

College Day Annual Report

2016 - 2017

It is my proud privilege to stand on the hallowed lands of Adyar, sanctified by the toil of 100 odd Brothers, for over 140 years and present the record of just one institution out of a total of 24 run by the blessed **Brothers of St. Patrick in 7 countries all across the globe.**

I stand here in the benign presence of the **Bhishma Pitamaha** of the Patrician Family – Superior Bro.M.K. Francis; I am here in the intimidating presence of **Dr. Sudha Seshayyan** – a scholar par excellence, and a surgeon by training. She strides two worlds like the colossus – the stirring poetry of Kamban and the grim world of Gray's anatomy.

I took over as Principal of Patrician College of Arts and Science with effect from 01.07.2016 and I am here to present the 2016 – 2017 Annual Report of the College to the discerning Chief Guest, to the trusting parents, to the watchful media, and the higher education officials.

What was planted as a tiny seed in the June of 2001, with 155 students 12 teachers, as an adjunct of the prestigious and a kindly accommodative St. Michaels school, has grown today into an institution catering to the Higher education needs of 1492 men students and 675 women students. What began with 5 academic programmes, has now **grown like the celebrated Adyar banyan tree** and stands before you with 10 UG programmes, 3 PG programmes and 2 Research Programmes. Our contribution to **the Gross enrolment Ratio – GER** has been increasing significantly. In 2005 – 2010 our enrollment was only 1539 in 2016 it has shot to 2170 marking an increase of 41 %.

The UGC's **NAAC**, National Assessment and Accreditation Council, crowned the Patrician College with the top notch '**A**' **Grade** in 2016. With that recognition bestowed on us by a convinced team of serving and retd. vice chancellors, our responsibilities and commitment have increased in terms of numbers and intensity. Instead of resting on our laurels, we have sought **Autonomous status from the UGC** and our mother of all universities – the Madras University. Our papers are pending with the Madras university for over 22 months, now and I hope, the parent University would soon get into the action mode and grant us what we justly deserve and enable us to break new grounds.

Winning quality, branded '**A**' cannot be a one – time affair. We are conscious that ensuring quality is a perennial process. The College does this in a variety of ways – overcoming a variety of onslaughts on us, onslaughts on us both man – made and natural.

The second semester was particularly challenging in terms of lose of teaching days – the vardah cyclone stuck us; a Chief Minister so dear to the masses passed away; a mass protest that turned the nation's focus to Marina went on and on. Moreover newer and newer smart phones were flooding the markets, and are doing their best to dull smart young minds. The Patrician community of teachers and students fought academic disruption caused by the aforesaid events as one man. The combined efforts of Patrician teachers and taught have paid good academic dividends as evidenced by the end semester examination results.

The **overall pass percentage**, as assessed by the Madras University for 2013 – 2016 stands at **80.69%** and marks an increase 6.59% over and above the performance of 2012 – 2015. In 2015 – 16 the Patrician College contributed a total of **418 new graduates** for the job market.

The Patrician **family of teachers consists of 87** men and women. Of them **23** are **Ph.Ds**; **22** more are **NET** qualified. **44** hold **M.Phil** Degrees, **22** are **pursuing Ph.Ds**. They have won many awards for their academic excellence.

As part of our resolve to continue 'A' Grade quality, we subjected ourselves to an **External Academic Audit**. 26 serving and retired Principals, drawn from established colleges in Chennai, conducted an External Academic Audit on 6th October 2016 commencing with the scrutiny of the performance of the Principal. The many valuable suggestions made by the external academic audit team have already been implemented by a management, ready to see reason in academic demands and loose its purse strings liberally.

In our quest for massification of higher education, and in our desire to grow, we have asked the parent University to permit us to offer additionally five **new UG Programmes from the next academic year** – B.Com (Accounting & Fin), B.Sc Electronic Media, BCA, B.Com (Gen) and B.Com (Corp Sec). We have moved the Tamil Nadu Music University for permission to offer B.A. Western Music. If all goes well, we will be the first academic institution in Tamil Nadu to offer B.A. (Western Music) course.

