

Annai College of Arts & Science

Annual Report

2016

College literally means coming together, here coming together of students and faculty in a learning situation. It was the dream of one man called Prof. Anwar Kabir to create a learning situation for the socially and economically challenged students from the rural hinterland of Kumbakonam, under the rubric of Annai College, in the year 2001. This young man, who was hardly 30 years at the inception of the college and who himself comes from a rural background, was consumed by the vision to create a learning facility for rural students and the result was Anna College of Arts & Science, a Temple of Learning in Kumbakonam, a city of Temples.

When the College was launched with a meager number of enrollment (159) in the year 2001, there were many detractors. But this man of vision stood by his decision and today the 3500+ strong Annai College of Arts Science College is a standing monument to the wisdom of this man of vision.

Annai College invited the NAAC to assess its performance under 8 criteria. The committee of Experts was satisfied with its performance under majority of criteria and recommended the award of B Grade. It was outstanding for a 13 year old college.

One of the weak areas, pointed out by NAAC, was the area of research and MOUS. After much efforts we were able to identify a foreign University for interring into a Memorandum of Understanding for exchange of Scholars, sharing of knowledge etc. The official representatives of Taiwan Ocean University entered into a MOU with Annai College. This MOU would certainly give an impetus to the research activities in the campus.

Another remarkable milestone crossed in the history of Annai College was the achievement of acceptance of Annai College under 12-B of the UGC Act. This opens up various avenues for the college faculty to obtain projects for the college. These projects would improvement the quality of equipments in the relevant science laboratories and in the process, the quality of research also would improve.

One of the attributes which enhances the brand value of an institution is the ability of the institution to obtain University ranks by its students. In this connection, Annai College has an enviable record and there has never been a year when the college did not get a University rank. It is interesting to note that these ranks are distributed over all departments in the campus. During the Last academic year our college bagged 45 University Ranks.

Bharathidasan University, to which Annai College is affiliated, conducts a cultural fest every year and it is popularly called the BARD (BDU) FEST. The Cultural team of the College was determined to secure a place or two in this cultural meet where in more than 100 colleges participate. The Management obliged him by sanctioning a sum of Rupees. 1,00,000/- towards the purchase of equipment and engaging experts to coach the students in different departments like dance singing etc. For the first time in the 15 year history of our college, we were able to win the second place in Photography and the first place in Tamil oratorical contest. This was a humungous achievement, considering the fact that it is a rurally situated colleges, with limited access to experts from cities. The Management is now determined to go for more laurels in the next Bard Fest.

For the first time in the 15 year old Annai College, Permanent Affiliation was obtained from the Bharathidasan University. This affiliation for Departments on a permanent basis is essential for the recognition under 12-B of the UGC Act. Hence it is worth noting that Permanent Affiliation has been granted for the Department of Biotechnology, the Department of Computer Science (CS), the Department of Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), the Department of Physics, the Department of Chemistry and the Department of Microbiology. We propose to obtain Permanent Affiliation for the Department of English in the academic year 2016-2017.

Another creditable performance by Annai College is the grant Ph.D. Programme in the Department of Microbiology and Tamil. The fact that these two Departments have upgraded as Research Departments, indicates that these two Departments have adequate number of Research Advisors with Ph.D., qualifications. We propose to upgrade the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Biotechnology as Research Departments since they are already manned by Ph.D., holders.

Library is one of the most important Learning Resource Centres and no wonders our Management pays special attention to adequate stock of books in the

college Library. It is a matter of pride that we have added more than 15,000 books during this academic year.

Due to growing number of enrolment, we introduce new courses and additional sections to the existing programmes. We Introduced Post Graduate Programme in Chemistry and additional sections in the Department of M.A., English and the department of Hotel Management. We propose to introduce B.Com (Regular), M.Com and M.Sc., Physics in the academic year 2016-2017.

Dr.J. Sharmila, Principal, BDU constitute college for Women, spoke on PHP scripting language. The seminar was organized by Department of BCA on 29.12.2015. Students questioned on various aspects of PHP. The speaker also explained how to create and use PHP variables, construct strips. Access environment variables. The session was interactive and interesting.

On 4th May 2015, the Department of BCA organized a seminar on computer graphics and multimedia. Dr.V.Sangeetha, Associate Professor was the resource person. The students were also given practice training on Computer Graphics and also in multimedia technique.

