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Editorial:

It's a delight to share with you all that we are here with the second issue of the Inhouse Samachar 2025-2026, the official newsletter of Meenakshi College for Women. This issue captures the essence of the marvellous events and the achievements of the various departments of the college from the month of November to March. As a student editor, it has been a rollercoaster and also got an opportunity to learn a lot through this process. We hope that we are successful in bringing to you not just a record of events, but also the spirit of our college community—the enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication that make Meenakshi College for Women a vibrant space of learning and growth. Each page of this issue reflects the collective effort of students, faculty, and staff who have contributed their time, talent, and energy to make our endeavours meaningful.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr Jayanthi S, Head, Department of English, and Ms Sunitha S Rao, Assistant Professor, Department of English, for their constant support and patience in guiding us through the process. A special mention to all the Student Unions and friends who have helped us throughout the process.

With this second issue of Inhouse Samachar 2025–2026, we reaffirm our commitment to documenting and celebrating the life of our institution. May this newsletter continue to inspire, connect, and remind us of the remarkable journey we are all part of.

COLLEGE EVENTS

Golden Jubilee Celebration:



The Founding day was celebrated on 3rd December 2025. A terrific event in torrential rain.

Dr Sowmiya Anbumani graced the event as the chief guest. The event celebrated the founder, Dr K. R. Sundararajan and his great contributions to the institution and the field of education. Students were given scholarships on account of the event. The parents of scholarship holders were also present. The chief guest

recollected her memories with Dr KRS and also appreciated how, despite the heavy downpour, everyone managed to come and made the program a grand success.

Navy Day Celebration 2025:

On 5th December 2025, Navy Day was celebrated. It was conducted as a career awareness program. Mr V.P. Senthil, Commander, Indian Navy, delivered a lecture and gave valuable guidance, which helped students gain clarity about various career opportunities and prospects in the Navy. He also shared a video clip based on the Navy, which was released by the President of India the previous day. He enlightened the students on the role of the Navy, various departments in the Navy, and the missiles and different kinds of aircraft in the Navy. He also briefed on the career opportunities available in the Navy for students of various streams. It was a highly interactive session, and Mr V.P. Senthil answered every question that was asked of him. He was very much impressed by the kind of questions that were asked and how lively the session became. Finally, the program came to an end with the national anthem.



Dr Jayanthi, HOD of the English department, giving kuthuvillaku to our chief guest Mr V.P. Senthil

Cyber Security Awareness program:



The Cyber Security Awareness Program was conducted on 28th January 2026. Ms M. Meenakshi, the Superintendent of Police (SP) for the Cyber Crime Wing in the Tamil Nadu Police

Department, who is actively involved in state-level digital security initiatives and public awareness campaigns, was the chief guest of the event. She shared with the students various scams that are going on in the digital platforms and stated real-life examples to clearly understand the importance of safety in digital media. She insisted on the importance of creating a strong password and the criteria that should be kept in mind while creating a strong password. She advised the students to use social media and cyber media responsibly. She conducted a Q&A session and also gave prizes to the students who answered. The program was very informative and enlightening.

Navras 2025-26:



Navras, the annual cultural program was celebrated with immense joy . The most-awaited event was celebrated on 30th January 2026. It is a program that celebrates students' talents in various areas, such as music, dance, and the arts. The event was inaugurated by Dr S. Saravanan, Principal, Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College. Competitions like classical dance, classical vocal, instrumentals, medley, group dance, soap carving, poster presentation, mythological quiz, ADZAP, light music and oratoricals in languages like Tamil, English, Hindi, and Telugu. Students enthusiastically participated in all the competitions and bagged prizes.

Laptop Distribution:



As a part of the ULAGAM UNGAL KAYIL programme by the government of Tamil Nadu, Laptops were distributed to the final year students on 24th January 2026 by Thiru. J. Karunanithi, MLA, T.Nagar. On 10th February 2026, laptops were distributed to second-year students. This paved the way for girls to accomplish more and make life easier in this rapidly growing technological world.

Sports Day 2025:

On 13th February 2026, Sports Day was conducted with high spirits. Thiru D. Gowthaman, Assistant Commissioner of police, Vadapalani, Chennai, graced the event as the Chief Guest. Various events like 100m, 200m, and 400m running, long jump, high jump, ball-badminton, volleyball, throwball, Kho-kho and basketball were conducted. Students participated



in all the events with great joy and enthusiasm. A silambam performance was done by Sri Akshaya Priya. P of III B.A. English Literature, Renuka. A of II B.A. Economics, and Manju Rani. K of III B.A. Economics. Prizes were distributed by the chief guest.