All Departments on campus are in possession of **Laptops** and state – of – the art **smart boards**. The departments of English and Commerce, stand thoroughly renovated, and are the envy of their friends on other campuses.

The Brothers of St. Patrick are keen to ensure the safety of students, give them good education and shape them into men and women of moral fibre. Spending lakhs, they have put in place a new software, which informs the parents, at 8.45 a.m. every single day, whether their child has come to the college or not. The **96 CCTV cameras** installed on campus and at the entrance, help even the Police holding jurisdiction, to step up surveillance.

The college cares for the welfare of its students in a comprehensive manner. It has organized a **free dental camp, free eye screening** and an exclusive health and hygiene camp for girl students. The hematological profiles of all girl students were carried out to rule out iron deficiency in association with Malar Hospital.

The college Management ever sensitive to the needs and aspirations of the students, and in fulfillment of the PTA wish, appointed a very qualified and competent person **Dr. V.S.Anita as a counseling psychologist**. She has been holding in camera meetings with students requiring emotional support and therapy and is doing the needful on scientific lines.

The two new **RO water plants** ensure safe drinking water for all students on campus. The students requested a new facility – Nets for cricket practice, a new long jump pit and repairs to the football field. The management, I record thankfully has spent a total of 45,20,000/- (Rupees Forty Five lakhs twenty thousand) this academic year towards infrastructural improvements.

The college believes in providing more security measures during the days of protest and strike. On the day Jallikuttu protest turned violent, 1400 parents were contacted in a span of less than 40 minutes and all the students were personally handed over to their respective parents.

The college acts in close co-ordination with the parents. The **PTA**, led by Dr. Ayyasamy, a renowned orthopedican, a Patrician product himself, meets with the Management and the Principal. The PTA has held five meetings so far. In the meeting held with individual parents on the comprehensive welfare of their children, a total of 1560 parents took part in the one to one consultations, which are very fruitful.

The **placement cell has enabled 100 students** get comfortable jobs. The Placement cell initiated 9 needy students to receive scholarship a sum of Rs.10000/- each.

The Patrician College of Arts and Science is a strong believer in inculcating leadership qualities in our learners. We conducted Student Union Elections in an open and fair manner. The **Student Council was inaugurated by Thiru. Arun Sundar Dayalan, IAS**, a Tamil Nadu Officer. They raised funds, way of small in sum, but tremendous in intent. I must record to the credit of my students, that they ensured free and fair elections, evolved a cohesive and well – knit student union council which listened to the management with reverence and to the Principal with respect. Remarkably young in years, Mark Angelo and his nine members team, hit upon the idea of 'Build Life Foundation'.

These senior students are in no need to be told of any UGC diktat on ragging. They welcome the **freshers** with flowers, music and dance. **Col T.L Kumar**, Sr Security Officer, HVF Avadi, a pride of India was the Guest of Honour.

This academic year saw some very noteworthy events. The college keen to motivate our students towards joining the Civil Services like the IAS and the IPS and formed a '**Centre for Preparatory Excellence for National Civil Services**' in the sacred name of Bro. Aloysius. Thiru. S.Nagarajan IAS, Director 'e' Governance, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and the 1996 National Topper in the UPSC examination was the Chief Guest and he inaugurated the Bro. Aloysius Centre on 01.08.2016. Thiru. S.Saravanan, IAS Ms.J Jose Antro Healtha, IFS were the other guests of Honour. The talk given by Ms.Nitya Selvakumar on why and how to become an IAS officer held the students spellbound. Superior Bro. M.K.Francis planted a sandal sapling on our campus to mark the occasion.

The College, without any financial assistance from the UGC or the MHRD, carries out whatever the UGC wants Higher Education institutions to do. It has set up **HEPSN**, a centre to enable students with special needs to complete Higher Education, Shri N.S.Venkatarmanan, Founder, Nandhini Voice of the Deprived and Mrs. Harini Vasanthan vision Rehabilitationist sensitized the neurotypical students to the needs of special children and adults. I must add with pride that PCAS has been truly inclusive in its approach and has admitted 21 students with dyslexia – Comprehensive Learning Disability – into UG PRogrammes to which they fit in.

