

## ANNUAL REPORT 2019

A warm good morning to all. On behalf of the Management, Staff members and students, I welcome each one of you to the Annual Day celebrations of the college. I am deeply privileged to welcome our most esteemed chief guest of the day., Colonel V. Peter Christopher. My respects are due to President, Punjab Association, Shri. Bharat Bhushan Goyal, General Secretary, Shri Ramesh Lamba, Treasurer, Shri Ajay Bhalla, Vice President, Punjab Association and Correspondent Anna Adarsh College, Shri Manjeet Singh Sethi. A warm welcome to the parents, patrons, faculty and students.

*If you are planning for a year, sow rice;*

*If you are planning for a decade, plant trees;*

*If you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.*

The members of the Punjab Association wanted to create a lasting legacy that would impact society positively and what better way to do it than begin an institution of higher learning exclusively for women students. Anna Adarsh College for Women was the result of this visionary thinking of Punjab Association.

Established as a college to cater to the educational needs of girls in and around the locale of Annanagar, the college had just 300 students and 17 faculty with 6 departments. The tiny sapling has today grown into a huge sheltering banyan with 5300 students and 200 faculty. 15 UG, 10 PG, 3 Research and 4 language departments. 13 certificate courses on various specializations are offered on practical aspects of learning.

*The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more*

The awarding of the prestigious A+ grade by the National Accreditation and Assessment Council was the result of meticulous documentation and tremendous hard work. This award has pushed us to perform better and utilize every single opportunity to grow. The college was placed among the top 100 in the country in NIRF rating of the Ministry of HRD, Government of India and was also recognized by the reputed national magazine Outlook as among the top 10 colleges in the city. The College has been selected by NAAC as a mentor institution to help other institutions understand the parameters of grading and work towards NAAC accreditation. The initiative by the management, Adarsh IAS is aimed at training the students for civil services examination to produce leaders of eminence.

*The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.*

Students reach peak performance in the university exams and this is seen in the number of ranks garnered each year. This year we had 205 ranks that included 11 university first ranks. The pass percentage was 92 for Shift I and 91 for Shift II.

*Learning never exhausts the mind*

Our faculty members are an energetic and dynamic lot because they keep learning through various means. They share knowledge and look for avenues for enriching their existing expertise. 16 senior professors are on the Board of Studies of leading universities and colleges, 6 faculty have published books this year. The number of Asst professors and professors who have published articles in leading journals is 71 while the number of staff members who presented papers is 76. Faculty Development programmes were attended by 78 faculty and 27 serve as subject experts and sit on interview panels and 24 have attended orientation programmes while 34 have been resource persons in other institutions.

Qualification is a reflection of competency. 98 faculty hold doctoral degrees and 92 are NET/SET qualified. 98% of faculty have their eligibility approval from the university of Madras. This is a commendable achievement since we are a private arts and science college.

Anna Adarsh College was the recipient of VidyaSevaRatna award for promoting the cause of education for women empowerment from the KanchiKamakoti Trust. In recognition of the immense talent pool of students that the college has fostered, the 'Kalvi Thai Peedam Award' was bestowed on the institution by Kaviarasu Tamil Sangam in 2018. The principal participated in conference on autonomy in Hyderabad organized by UGC for select Heads of leading institutions with excellent NAAC scores in 2019. Faculty members have been recognized for their subject skills, administrative abilities and for the social service rendered.

*Knowledge isn't success until it is applied*

To complement classroom teaching and to supplement it with applied knowledge, the departments conduct a host of programmes through the year. These include seminars, conferences, symposiums, workshops, guest lectures, demonstrations etc. Two International Conferences were conducted this year by the Department of Chemistry and English. 4 National level conferences and workshops and 7 Faculty Development programmes were organized by the various departments. The National Science Day and Hindi Day were conducted in association with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India.

The in-house magazines contain a wealth of information on the subjects.

These publications are 'Focus' by Department of Corporate Secretaryship, 'Dimensions' by Physics, 'Spectrum' by Chemistry, 'Anvesh' by Commerce and 'Interlink' by the department of

Computer Science. Adarsh Vani is the college magazine and Adnel is the annual college newsletter.

*Give of your hands to serve and your heart to love*

The various clubs shape the skills and mould the mindset of students and help their inherent light of ability shine through. Students learn to discover their talents and also serve society. The service clubs inculcate a sense of responsible citizenship with a committed social outlook amongst the students. The NSS, YRC and Rotract have been involved in activities for community welfare through the year. The NSS unit of the college adopted Vaninanchavvadi village and the yearly camp was conducted there for the benefit of the community. The Rotract Club has been instrumental in releasing a special stamp by India Post, Govt of India recognizing the institution's commitment towards empowering young women through holistic education.

The total number of all events and programmes organized and conducted by the college is an impressive count of 202.

The outreach programmes look at student service to the community in meaningful ways. Periodic visits to orphanages, old age homes, institutes for the differently abled have students imbue the notion of reaching out to the disadvantaged section of the community. 48 Institutional social responsibility programmes were conducted in the year. This included multiple blood donation and organ donation camps, awareness rallies, sensitization programmes etc. Students went on a door to door campaign as Ambassadors to persuade the public to exercise their voting rights. Their efforts were appreciated by the Corporation of Chennai.

