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