

ARUL ANANDAR COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

(Reaccredited by NAAC at 'A' Grade with a CGPA of 3.66)

Karumathur – 625 514, Madurai District



MOBILITY FOR SUSTAINABILITY



DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Integral Formation for Social Transformation
through Philosophy and Research
Communication

1970 - B.A. Programme

1986 - M.A. Programme

National Funding Agencies @ different periods

University Grants Commission (UGC)

2005 – National Symposium

2011 – Major Project

2014 - Travel Grant

2017 – Minor Project

Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR)

2008 – National Seminar

Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS)

2013 - National Conference

Collaboration with Institutes and Organisations

2011 - Notes for IGNOU

2012 - Contribution to ACPI Encyclopaedia

2016 - Institution of Archbishop Marianus Arockiasamy Endowment Lecture,
PILLAR Institute, Madurai

2019 - Sathya Nilayam Institute of Philosophy & Culture, Chennai

2019 - IDCR, Loyola College, Chennai

2020 - Department of Gandhian Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University, Department of
Thamizh Studies, Anugraha College, Dindigul, Gandhi Museum, Madurai

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Programme Specific Outcomes of B.A. Philosophy Programme

- Exhibit an in-depth understanding of major traditions and contemporary ideas in the field of philosophy, religion, and psychology.
- Compare diverse philosophical perspectives and competing viewpoints to assimilate their specific wisdom in relation to self, others, and the world, with adequate solutions.
- Employ logical, analytical, critical, innovative, and scientific methodologies and skills.
- Formulate a constructive philosophy of life and a value-based inclusive world-view for egalitarian society and sustainable nature.
- Demonstrate enhanced skills of reading, writing, and speaking effectively on philosophy and other disciplines methodologically.

Programme Specific Outcomes of M.A. Philosophy Programme

- Develop an in-depth comprehension and appreciation of important concepts and trends in the field of philosophy, religion, and psychology.
- Articulate philosophical ideas and defend them effectively in argument, and critically respond to philosophy and other disciplines.
- Instil in oneself and in others the qualities of right thinking, value based living, and peaceful coexistence with other persons and with nature.
- Employ philosophical methods and aptitudes towards academic progression and research.
- Enhance philosophical skills of interpreting social systems, structures, and values for social integration or transformation.

Curriculum - Thrust Areas

Philosophy

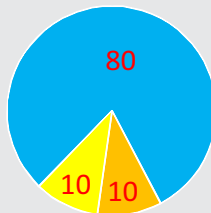
- Logic
- Indian Philosophy
- Western Philosophy
- Moral Philosophy
- Aesthetics
- Social Philosophy
- Political Philosophy
- Theory of Knowledge
- Metaphysics
- Philosophical Anthropology
- Philosophy of Science
- Philosophical Hermeneutics

Psychology

- General Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Applied Psychology

Religion

- Philosophy of Religion
- Sociology and Anthropology of Religion
- Comparative Religion



Curricular Orientations

Orientation	Courses / Activities
Forming logical, analytical, critical and creative thinking	Logic, Philosophy, Ethics
Creating research aptitude Imparting skills	Research Methodology, Philosophical Methodology, Project
Imparting skills	Logic and Test of Reasoning, Logic and Study Skills, Internships, Textual study
Promoting human values and rights education	Moral Philosophy, Professional Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Human Rights, Feminist Philosophy
Moulding character and emotional balance	Ethics, Psychology
Opening cultural horizons	Indian Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion
Developing integral and holistic attitude	Documentation of local cultures, Visit to the cultural heritages and religious centres, Village exposure programmes

Student Diversity

• Tamil Nadu	–	73
• Andhra Pradesh	–	13
• Jharkhand	–	06
• Kerala	–	04
• Orissa	–	03
• Chhattisgarh	–	03
• Telangana	–	03
• Karnataka	–	02
• West Bengal	–	02
• Manipur	–	01
• Meghalaya	–	01
• Bihar	–	01
• International	–	11



Teaching-Learning Enriching Programmes

- Philosophy Association
- PG Seminar
- Research Scholars Forum
- Faculty Seminar
- Self Learning Courses

Teaching-Learning Practices

- Internships
- Project
- Video Preparation and Presentation
- Visit to Religious and Cultural Centres
- Film Analysis
- Presentation of Summary
- Group Discussion and Debate
- Participation in Seminars and Conferences