*Any human anywhere will blossom in a hundred unexpected talents and capacities simply by being given the opportunity to do so.*

The culturals provide an opportunity for students to bring their creative abilities to the fore. Be it Manjari for the freshers, Meghmalhar, the intracollegiate event or Neharika, the big intercollegiate fest, the energy and excitement is palpable in the campus air. This year, with the theme 'Retro' students got an opportunity to reimagine and recreate the past. Neharika was a crowd puller with 120 students from other colleges and universities taking part. 150 students participated in cultural events across the city and 104 won prizes.

*Commitment is an act not a word*

We are environmentally conscious and have ecofriendly measures in place. We voluntarily undertook the green audit to assess the environmentally conscious steps employed on campus. Rain water is harvested for replenishing ground water. All the paper waste generated is recycled in partnership with ITC Paper division through their wealth through waste project and roof top solar PV module power panels provide a renewable source of power.

*Leaders aren't born, they are made*

The elected student council leaders are groomed to take up responsibilities and make decisions. The students are not nominated but elected through an e-voting system which was developed inhouse. Every single of the 5300 students vote to elect their council leaders. We are proud of the fact that the college believes and stands by the principles of people power at the micro level here.

*Sport gives players an opportunity to know and test themselves.*

Students at Anna Adarsh works on an open selection where interested students are tested and selected for special coaching which happens in the two sessions – morning and evening. Professional coaching is given in handball, volleyball, ball Badminton, Kho-kho among other sports. There is emphasis on fitness for performance and students are trained insilambam, karate, Zumba and yoga. Sports day was an enjoyable and colourful event with competitions, demonstrations, drills and displays.

The college is proud of its sporting accomplishments. With 15 National players, 5 Interuniversity Blues, 80 state level players, 10 district and 15 interzonal players, we ensure that students get the opportunity to play at every level. 1500 students have participated inter collegiate open matches. Sports Day was celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> January with excitement and fun, with competitions and colourful displays. Sporten, the intercollegiate sporting event held on 25<sup>th</sup> February was a success with 60 players participating in team sporting events. The university in recognition of the institution's commitment towards sports, has appointed the principal as the chairperson and the Physical Director as Convener for zone B women's tournament, university of Madras.

*The improvement of understanding is for two ends: first, our own increase of knowledge; secondly, to enable us to deliver that knowledge to others.*

Collaborations with other institutions such as universities, colleges, research and academic bodies help in knowledge exchange, enabling us to teach and learn in the process. The MoU with a leading technical institution, Kursk University in Russia has enabled our students to have a global edge in academics. 40 MoUs, 439 linkages and 53 collaborations with various organisations have ensured that students and faculty have their knowledge pool revitalized, revamped and renewed on a continuous basis.

*Democracy is the art of thinking independently together*

The administration of the college is democratic, cooperative, collaborative and consultative where all the stakeholders are engaged – management, principal, the administrative wing of the college, the heads of the department, faculty and students. The complaint box, mentor ward system, anti ragging cell, student grievance cell ensure that students interests are prioritized and addressed.

The Internal Quality Assessment Cell is the apex body for organizing and coordinating all events. It synchronizes the activities of the college in tune with the objectives of the institution. Assessing processes, laying down procedures, systematic documentation and implementing feedback suggestions are functions taken up by the IQAC. The academic audit will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> March this year.

*If you continuously compete with others, you become bitter, but  
If you continuously compete with yourself, you become better.*

Personality Development classes conducted by trained professionals put the students on the path of self discovery. They learn to become better by focusing on their talents and skills. The counseling room is a confidential space and students are encouraged to attend counseling sessions to enable them to figure out solutions for their issues in a non-judgmental fashion. As a psychologist trained in handling young adults, the counsellor navigates the students during the tumultuous teen and post teen phases of life.

*Ordinary people have wishes and hopes. Confident people have dreams and plans*

The placement cell makes these dreams work through effective planning and strategizing. Students are trained through the National Skill Development Corporation to prepare them for placements. The training has ensured that the employability quotient has increased by 40%.

The earn while you learn scheme, the student safety insurance, feedback mechanisms, fee concessions are in place for deserving students. The support of the college for the free ship scheme of the university has been recognized and appreciated. Scholarships are provided for the educational needs of the disadvantaged students. The management has also fully funded the Mediclaim Policy for all the faculty.

It is important that the quality of work we do gets noticed. A glimpse at the media coverage of various college events.

*We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures.*

Our treasure is our gratitude to all those who have been a part of our growth. Our management, Punjab Association has been an understanding and benevolent one. Their appreciation and acknowledgment of every step we take towards the improvement of the institution has helped us undertake new ventures. To the parents, many thanks for entrusting the education of their girls to us. We are grateful for the patrons for their complete faith in us and the students for supporting us completely and whole heartedly.

A thought for the students as we move closer to the end of another eventful year in college.

Give yourself a perfect day.

Do what makes you happiest.

Speak to those who warm your heart.

Listen to that which lifts your spirit.

Surround yourself with serene sights and soothing sounds.

Then, you will help others see their perfect day.

Happiness is contagious. Let your sunshine smile and grateful heart bring joy to everyone around. Anna Adarsh has taught you to look at the sunshine and leave the shadows behind. Be the eternal optimist and spread the cheer.