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Inhouse Samachar, a chronicle of the vibrant life at Meenakshi College. Every event is a spark, and together they light up the sky of our college life. This edition of Inhouse Samachar captures those sparks—debates that sharpened minds, performances that stirred hearts, and initiatives that strengthened bonds. Like threads woven into a tapestry, these moments remind us that our college is not just a place of learning, but a living canvas of dreams and dedication. As student editors, this journey has been nothing short of transformative—our very first endeavour in curating a publication of such scale and significance. We owe this accomplishment to the guidance of our mentors, Dr. Jayanthi S, Head, Department of English, and Ms. Sunitha S Rao, Assistant Professor, Department of English. Their encouragement, patience, and unwavering support have been the cornerstone of this edition, shaping our efforts and inspiring us at every step. To them, we extend our deepest gratitude for making this milestone possible. A special mention to all the Students' Union who rendered their support throughout our journey.

This newsletter is more than just a record; it's a recognition of the talent, teamwork, and unstoppable spirit that make our community shine.

Flip through, relive the highlights, and get ready to be inspired for what's coming next. The best is yet to come!

-Editorial Team.

COLLEGE EVENTS

UNION INAUGURATION:



On 9th July 2025, the Students' Union of Meenakshi College for Women was officially appointed, with its members taking up their roles and responsibilities. The event took place in the KRS Auditorium, with Mr Kumar Chandar, I.R.S., as the chief guest. The event began with seeking the blessings of the Almighty and offering flowers to the founder, Shri K.R.Sundarajan.

The welcome address was given by our shift one Principal, Dr N. Manju, followed by a speech by our esteemed chief guest, Mr Kumar Chandar, I.R.S., who emphasised the importance of the students' union and provided various insights on how to be a good leader and contribute to the institution's growth. He also motivated the students to pursue a career in the civil services and serve the country. The badges and posts were allotted to the union members, followed by an acceptance speech by the Student Union President, V.Sahana.

BARAKATULLA DAY:

The Barakatulla Day was celebrated on 23rd July 2025. Janab S.M.S. Mohammed Umer Riluvanullah, Chief Imam of Kodambakkam Puliur Masjid, graced the event as the chief guest. On the occasion of Barakatulla Day, competitions such as Quran and Surah recitation, Islamic Quiz, Oratorical competition, Asmaul Husna Recitation, and chart preparation were conducted. The event began with prayers to the Almighty, followed by the college song, and the Quran Qirat was read by students of different departments.



The chief guest, Janab S.M.S. Mohammed Umer Riluvanullah, addressed the gathering and shared many thoughtful insights, created awareness about women's cyber safety, and shared various harmful incidents that happened online. He started this speech by quoting the Tamil poet Bharatidasan's lines about women and highlighted the importance of women in society.

The event proved to be an enlightening session for the audience about the importance of teachers and addressed them as "second parents". He motivated the students in their lives and future with clarity and conviction. He said, "Whatever may come in between, we shouldn't let ourselves be distracted from our target". The event came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by the shift one Principal, Dr N. Manju.

SHRI SHANKARA DAY:



Shankara Day in Meenakshi College for Women was celebrated on 30th July 2025. The day celebrated the divine guru Shri Shankaracharya and offered a devotional tribute to the great Lokaguru. Padma Shri Dr V. R. Gowrishankar, esteemed former Chief Executive Officer and Administrator of the Sringeri Sharada Peetham and its affiliated properties, was invited to preside over the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The commemorations commenced by invoking the Almighty and offering a musical tribute to Adi Shankara through the song “Bajre Lokagurum”. The chief guest addressed the gathering and imparted words of wisdom, enlightening us on why Shankara was given the title “Jagathguru” and shared with us his visions and ideologies of how to lead a life of contentment and bring everyone under one dharma. By quoting Shankara, he said “being human is a boon and the time that we have is limited, hence it should not be wasted in discrimination and social vices; instead, it should be wisely spent in leading a life filled with happiness and contentment.”