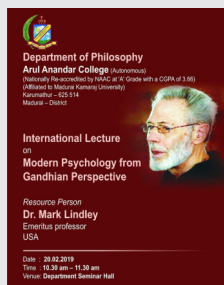
International Guest Lectures



- Interreligious Relationships: An Indological Perspective (7-8-2018) - **Dr. Francis X. Clooney SJ**, (Parkman Professor of Divinity), Professor of Comparative Theology, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, USA
- Modern Psychology from Gandhian Perspectives (20-2-2019) - **Dr. Mark**

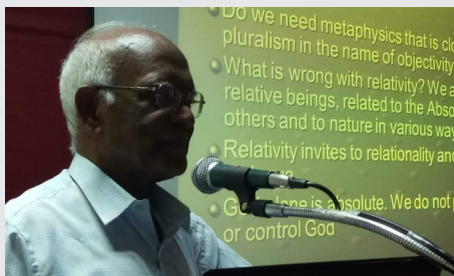
Lindley, Former Professor, Washington University, USA

- Religion and Ecology in Teilhard, Berry, Pope Francis' Laudato Si (27-9-2019) - **Dr. Christopher Key Chapple**, Doshi Professor of Indic and Comparative Theology Founding Director of the Master of Arts in Yoga Studies at Loyola Marymonut University, Los Angeles, California, USA



National Guest Lectures

- Research: Dimension and Dissemination (10-12-2016)
- The Impact of Philosophical Studies on Formative values (20-6-2019)
- Sartrean Perspectives on Ontological Foundations of Individual Morality (4-10-2019)



- Criminal Psychology (29-11-2019)
- Importance of Vocation for Priesthood and Its Challenges (10-9-2019)

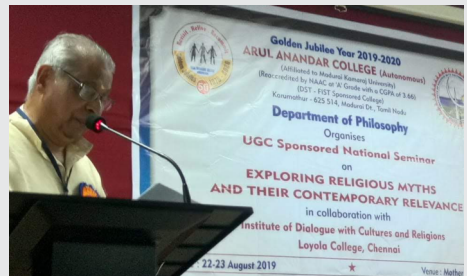
Workshop and Endowment Lectures

- Human Rights from Students' Perspective to Build a Humane Society (23-7-2018)
- Terms and Concepts from Western and Indian Perspectives (10 to 13-12-2018)
- Relevant Questions in Theologizing in the Postmodern Context: A Refreshing Look (11&12-3-2020)
- Leadership of the Church in Indian Context (28-2-2019)
- Post Analytic Philosophy of Richard Rorty (28-3-2022)



National Seminars

- People's Religious cultural consciousness and Identity for Solidarity (6&7-3-20217)
- Marx Philosophical, Cultural and Economic Ideas: A Bicentenary Quest (12&13-3-2018)
- Gandhian Perspectives on Inclusive Society (29-1-2019)
- Exploring Religious Myths and their Contemporary Relevance (22&23-8-2019)
- Mobility of Sustainability (23-1-2020)



Eminent Resource Persons

- Mr. Rajeev, Former Rajya Shabha Member
- Dr.G.Patrick, Head, Dept. of Christian Studies, University of Madras
- Dr. Michael Amaladoss SJ, Former Professor, Vidyajyoti College, Delhi
- Dr. Johnson J. Puthenpurackal OFM, Professor, Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Eluru, AP
- Prof. N. Muthu Mohan, Professor and Head, Department of Guru Nanak Studies, MK University
- Dr. A. Pushparajan, Former HOD, Department of Gandhian Studies, MK University
- Dr. Uma Maheswari, Former Professor of Sanskrit, Language Editor, Sri Ramakrishna Math, Salem
- Dr. Lawrence, Director, Satya Nilayam, Chennai
- Dr. Dharmaraj, Head, Dept. of Folklore and Culture Studies, MKU
- Dr. Thanigaivelan, Asst. Professor, Dept of Philosophy, Annamalai University



- Dr.M.Jeyanthi, Psychologist, Central Prison, Madurai
- Dr. K. Nedunchezian, Founder, International Research Institute for Tamil Philosophy & Culture
- Dr. Maria Arul Raja SJ, Director, IDCRC, Loyola College, Chennai
- Most Rt. Rev. Dr. P. Antony Pappusamy, DD, Archbishop of Madurai,
- Most Thava Thiru Santhikumara Swamikal, Thuvarakapeetam, Pathrika Ashram, Madurai
- Dr. Amanullah Khan, Seceretary, THiru Arut Peravai, Madurai
- Dr. K.M. Natrajan, Secretary, Gandhi Museum, Madurai
- Fr, Arun Lobo, Former National JPCI Coordinator, Bangaluru
- Fr. Scaria Kalloor, National JPCI Coordinator, Kannur

