

Significant Achievements of V.O.Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi, Tamilnadu, India

V.O.Chidambaram College rooted in the pearl harbour of India, Thoothukudi was instituted by Kulapathy A.P.C Veerabahu as a tribute to the great freedom fighter V.O.Chidambaram in 1951. The college with its management ingrained in the principle of non-commercialisation of education takes education to the disadvantaged sections of the society. The incumbent Secretary, Thiru. A.P.C.V.Chockalingam, who assumed the office on March 31st 1982, has taken the onus of carrying out the legacy of the Founder Secretary for nearly forty years amidst all financial constraints and has been the torch-bearer of non-sectarian principles for the yester year and the present generation of students and faculty members.

The college strives to make the significant, sustainable and socially responsible contribution to the society and the nation at large. It serves as a centre of knowledge by providing the highest-quality and research-oriented teaching and learning that enable the students and faculty to be exceptional individuals equipped to address global challenges. This tradition of excellence and innovation is evident from the ranks bestowed upon the college. **The college had been ranked 77th and 68th by NIRF India Rankings 2019 and 2020 respectively.** This ranking is done based on the research carried out in the institution. In *India Today* (A renowned Weekly Magazine in India) **Ranking 2019**, the college has been ranked 67th position under Science stream and ranked first in colleges with the lowest course fee in BBA, ranked 2nd in colleges with best value for money in BBA and ranked 3rd in colleges with the lowest course fee in Science. The college has been

continuously taking strenuous efforts to reach the path of excellence.



V.O.Chidambaram College has been headed by the most vibrant Principal Dr.C.Veerabahu, from the year 2012 till date. The Principal has been elected unanimously by the Principal's association as a Member Syndicate, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. The Principal also has been endowed with the **Best Principal Award 2019** for his significant contributions to the institution building process as illustrious career, a role model management academic who is well respected among the community of students, researchers and faculties. **This award has been conferred by the Institute of Scholars (InSc Awards) an ISO 9001:2015 Certified Institute by**

International Accurate Certification, Accredited by UASL), Bengaluru, Karnataka. Under his exemplary leadership the College had been re-accredited by NAAC with A grade, with CGPA score of 3.31 out of 4 in 2017. UGC has selected the college to act as a National Research Centre with a grant of Rs. 88,00,000/- under the STRIDE scheme component 1 for the promotion of research for the development of the socio-economic conditions of the nation. The college has been approved as a mentor institute by NAAC, Bangalore and also as distinguished mentors by UGC, New Delhi, under the PARAMARSH scheme to sensitize the importance of NAAC and its reforms to non accredited institutions. A numerous number of MoU have been signed for infrastructural developments and to assist students launching their career in reputed organisations - to mention a few MoUs with Bharathidasan University, Trichy, Tamilnadu, IECD (Institute for Entrepreneurship and Career Development), Fisheries College and Research Institute (FCRI) affiliated to Tamilnadu Dr.J.Jayalalitha Fisheries University, In@Word for Multi linguistics Learning Centre, ONGC as a part of CSR scheme and Study in India (SII) and A Flagship Program by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, as a partner institute in sharing our expertise with overseas students.

The college right from its inception has received the fund to the tune of Rs.7.54 Crores from various funding agencies like UGC, CSIR, DBT, DST, ICAR, MOES, NESC, ICSSR towards Institutional Infrastructural Development Schemes, Teaching and Research Schemes like conducting Projects, Seminars, Conferences and Workshops etc. The college has the pride of Ten Departments being elevated as the Research Centres.

The College also has the pride of contributing to the development of the extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. The college has the State-of-Art infrastructure like Multi-purpose Gym and an Indoor stadium constructed by the UGC Fund and a Synthetic Tennis Court constructed by the Management Fund to meet with the Sporting and Fitness need of the Staff and students alike.

The Department of Sports and Physical Education has carved a niche for itself in the field of sports by winning many Inter-University Championship, National Level Championship and also students winning Gold Medals in National Level Tournaments.

The College has a well-established Youth Welfare Department which brings out the latent talents of the students who win laurels in District Levels, State Levels and also Runner up in National Level Cultural Events.

V.O.Chidambaram College feels immensely proud and delighted to work under the dynamic leadership of Dr.C.Veerabahu, who passionately strives towards achieving excellence in academics and administration.