On the account of Shankara Day, various competitions like Sloka recitation, Quiz on the life of Shankara, English and Tamil essay, oratorical, skit on the life of Shankara were also conducted. Prizes were distributed to the winners. The programme proved to be a huge success and was concluded with the National Anthem.

JESUS CHRIST DAY:

On the vibrant evening of 1st August 2025, Jesus Christ Day was celebrated in Meenakshi College for Women. We were honoured to have Dr P. Wilson, principal and secretary of Madras Christian College, as the chief guest of the event. He motivated the students and shared his valuable insights on how to perceive a crisis in lives and how one can overcome the crisis.



Relating to this idea, he sang the song “Malai maa Nathiyo”. He further encouraged the students to encounter suffering like a warrior and take it as a challenge. He said that suffering can be dealt with in two ways: either you “endure” it or “elude” it. Following the speech from the chief guest, a skit was presented by the Students' Union, depicting the birth and life journey of Jesus Christ, along with a group song. Various events, which included song praising Jesus Christ, a quiz on the Bible and a skit on the theme Miracles of Jesus, were conducted to spread his glories and to invoke his blessings.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION 2025:



Meenakshi College for Women celebrated its Golden Jubilee Year on 4 August 2025 with reverence and joy. The event began with a prayer and college song by the choir, followed by a welcome address by Dr N. Manju, Principal of shift one. She acknowledged Secretary Dr K.S. Lakshmi's lifelong dedication and highlighted the introduction of SAR to support students preparing for competitive exams. The Head of the Mathematics Department shared the inspiring journey of the college's founder, Shri K.R. Sundararajan, who transformed a barren 16-acre land into a thriving institution. Dr K.S. Lakshmi the Secretary of Meenakshi College For Women then addressed the gathering, sharing heartfelt memories and offering her best wishes. The celebration concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony, and chocolates were distributed to students, adding a sweet touch to the memorable occasion.



DISTRIBUTION OF DRESS MATERIALS:

Dress materials were distributed to the students of Meenakshi College for Women by the Secretary, Madam Dr K.S. Lakshmi, commemorating the Golden Jubilee Celebration on 7th August 2025.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP 2025:

A blood donation camp was conducted at the Meenakshi College for Women on the 12th August 2025 by the Madras Egmore Lions Blood Bank and Research Foundation. Many factors, such as weight and blood count, were checked before students were allowed to donate blood. Many girls came forward and donated blood. They were monitored by doctors, and after donation, they were provided certificates and refreshments.



INDEPENDENCE DAY 2025:



The day of 15th August 2025 in Meenakshi College for Women breathed the air filled with patriotism. The Independence Day celebration took place in its full splendour. Our Secretary mam Dr K.S.Lakshmi, along with the Principal of Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Dr S. V. Saravanan, and the Meenakshi Sundararajan School of Management

Director, Dr Saijiu, M.John and respectable faculty members, graced the dais. Students of all Departments gathered on the ground for the flag hoisting, and the flag was hoisted by the Student Union President, V. Sahana, followed by patriotic songs sung by the college choir. The event came to an end with the singing of the National Anthem.

SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION 2025:

On September 4 2025, J. K Fenner (INDIA) Ltd extended a scholarship grant under the J.K.Fenner Vidhya Vrithi initiative for 20 meritorious girl students from BPL(below poverty line) families at Meenakshi College for Women. The chief guest of the day, Ms.Singhania gave a cheque of rupees forty-five lakh, twenty-four thousand to Secretary mam Dr K.S.Lakshmi. This was done by the J. K Fenner (INDIA) Ltd as CSR(corporate social responsibility) activity.