A very noteworthy research work is carried out by seven students of this college, in developing user friendly portals for parents of special children. This is a project carried out in collaboration with the Paris – based '**Centre for Interdisciplinarity Research' affiliated to the University of Paris**. I am happy to state that Patrician College of Arts and Science is planning to sign an MOU with the Paris-University affiliate.

Another noteworthy effort of the college in the Add – on certificate programme of 3 months duration given in collaboration with the **Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industries on 'Introduction to Logistics'** 34 students of Commerce and Corporate Secretaryship underwent the programme and were awarded certificates by the MCCI after completion of many rounds of evaluation.

The Departments of Commerce and related subjects held a **conference** on the aftermath of demonetization. Experts who talked included **VMA Murali** of the ICWA and Dr.R.K. Raghavan, Former Director, CBI.

The department of Social Work conducted a two –day **international conference on 'Including the Differently – abled'** bringing experts from France, Germany, UAE and Indian activists to address issues relating to meaningful inclusion.

The Department of English is **celebrating Shakespeare** and his relevance 400 years after the bard's demise. Veteran Indra Parthasarthy is going to be the guest of honour on 08.03.2017, when our students are going to shower in the soliloquies of Shakespeare and walk in Elizabethan costumes.

On 07.03.2017, the college is celebrating **International Women's Day** by honouring Dr. Shantha, Founder of the Cancer Institute and Sr. Jecinta, Principal, Stella Maris for their services. Specialists are going to talk on 'Law for Indian Women' and Cyber Safety for Young Women.

Extracurricular activities

For the first time in the history of the college an **intercollegiate cultural festival was held. Named Phantasia**, the mega event was held on 28th & 29th September 2016 in which many teams drawn from 45 colleges and universities took part. The Patricians as host institution put up only guest performances. The Management generously supported Phantasia with funding and logistic support.

Our students are excelling in sports and showcasing their talents in **sports** at international and national, state, and zonal level.

Our student Shurdan Sivakumar of II B.Sc (Psychology) played Tournaments in the USA for Last Three Years. At present he trains and counsels tennis players in Havefords College at Villanova University International (US Consulate Chennai). He is a managing committee member with ATP Chennai and IPL Sunrises Hyderabad.

I take this opportunity to record my sincere thanks to the **Vice Chancellor of the Tamil Nadu Sports Dr.A.M.Moorthy** for gracing the college Sports Day as the Chief Guest.

For want of time I am not reading out the reports of 18 Clubs and Associations.

In conclusion I must make some observations. It calls for sustained and co-ordinated efforts on the part of educationists, institution builders and parents in joining hands to wean away our youngsters from the inbuilt dangers lurking in communication technology, in the use of which the elders are learners and the youngsters are past masters. Unguided, there is every danger of our youngsters turning into rumour mongers, hate merchants and consumers of 'e' waste of a virulent type. The lure of frivolous information peddled through social media is the reason for a mere 50 students of this college, taking a simple examination on the Life of Mahatma Gandhiji. The Patrician College assures the parents that we will continue to be with you in this sacred work of Channeling the energies of their children.

For all our praiseworthy work, I say that they were made possible by Superior M.K. Francis, Bro. Sebastian, Former Director, Bro. O J Joseph Present Director and my teaching and non teaching comrades. For any inadequacy you notice, and for any particular rough patch that we went through, I accept entire responsibility.

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Mr.Patrician:

S.Jayaram[3rd B.Sc (Viscom)]

Ms.Patrician:

Eeshika Moitra [2nd B.A (English)]

Mr.Evoluzione:

Praveen Kumar.R[2nd B.Com(CS)]

Soundarajan.M [2nd B.com (CS)]

Ms.Evoluzione:

Uma Mageshwari[2nd B.com(CS)]

Kamaleeshwari[1st B.com (CS)]

Overall winner:

B.Sc (Visual Communication) – 170

Overall runner-up:

B.Com (Corporate Secretary) - 150