College Day Celebrations 2025:



College Day was celebrated on 2nd March 2026 with grandeur. The program commenced with the invocation and lighting of the lamp, and Pushpanjali to the founder. Thiru R. Sekar, IPS, former director general of police, Tamil Nadu, was the chief guest of the event. He was happy to return to our campus after 28 years. The chief guest shared his valuable words of wisdom. He asked the students to analyse the things that they act well, the kind of life they want and find the right person who can guide them. He further said that failure is a stepping

stone towards success, and also shared a short story to motivate the students. And prizes were distributed for students who topped overall and in various subjects.

Union Valedictory 2025:

The Union Valedictory programme commemorated the successful completion of the duties of the students' union of 2025-2026. It was conducted on 3rd March 2026, with Dr Saiju.M.John as the chief guest of the event. Sahana V, the students' union president, presented the annual report for the year,



followed by the department association report by the association secretaries of various departments. Dr Saiju.M.John shared a few words with the gathering. He stated that the student unions are the bridge between the management, faculties, and the students and appreciated them for their efforts throughout the year. All the student unions received certificates for their contributions, followed by the prize distribution for Navras and full attendance. The event came to an end with the vote of thanks by Dr Alamelumangal, principal, Shift II.

Remembrance Day:



On 7th March 2026, our college observed Founder's Remembrance Day with reverence and gratitude. The occasion was marked by heartfelt tributes from Mr. Raman of the Engineering staff and several faculty members who had once been students during the Founder's time. They spoke

warmly about his visionary leadership, his immense contributions to the field of education, and the selfless service he rendered to society. Their reflections highlighted the enduring impact of his ideals, reminding the gathering of the values of dedication, knowledge, and social responsibility that continue to guide the institution. The day served not only as a remembrance of our Founder's legacy but also as an inspiration for the college community to uphold his noble mission.

Women's Day Celebration:



The International Women's Day celebration held on 11th March 2026 at Meenakshi College for Women in collaboration with Akhil Bhartiya Grahak Panchayat was a vibrant and inspiring event that combined cultural reverence with intellectual engagement. The program began with a prayer song by the college staff,

followed by a warm welcome address from Mrs. S. Indira, Head, Department of Mathematics. Mrs Sharmila Rajan, State Vice President of ABGP, introduced the organisation, setting the tone for the day's theme of empowerment and consumer awareness. Prof. Booma Kumari, Pranta Mahila Pramukh, delivered the keynote address, highlighting women's leadership and contributions. A lively group discussion on "The Role of Women in Advertising" encouraged participants to reflect on representation, influence, and responsibility in media. The session concluded with Dr K. Sivasankari's closing remarks, which inspired pride and purpose.

Farewell to teaching and non teaching staff:

On 9th April 2026, a warm farewell ceremony was held at Meenakshi College for Women to honor the retirement of three distinguished members of the institution Dr. N. Manju, Principal, Mrs. Indra, Head of the Department of Mathematics, and Mrs. Karpagavalli, Lab Assistant, Department of Physics. The event was graced by the management, along with Teaching and Non-Teaching staff, who came together to felicitate the retirees for their dedicated service and invaluable contributions and convey their best wishes for their future.



Convocation :



On 11th April 2026, Meenakshi College for Women celebrated its 48th Convocation Day for the 2021 -2024 batch. The ceremony was graced by Mr. A.K. Vishwanathan, IPS, Former Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu, who honored the graduates by presenting them with their degree certificates. The occasion was marked by elegance and pride as all the graduating students, dressed beautifully, stepped forward to receive their UG degree certificates, with immense joy and pride.

The event reflected both academic achievement and cultural tradition, leaving a lasting memory for the graduates and their families.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

History:

The Department actively engaged in academic and cultural initiatives. Faculty members, including Dr V. Rajeswari, Dr J.D. Patrishiya Fernando, Dr Kavitha K.A, Dr Preetha N, and Dr Brinda Kumari R., contributed as examiners, resource persons, and presented papers at National and International conferences on themes ranging from women's empowerment and archaeology to temple inscriptions and cultural heritage. A. Anitha Anglein also presented research on Irulas in Kanchipuram.

PhD scholars—Porkavi G.M, Kokila Maya S, Vinodhini B, and Kaleeswari K—actively participated in the South Indian History Congress and international forums, presenting studies on inscriptions, coins, artisan networks, temple legacies, and Tamil cultural influence in Sri Lanka.

The department further organised a student seminar and a field trip to historic sites like Uttaramerur and Vandavasi fort, enriching students' understanding of Tamil Nadu's heritage. This period reflected collective scholarship, cultural engagement, and academic excellence.