BARCLAYS LIFESKILLS PROGRAM 2025:

The Barclays Lifeskills Programme, conducted by GTT(Global Talent Track) Foundations, was a three-day placement training programme (which began from September 17 2025, to September 19 2025) conducted for the final year UG students. The programme focused on developing necessary skills like resume building, body language and behaviour in an interview and helped the students to differentiate between goals and desires and encouraged them to have a goal and achieve it. The programme was on how an interview is conducted, and a mock interview was conducted to help the students understand the interview, thus giving students an idea of the interview process. Certificates were provided to the students for participating in the programme.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

SHIFT ONE ACTIVITIES

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY:

The Department of History at Meenakshi College for Women had an enriching quarter marked by academic, cultural, and social initiatives. From July 11 to August 7, 2025, a certificate course on Tamil scripts and temple architecture deepened students' understanding of the region's heritage. On July 28, the department organized a Drug Awareness Parade, followed by an Essay Competition on August 13 under the guidance of Ms. Neelima, encouraging students to advocate for healthy choices through research and writing. The quarter also featured an educational field trip to Kanchipuram on September 5, offering firsthand exposure to temples, weaving centres, and heritage sites, and concluded with a Heritage Walk to the Baratwajeeswarar Temple in Puliurpuram on September 24, fostering pride in cultural preservation.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS:



To commemorate the birth anniversary of Thiruvalluvar and in remembrance of his 202nd Advent, the Samarasa Suddha Sanmarkha Youth Conference was organized on 4th October 2025 at the Governor's Residence. The event was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru R. N. Ravi, who presided over the proceedings and emphasized the values of Vallalar's teachings. As part of the conference, participation certificates were awarded to students. It is a matter of pride that Ms. Striya K, II B.A. Economics (Shift I) of our

college received her certificate directly from the Governor, marking a memorable recognition of her involvement in the event. This occasion not only celebrated Vallalar's spiritual legacy but also encouraged youth to uphold the ideals of compassion, equality, and universal brotherhood. On 8th July 2025, a Nation Wide Quiz Contest on Official Statistics was organized by the Regional Office, NOS (FOD), Chennai at IIT Madras. It is a matter of pride that our students Ms. S. Karthiga and Ms. R. Hemavathy of III B.A. Economics (Shift I) actively participated in this prestigious contest.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LITERATURE:



The English Department of Meenakshi College for Women inaugurated its Association on 10 July 2025, with Dr. U. Thanesh, Associate Professor at RMK Vivekanandha College, as chief guest. He spoke on the transformative power of literature and the legacy of writers like Shakespeare, Marlowe, and R.K. Narayan. Quoting Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, he inspired students to pursue knowledge through creativity. Dr. Jayanthi, Head of the Department, delivered the welcome address, while M.S. Suriya outlined the Association's goals and offered thanks. The event was gracefully anchored by S. Saniya Devi, setting the tone for a year of literary engagement and academic growth.

The English Department of Meenakshi College for Women hosted an engaging guest lecture on 25 July 2025, featuring Ms. S. Annapoorani, Assistant Professor of English at Asan Memorial College of Arts and Science. She delivered an insightful talk on Virginia Woolf's seminal essay A Room of One's Own, emphasizing how literary essays, when paired with relevant examples, resonate across eras and reflect the evolving realities of women's lives. Her eloquence and depth of thought captivated the audience, making the session both intellectually enriching and deeply relatable. Additionally a certificate course was offered for the students on the topic English language for occupational purposes by Mr.Sokkalingam from versatile corporate solutions.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS:

The Department conducted a certificate course on "Essential Statistics for Healthcare Data Analysis for III BSc Mathematics students in association with ICMR Chennai in July 2025. In December 2025 Students' seminar was conducted for the final year undergraduate and postgraduate students. All students actively participated in it with PowerPoint presentations exploring various interesting topics in applications of Mathematics.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS:



The Department of Physics witnessed a vibrant year in 2025, marked by academic achievements, skill development programs, seminars, workshops, and departmental

events. Final year UG students attended a Certificate Course on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning using Python at NIELIT (National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology), Government of India, during April – May 2025. Final year PG students completed a 15-day Research Internship Training Programme at the Functional Materials Research Laboratory, Chennai, in May 2025.