A seminar on PHP scripting language was organized by the Department of BCA on 02.01.2015. Prof.K.Kannagi, Fom Poombukar College was invited for this seminar:

Environment Scientist from DRDO, Prof.Krishna kumar was invited for Cyber Nova on 14th Oct 2014 by the Department of BCA. More than 200 students Participated in this seminar. The Seminar was more interactive and the invitee expressed his satisfaction about the interest of students.

Mr.Jafer Ali, the Vice president of Dubai Islamic Bank visited for campus on 7th Feb 2015, The department of commerce took the initiative for this seminar with the assistance and guidance of prof.M.Najimudeen. The chief guest explained the functioning of the Islamic Bank. even though interest is not paid to customers.

The Youth Accounting Association of Commerce department had conducted several events. To list a few are Accounting quiry competition, Business quiry. AD-Zap, Intra-Dept Elocution competition, connection Programme, Enrichment Programme for final year B.Com students.

The seminar on Translation was organized to expose the students of English Literature to the theoretical perspectives on Translation and also help them to apply the theoretical inputs to work on their own and translate some passages.

The Resource person, Prof. Kamarasu, did a good job and helped the students to appreciate the nuances of translation.

On 15th July 2015, the Department of BCA organized a seminar on the purpose of the seminar was to help the students to understand the way data are stacked and employed in algorithms. The Resource person delivered a lucid presentation of the technical details of data structure like sorting Algorithms, Searching Algorithms, Linked List, Tree Data Structure, Hash Tables, Stacks, Queues etc.

Students raised questions and the proceedings and the proceedings were enlivened by the patient responses of the Resource person.

On August 03 2015, the Department of Commerce conducted a Seminar on Financial Literacy for young investors. Mr.S.Rajkumar, Financial Education was the Resource person. He explained to the students various advantages of trading in stock exchanges.

An International Seminar was organized by the Department of Biotechnology and Microbiology at Annai College of Arts & Science, Kumbakonam, on 26th December 2014, in the MBA Seminar Hall. The Seminar was attended by 200 students from Biotechnology, Microbiology and Biochemistry Departments. Dr. P. Mani, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, delivered the welcome address and introduced the speakers to the gathering. Dr. Karthik Loganathan, M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D., Scientist, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China-200030, delivered his lecture on Nanobiotechnology. Dr. Durairaj Sekar, M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D., Research Scientist, University of Camerino, Italy, delivered a lecture on Cell Biology. Finally, Dr.D.S.Prabha, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, delivered the vote of thanks. The first lecture detailed the theoretical and practical knowledge on Nanobiotechnology. It also explained the basic and experience and knowledge in the field of Cell Biology.

The School of Bioscience, Annai College of Arts & Science, Kumbakonam, organized a one day seminar on 20th June 2014 at the MBA Seminar hall. This programme was supported by the college management and 120 students, from Biotechnology, Microbiology and Biochemistry, actively participated in this Seminar. Dr. D. S. Prabha, Assistant Professor and Head, School of Bioscience, delivered the welcome address. Dr.T.Ramanathan, Senior Assistant Professor, CAS in Marine Biology, Annamalai University, Parangipettai, delivered his lecture on Tissue Culture

Technology. Dr.R.Shanmugapriya, Assistant Professor, School of Bioscience, delivered the vote of thanks. The Lecture highlighted the importance and need for plant tissue culture.

The School of Bioscience, Annai College of Arts & Science, Kumbakonam, organized a one day Seminar, on 14th July 2014, at the MBA Hall. About 206 students from Biotechnology, Microbiology and Biotechnology eagerly took part in this Seminar. Dr .D.S. Prabha, Assistant Professor and Head, School of Bioscience, delivered the welcome address. Dr.R.Pragashraj, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology & Biotechnology, A.V.V.M Sri Pushpam College, Poondi, delivered a special lecture on 'r-DNA Technology'. Dr.D.Elamparithi, Assistant Professor, School of Bioscience, delivered the vote of thanks. The Lecture explicated the basic behind rDNA Technology and also it focused on how rDNA will impact the future. The speaker stressed the importance of the technology in various fields like industry, pharmacy, gene therapy and gave a brief description on how rDNA works.