Economics:

Students of III BA Economics and II MA Economics presented papers in the students' seminar conducted by the department on the topic Data analysis using R programming on 15th Dec 2025.

N.E. Hepsiba Beula of II BA ECONOMICS participated in the Telugu Oratorical Competition on the topic "Andhra Bhasha Bhivardhini" conducted at Presidency College. R. Hemavathy, C. Keerthana, and Muskan Pandey of III BA Economics participated in the Hindi Diwas program conducted on 20th Feb

2026 by the Department of Hindi, Meenakshi College for Women. N E Hepsibah Beula of III BA Economics participated in the Telugu Students' seminar conducted on 23/2/2026 by the Department of Telugu Meenakshi College for Women. An academic audit was conducted on 11th February 2026.

Saranya M, Deepika V, Swetha M, and Muskan Pandey of III BA ECONOMICS were placed in Breaks India Private Limited through College Campus Interview on 20th February 2026.

English Literature:



The Department of English flourished with a blend of academic, creative, and cultural accomplishments from October 2025 to February 2026. S. Saniya Devi (III B.A) earned recognition from Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi at the Samarasa Suththa Sanmarga Youth Conference and later completed a professional course with the Oscar Book of Record Indian Makeup Artist Federation. Padmashri R.S(II B.A) distinguished herself by publishing the poem Krishna's Girl with Emberstone Publications, completing a Diploma in Office Accounting, and pursuing an online course in Biomedical Engineering Theory. Alongside, Narmadha S(II B.A) published her poems The Red Moon and Waiting,

Students actively participated in national and inter-college competitions, including short story writing, elocution, drawing, and Talent Trek. The II BA students celebrated Indian tradition through food and attire, and Students of the third year enacted a scene from the play The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde in the MS Auditorium. The department hosted a seminar on Reading Beyond Boundaries. They also attended a national seminar on youth substance abuse at Stella Matutina College of Education. Monthly association meetings added vibrancy with engaging games like crossword, hangman, and taboo, reflecting the department's commitment to holistic growth and creativity. S.Janhavi of the third year got placed as a trainee in Entrust Software Solutions. Dr S. Jayanthi contributed as an external member of a doctoral advisory committee at Crescent Engineering College..

Mathematics:

The Department of mathematics conducted a student seminar in December 2025, for the final year undergraduate students and post-graduate students. All students actively participated in PowerPoint presentations exploring various interesting topics in applications of Mathematics. In February 2026, the department organised a lecture on Padavon and Perin sequence by Dr Tamil Selvi from the University of Madras. Mrs J. Sathya Priya, Assistant Professor, presented three papers at the International conferences held at Loyola College and Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences and two papers at the National conferences held at Women's Christian College and GIET University, Odisha, in December 2025 and January 2026. She has also authored 3 book chapters in the book Next-Gen Mathematical Analysis, released by the Department of Mathematics, Loyola College.

Physics:

Students' Seminar was conducted on 15th December 2025 for all final year UG and PG students at Homi Bhabha Seminar Hall, Meenakshi College for Women. Four UG students of Physics attended "Geosciences Exploration, outreach, discovery and education - National seminar and Geo events" organised by the Department of Geology, Centre for Environmental Sciences, University of Madras from 9th to 10th February 2026. Four PG students of Physics attended the "International Seminar on Biological and Emerging Applications of Materials Science (ISBEAMS-2026)" organised by Science City on 10th February 2026. Ten PG students of Physics attended the "National Colloquium on Quantum Science" at the Department of Physics (Aided), DG Vaishnav College, Arumbakkam, Chennai, on 11th February 2026. Seven UG and three PG students of Physics attended a "Workshop on Fundamentals and Advances in Nanoscience, Nanomaterials, Nanocharacterization, Nanotechnology and Nanobioinformatics", organised by Science City and the National Centre for Nanoscience and Department of Bioinformatics, University of Madras, from 9th to 13th February 2026.

Chemistry:



All the final year students of the department of chemistry actively participated and gave a presentation in the students' seminar on the topic "Importance of chemistry in everyday life" on 15th December 2025.

Hemima N of II B Sc chemistry participated in the Telugu Debate competition organised by Presidency College on 6th February 2026. Ananthu U, Ajitha K, Charumathi V, Akshaya N S, Sruthi P K, Haripriya S of III BSc Chemistry participated in an intercollegiate level written quiz competition organised by Loyola College on 13th February.