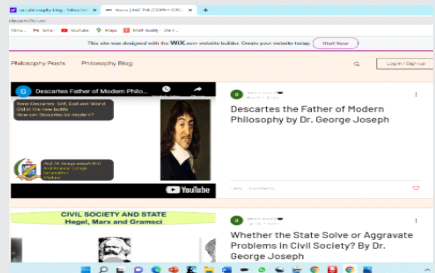
Unique Activities of the Department

- UG Comprehensive Viva Voce
- Basic Sanskrit Course
- Invitation to Philosophy for Freshers
- Research Methodology Workshop
- Department News Letter – Episteme



Digital Initiatives

- Department website
- Blog writing and student writing in web
- WhatsApp groups
- E-mail communications
- Preserving documents in e-mail and Facebook
- Online discussion Group
- YouTube Channel



Research

- Lonergan Postdoctoral Fellowship, Boston College– 2021-22 -Dr. Basil Xavier
- UGC Minor Research Project -2017-19 - Dr. George Joseph M
- UGC Major Research Project -2013-16 - Dr. S. Lourdunathan
- Guideship - 03
- Scholars - 04
- PhD Awarded - 04

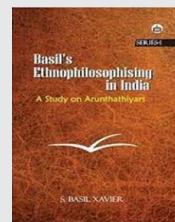
Extension

- Adopted village- Karumathur
- Awareness programme on prevention of diseases
- Campaign on clean environment
- Field work for cleaning old age home
- Interaction with children and elders
- Tuition for school students



Publications

Books Authored	- 04
Articles in Journals	- 12
Articles in Edited Books	- 16
Guest Editor of Bks/Journals	- 11



Achievements in Sports and Cultural Activities

National Power Lifting 15 place	
A. Rajkumar	– 15PH2205
MK University Inter university Volleyball Players	
K. Dinesh	– 18PHL507
S. Saikrishnan	– 19PHL 515
MK University Interuniversity Kabaddi Players	
Z. Sahapudheenz	– 19PHL511
M. Arul Pandian	– 21PHL509



Achievements in Intramural Literary and Cultural Competitions

Camp-Fest
Theatre Fest
Saral



Achievements in Intramural Sports and Games Competitions

Football	– First	- 2018-19, 2019-20
Volleyball	- Second	- 2018-19, 2019-20

Unique Features of the Department

- Faculty with national and international exposures
- Multi linguistic and multi-cultural students @National and International levels
- Well placed alumni @ national and international levels as professors, teachers, animators, government employees, entrepreneurs etc.
- Intellectual collaboration with alumni
- Flexible academic atmosphere and teaching-learning practices
- Student-centric evaluation methods
- Part time research supervisors
- Promotion of cocurricular and extracurricular activities
- Village exposure programmes

Faculty Profile

Name	Intellectual Enhancement and Sharing	Overseas Academic Exposure
Dr. M. George Joseph Head	UGC Minor Project UGC Travel Grant Guideship BoS Guest Editor	Singapore, Malaysia, Japan & Italy
Dr. S. Basil Xavier	PDF @ Boston College Visiting Lecture	USA & Australia
Dr. A. Irudayaraj	BoS Member Visiting Lecture	Malaysia
Dr. M. Arulappanl	CPR Life Member Visiting Lecture	
Dr. T. Elphinston Kishore Dr. A. Anto Nelson	Visiting Lecture BoS Member Visiting Lecture	
Dr. C. Lourdu Xavier	Visiting Lecture	Doctorate, Catholic University of Eastern Africa
Mr. A. Ratheesh Dr. Sekhar B. Vincent	NET 5 Times Executive Director & Dean, IDCR, Chennai Guest Editor Visiting Lecture	Mauritius, France, USA, Sri Lanka, Italy, Brazil, Canada
Dr. John Selvaraj		Doctorate, Pontifical University of Holy Cross, Rome

Future Plans

- Upgrading the Department into Research Centre
- Incorporating Sanskrit in the curriculum
- Providing intensive course in Latin
- Introducing Project Work at the UG level

