

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

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**ACADEMIC AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021**

As per the norms of the UGC, all the higher education institutions subject themselves to the process of Academic Audit which emphasizes self-reflection & self-improvement. It encourages the institution to evaluate its quality of education and produce, assure and regularly improve the quality of teaching and learning. Virudhunagar Hindu Nadars' Senthikumara Nadar College (Autonomous), Virudhunagar, undergoes this process time to time by the peers from outside the institution. The Team comprised of Dr. S. Kannan, Professor & Head, Department of Zoology, Periyar University, Salem, Dr. S. Kalidoss, Associate Professor, & Head Department of Animal Science, M.S. University, Tirunelveli, Dr. U. Ramesh, Assistant Professor & Head (i/c), Department of Molecular Biology, Madurai-Kamaraj University and Dr. R. Ganesan, Principal, P.K.N. Arts and Science College, Tirumangalam.

The report of IQAC pertaining to the year 2020-2021 regarding the activities of the college has been sent to the members of the peer team priory.

Due to the pandemic situation, the team interacted with the representatives of management and Governing council through online mode on 02-09-2021. The team also interacted with the Principal, Co-ordinator-IQAC, Deans, Controller of examinations and assessed the academic and administrative performance of the college.

**The committee's assessment is given below:**

The vision and mission of the college has been effectively transferred to all its stakeholders, which leads to the physical, intellectual, psychological and social development of the students from socially and economically backward area. The College, affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University, is re-accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC. It is laudable that ten departments of the college are recognized as research centers and actively engage themselves in research activities.

The Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in the college provides flexibility to the students to secure credits in a variety of subjects in major, allied and inter-disciplinary subjects according to their aptitude and requirements. The self-learning subjects offered to the students by their departments enable them to gain extra credits after the successful completion. Moreover, the students are encouraged to enrol themselves in NPTEL online courses to enrich their knowledge in the subjects chosen and acquire technical skills, apart from their curriculum, and extra credits are awarded to them after the successful completion.

The curricula, revised periodically, are designed to cater to the industrial requirements and foster the holistic growth of the students. Feedbacks are obtained from the students on the course, teachers, infrastructure of the college, which helps to introduce new courses and develop the amenities of the college. The feed backs received from the staff on their respective head of the department and on the principal facilitate a rapport among them.

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

Though the Covid-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented crisis in all areas, especially in the field of education, the college has adapted to the situation rapidly and the teaching learning process and all the other activities in the college are conducted online such as examinations, training, faculty development programmes, skill development programmes etc., It is notable that the faculty have adapted themselves to evolving technology- centered teaching and delivering what the students expect. In addition, a phenominal number of webinars, workshops, quizzes and competitions, both national and international level, are conducted and thus due importance is given for the enrichment of the students as well as the staff even at the time of pandemic situation. These webinars form an integral part of the college academic activities.

The outgoing students are given proper training and coaching side by side to fetch employment opportunities. Further, 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. The staff actively involve themselves in the teaching learning process by developing a lot of E-learning contents for the benefit of the students.

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 impressive and conducive for fostering quality higher education.

**Recommendations:**

- It is recommended to draw a prospective plan of development for academic expansion & infrastructure augmentation for the next 5-10 years.
- Faculty may be encouraged to submit more research projects to the various funding agencies.
- The college may explore the possibilities of collaborating with other research institutes to enhance quality research.
- Each department can design the courses in the curriculum in such a way that they will help the students to attain employability skills and seek self-employment.
- Consultancy services may be offered to industries and the public since all the staff have great potential in their field.
- Students are to be encouraged to prepare and appear for competitive examinations conducted by UPSC, TNPSC, Bank and Railways.
- Final year students may be given adequate training in interview techniques.

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- All the departments need to take necessary steps to sign MoUs with other research institutions and companies and give adequate exposure to the students about the current scenario in the field of education.
- Each department may create a profile of the students to keep track of the academic performance of the students, their achievements and deficiencies.
- The college may provide Wi-Fi facility all over the campus for the benefit of the students and separate Wi-Fi zone may be established in the campus for girls and boys apart from the hostel area.
- The college may plan to introduce online MCQ Test for students in order to assess the proficiency of the students in their chosen subjects and equip them to face the competitive examinations.
- The college can implement blended learning in the curriculum, wherever possible.

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

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