Plant Biology And

Plant Biotechnology:



The floral bouquet display was held on 17th November 2025, with the collection of wild flowers by the III B.Sc students, by the Department of Plant Biology and Plant Biotechnology. To motivate the students in presenting the papers with confidence, a student seminar was conducted on 15th December 2025 by the department. The III B.Sc students were taken to the Botanical Garden in Madhavaram on 26.02.2026 for a taxonomic study and plant collection.

Advanced Zoology

And Biotechnology:

Ten students of the department attended a National conference on innovations in cancer biology, bridging Science, technology and medicine, conducted by Valliammal College for Women. Ten students of the department attended a National conference on innovations in cancer biology, bridging Science, technology and medicine, conducted by Valliammal College for Women.

N S Kanchana of the final year and Monisha of the second year have attended a conference on Vallalar Jayanthi-2025 on 4th October 2025 and also participated in the Tamil oratorical conducted by Sri Krishna Jayanti Festival Committee on 1st Feb 2026.

Ten final year students of the Department have done projects in the Heterogenomics lab and SASSAAM biological lab and also an in-house project.

Computer Science:

Students of the I PG of the department underwent hands-on training in IoT for 3 days in February 2026, mentored by Lema Labs Pvt. Ltd, IIT Madras Incubation Park. An academic audit of the Department was conducted on 17th February 2026 by an Audit Committee comprising Professor R S Milton, Retd. HoD, CS Department, MCC Tambaram and currently Professor, CSE Department, SSN Engineering College and Dr U Shantha Visalakshi, Assistant Professor, MCA Department, Ethiraj College for Women. The esteemed members of the Audit committee appreciated the efforts of the Department in offering the latest subjects in the curriculum at all times, and also for having developed. They also thoroughly reviewed the examination system and gave their suggestions. They also opined that research should be given a fillip. Students of UG and PG demonstrated innovative IoT Projects and earned the appreciation of the Audit Committee members.



Commerce:



A Student Seminar for the III BCOM General Students was conducted on the topic “Awareness on Consumer Scams and Protecting Consumer Interest” on 15th December 2025. III BCOM BANKING MANAGEMENT Students participated in the Students Seminar conducted on the topic “Awareness on various Scams and their prevention” on 16th December 2025. On the Same day, II MCOM Students presented a seminar on “Cyber Securities and Prevention of Financial Frauds”. Department of Commerce invited Academicians from reputed Institutions and conducted an academic audit on 17th February 2026.

Public

Administration:



The Department organized a students’ seminar on “Sustainable Development and the Role of Public Administration” on 16th December 2025. The seminar served as an academic platform for students to present papers and engage in meaningful discussions on key issues related to sustainable development and public administration.

Students and faculty participated in several academic events at the University of Madras. On 20th February 2026, department team took part in another Endowment Lecture at the University of Madras on “War and Peace in the Twentieth Century”, gaining insights into historical and global political perspectives. On 17 March 2026, they participated in a workshop on “Emerging Trends in Public Administration and Ethics in Governance” jointly organized by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) Department of Public Administration and the University of Madras Department of Politics and Public Administration, where students received participation certificates for their active involvement

Biochemistry:

Hema Priya, Prithika and Yogeswari of I M.Sc Biochemistry participated in 7 days International online course on chromatography principles, techniques and analytical applications conducted by department of Microbiology, Sacred heart college, Thirupattur in collaboration with Biotechnology society of Nepal and Laboratory of chemical and biological analysis, Western Rio, Janeiro State university, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 12th December to 18th December 2025.

Tamil:

Our students participated in various competitions for college students organised by the Sri Krishna Jayanti Festival Committee on 1st February 2026. In the poetry competition, Janet.P a third-year Economics student (evening), won the second prize of Rs. 800, and in the quiz competition, R.Kavita and G.Mridula, first-year Commerce students, won the third prize of Rs. 600 and brought pride to the college. As per the Tamil Nadu Government Order, on 12th February 2026, many students from the college participated in an essay competition, seminar, debate, etc., on the topic of 50 years of freedom from bonded labour.

Department of other

Languages:

Hindi:

The Department of Hindi organised a student's Seminar titled "Premchand and His Novels" on 16 December 2025. The presentations focused on various aspects of Premchand's novels. On 20 February 2026, a guest lecture was conducted. Dr Saiju M. John, Professor and Director, IIET, Meenakshi Sundararajan School of Management, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered a lecture on "The Importance of the Hindi Language and the Opportunities Available in This Field." The programme also featured a Hindi song presented by students, highlighting the richness and significance of the language.