P.S. Sandhiya and S. Sandhya of III B.Sc. Physics attended Facets 2025, a seminar jointly organized by the Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Taramani and Science City, Chennai, from 22nd to 23rd May 2025. Ten UG and PG students participated in a workshop on Emerging Trends in Nanotechnology and its Application, organized by Science City and NCNSNT, University of Madras, from 23rd to 25th July 2025. Five students of I and II M.Sc. Physics attended a seminar on Advancing Science, Engineering & Technology, and Medicine through Artificial Intelligence, organised by Science City and the Higher Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, from 2nd to 4th September 2025. The Physics Department Association Meeting was held on 7th August 2025 at the Homi Bhabha Seminar Hall, with Dr Sasikala Ganapathy, Associate Professor & Director i/c, Crystal Growth Centre, Anna University, as the Chief Guest. The Physics Department Fest was organised on 14th August 2025 at the KRS Auditorium, focusing on the applications of Artificial Intelligence in Physics and Chemistry. The keynote address was delivered by Dr J. Madhavan, Head, Department of Physics, Loyola College. Final year B.Sc. and I & II M.Sc. Physics students visited the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) on 26th September 2025, during the CSIR Foundation Day celebrations and open day.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY:

The department of chemistry, II B.Sc. Chemistry students successfully completed a certificate course on Pharmaceutical formulation techniques in the drug industry during the academic year 2025 to 2026.

A team of III B.Sc. chemistry students has participated in the Intercollegiate Experimental Quiz organised by the Department of Chemistry, Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai 600 086 on 05 August 2025

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BIOLOGY AND PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY:

Students of the department of plant biology and plant biotechnology attended the Barclays Life Skills Programme conducted by the GTT Pvt. Ltd(Global Talent Track Pvt. Ltd)

DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED ZOOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY:

The Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology actively engaged students in diverse academic and skill-building initiatives. A certificate course on Clinical Lab Technology was conducted by Swinsifosys in September, enhancing students' practical knowledge in laboratory techniques. Earlier, on 17th and 18th July 2025, students participated in a two-day hands-on workshop on basic microbial techniques, gaining valuable exposure to experimental practices. Adding to these achievements, Monisha S (II AZBT) and Kanchana N S (III AZBT) represented the department at a prestigious program held at the Governor's residence, marking a proud moment for the institution.

Kanchana N S (III AZBT) also participated in the full-day Youth Conference was organized by the Arut Perunjothi Vallalar Charitable Trust on 4th October 2025 at Raj Bhavan, Chennai conducted on the occasion of Vallalar's 202nd day celebrations.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE:



Department of Computer Science organised Students' Seminar on "Emotional Well Being" during the Academic year 2025-26 on 29th July 2025. The Chief Guest was Ms. Hamsini Balasubramanian, Psychotherapist and Educator, Guest Faculty, IIT Madras.

Students of II B.Sc. Computer Science, III B.Sc. Computer Science and Final Year MCA/M.Sc. IT students of the department underwent hands-on training in IoT for 3 days in August 2025, mentored by Lema Labs Pvt. Ltd, IIT Madras Incubation Park.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:

The Department of Commerce organized an Interclass Chart Presentation on "In-depth Understanding of Joint Stock Companies" on 6th September 2025, providing students with a platform to showcase their analytical and creative skills. Earlier, on 12th August 2025, Commerce students demonstrated their social responsibility by participating wholeheartedly in a blood donation drive, reflecting both their academic enthusiasm and commitment to community welfare.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:

A few of the students of the department individually undertook internship training at Sankara Nethralaya and New Hope Medical Centre during the month of May and June, thereby enhancing their professional competencies and practical knowledge.

On 10th September 2025, the students and staff of the Department of Public Administration participated in a special lecture titled “Political Entrepreneurship and Emerging Trends in India,” organized by the Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Madras. The lecture was delivered by Dr. P. Shaktivel, Professor and Head, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Annamalai University. The programme enriched the participants’ understanding of contemporary political trends in India.

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.



DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

Students from the Department of Biochemistry participated in the Barclays Life Skills Programme, organized by Global Talent Track Pvt. Ltd (GTT Pvt. Ltd.), gaining valuable exposure to practical skills and professional development.

DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL:



On the occasion of Vallalar’s 202nd day celebrations, a full-day Youth Conference was organized by the Arut Perunjothi Vallalar Charitable Trust on 4th October 2025 at Raj Bhavan, Chennai.

A total of fifteen students from all three years of study from the college actively participated in the conference. The event provided them with an enriching opportunity to engage with the spiritual ideals and humanitarian vision of Vallalar. The conference emphasised values of compassion, equality, and universal brotherhood, inspiring the youth to carry forward Vallalar’s message in contemporary society.

DEPARTMENT OF OTHER LANGUAGES:

The Department of Sanskrit conducted the Shankara Day on 30th July 2025. On the account of Shankara Day, various competitions like Sloka recitation, Quiz on the life of Shankara, English and Tamil essay, and oratorical and skit on the life of Shankara were also conducted, and prizes were also distributed to the winners of the events that were conducted.

SHIFT TWO ACTIVITIES

NAAN MUDHALVAN COURSE:

The Naan Mudhalvan course conducted in our college aimed to equip students with the essential skills required for today's competitive job market. As part of this initiative, students were introduced to multiple industry-oriented subjects that provided both theoretical understanding and practical exposure. The major areas covered was Fintech, it was about digital payments, online banking systems, financial technologies, and how modern innovations are transforming the financial sector. Another important subject was Banking and Back Office Operations, which helped in banking procedures, documentation, customer handling, verification processes, and the functioning of support operations within banks. The course also included Cambridge English, which focused on improving the communication skills, grammar, vocabulary, and confidence in using English in professional environments.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS:

Department of Economics stands as a centre of excellence, achieving remarkable success in academics, sports, and co-curricular activities. Renuka.A of II B.A Economics Shift II got Gold Medal in the state level SILIMBAM Competition.

Dr Shanthi Raja, Mrs Sindhu T.S, Dr Jayanthi K., Dr ShanmugaPriya.V, Ms Merlin Thabithal.S attended from 26-27 July 2025 "Two Days National Conference on Roadmap to Viksit Bharat- A Multidisciplinary Approach", VIT Chennai. Mrs Sindhu T. S, of the Economics Department, research scholar, has participated and published papers in national, international and professional development programmes.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS:

All the students of II B.Sc., Mathematics successfully completed a certificate course on Microsoft Digital skills sponsored by Naan Mudhalvan Program, under Skill Development Corporation and conducted by Microsoft. It was an useful initiative and demonstrated the students commitment to their progress in their career. The students of the department (2022-2025) achieved 100% results in April 2025.

DEPARTMENT BCOM(GENERAL):

Dharini K.S. and Abirami students of BCOM GENERAL(shift II) have secured first and second rank in the university examinations conducted . Students are also trained by naan mudhalvan course for the subjects like Microsoft digital skills, fintech, banking and back office operations.



DEPARTMENT OF B. COM CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP



Department of B.com CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP proudly celebrates the outstanding achievement of Dhivyashree R, who secured the University First Rank in the academic year 2024–2025, a testament to her dedication and commitment to academics. Alongside this remarkable success, our students also successfully completed the Nan Mudhalvan skill development courses, including Fintech for III B.Com CS and Retail Banking and Management for II B.Com CS, which enriched their professional and technical competencies.

Furthermore, the students of III B.Com CS gained valuable practical exposure through institutional training programs at reputed organizations such as TNHP, TNPL, and Tamil Nadu Warehousing Ltd. These experiences strengthened their confidence, enhanced their career readiness, and prepared them for real-world challenges.

LIBRARY



Sri Bharathi Theertha Library conducts a reader's club meeting every Thursday organized by Dr.Maidhili librarian of Meenakshi college for women. Students of various departments gather and speak on various interesting and important topics like competitive exams like bank exams, TNPSC exams and also talk about topics like sustainable development, different kinds of pollution and many other informative topics. The speakers not only speak about the topics but also guide the students with the procedures and other necessary details. In the meeting students also give book reviews of the books that they recently finished. This promotes the reading habit among the students and also improves their public speaking quality. The readers club proves to be an interactive, enlightening and enjoyable session for the students

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