Sanskrit:

The Department of Sanskrit organised a Student Seminar in order to motivate and instil confidence in the students. The Student Seminar was Organised on 16.12.2025. Students Presented Papers on Various Topics about Sanskrit Literature.



Telugu:

The Department of Telugu organised a Student Seminar on Telugu Folk Literature, where students presented papers on various topics related to Telugu folk traditions and culture on 16th December 2025. A Guest Lecture was also conducted on 23rd February 2026 by Dr Saiju M. John, Professor and Director of IIET, Meenakshi Sundararajan School of Management, Chennai. He delivered an insightful talk on the importance of the Telugu language and the career opportunities available in this field. Students recited Telugu poems and sang Telugu songs, highlighting the beauty and significance of the language.

SHIFT TWO ACTIVITIES

Employability Skills

Development Program



The Naandi Foundation successfully inaugurated the Employability Skills Development Program for our students on 27th February 2026, marking a significant step toward enhancing their career readiness. It was a five-day program where students The program proved to be highly impactful and engaging, equipping participants with essential skills for their professional growth. As a highlight of the event, nine students were recognised and awarded for their outstanding performance, making the occasion both inspiring and memorable for everyone involved.

Economics:

It has been a year of achievement for the Department of Economics, Shift II. Guru Keerthana S of I BA got first prize in English oratorical competition and 3rd prize in Tamil oratorical competition conducted on Jan 30th 2026, in Navaras. Janet P III BA got 1st prize in Tamil oratorical competition on Jan 30th 2026, and 2nd prize in Tamil oratorical in Krishna Jayanthi inter college competition on Feb 1st 2026. Renuka A II BA got 1st prize in Silambam (national level) on 30/01/2026. Priyadarshini M of II BA got 3rd prize in the sports day event in January 2026. The 2021-2024 batch rank list was announced in February 2026, and Swetha K got **2nd rank in**

the University of Madras, Gomathi. G got **3rd rank**, and Mahalakshmi D got **7th rank**. Faculty of the department, Jayanthi K, attended an international conference on 14th Feb 2026 at Tuticorin.

Mathematics:

Mrs J.Sathyapriya of the department participated in the Women's Day walkathon 2K26, dedicated to Breast cancer awareness and a drug-free society on Women's Day, March 8th 2026. She also presented 5 papers at the National and International conferences held at Loyola College, Women's Christian College, GIET University, Odisha and Saveetha Engineering College.

BCOM(GENERAL):

Students of the BCom General Shift Two have been trained for employability skills by the Nandi Foundation. Two students have been placed in Brakes India in the academic year 2025 – 2026. Eleven students have been placed in Entrust Private Limited, and one student has been placed in Cognizant in the academic year 2025 – 2026. The students have secured 100 % results in the academic year 2024 – 2025. In the recent University examinations held in November 2025, fifty students scored centum in various subjects.

Corporate Secretaryship:



The Department of Corporate Secretaryship achieved various milestones. Dhivyashree R secured the University First Rank this academic year 2024-2025. This remarkable achievement reflects her dedication to academics.

The students of the department completed the Nan Mudhalvan skill development courses, Fintech of III B COM CS, Retail Banking and Management of II B COM CS. These courses enhanced their professional and technical competencies.

In addition, students of III B COM CS underwent valuable institutional training programs in the various reputed organisations

1. TNHP
2. TNPL
3. Tamilnadu Warehousing Ltd.

This training provided practical exposure to real-world work environments.

Library:



The college library houses an impressive collection of 54,000 books and also provides access to online e-journals and e-books, ensuring a rich academic resource base for students and faculty. To foster intellectual engagement and reading culture, the librarian organizes the Reader's Club meeting every Wednesday afternoon, where participants actively take part in book reviews, news reading, article presentations, and discussions on special topics ranging from environmental issues to space exploration. The sessions are conducted in an inclusive manner, offering equal opportunities for all participants to share their perspectives, thereby cultivating critical thinking, communication skills, and a spirit of collaborative learning.

Placements:

The Placement Cell of Meenakshi College for Women has had an exceptionally active and successful year. A total of 32 reputed companies visited the campus, offering diverse opportunities to our students. Esteemed organizations such as Deloitte, Cognizant Technology Solutions (CTS), TCS BPS, TVS Brakes India, McKinsey & Company, and many more were part of this recruitment drive.

This year's efforts culminated in the placement of 90 students across leading firms, marking a significant milestone in the college's commitment to student success and career readiness. 21 students at eNTrust Software & Services Private Limited, 2 students at Cognizant Technology Solutions (CTS), 36 students at TCS BPS, 29 at TVS Brakes India, and 2 students at Deloitte.

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