

ECOVISTAAC 2019-20

Department of Economics

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NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Desk of the Head of the Department

Greetings from the Department of Economics.

I am delighted to introduce the first edition of our department newsletter under the name “**ECOVISTAAC**” which denotes the outlook of the department of Economics of Arul Anandar College. As the department celebrates its golden jubilee, I feel excited to reach you every year through this Newsletter. At this juncture, the department proudly and thankfully acknowledge the selfless and wholehearted service rendered by the stalwarts of our department for having brought up the department as Research Centre. The department is grateful and thankful to the Jesuit Management for their continuous guidance and support for the growth. This newsletter is filled with the events, activities, programmes, and achievements of our department during the academic year 2019-20. I hope this issue will be useful to keep you updated on our latest activities. I look forward to your continuous support forever. Stay happy and healthy. Thank you.

Dr. I. Jeyaraj

About the department

The Department of Economics of Arul Anandar College came in to existence in the year 1970-71. The department started with the inception of the college proving to be one of the oldest departments of the college. The department is committed with imparting quality education to the students particularly coming from the rural packets. The department has carved a niche for itself by producing sixty-four (64) PhDs since 2001. The faculty has made several contributions in the field of research by attracting three Major and five Minor research projects funded by UGC, ICSSR and MIDS. The department has the practice of organising seminars and workshops, zonal level competitions (Essay and Elocution) entrusted by Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah trust in order to boost the competitive spirit among the students.

Milestones of the Department

Programmes	Year of Inception
BA	1970-71
MA	1984-85
M.Phil	1990-91
Ph.D	2001-02
Carrier Oriented Course	2005-06

What's Inside :

- ❖ Department Seminar
- ❖ State level Intercollegiate quiz competitions
- ❖ Inter-Collegiate essay writing and elocution competitions
- ❖ Board of studies meeting
- ❖ Staff Achievement
- ❖ Academic off campus evaluation
- ❖ Alumni meet
- ❖ Birthday event
- ❖ Annual Sports meet
- ❖ Welcome party
- ❖ Teacher's day celebration
- ❖ Pongal Celebration
- ❖ Department meetings
- ❖ Students' accolades
- ❖ Bidding Adieu
- ❖ Dear departed



Vision

- To inculcate the knowledge of the dynamics of Economics
- To make the students to analyze economic issues critically and scientifically
- To promote a sense of research spirit among the staff and students

Mission

- To make the students aware of the socio-economic issues and realities
- To enrich them with the knowledge of Economics and apply it in the real sense
- To impart the skill of quantitative analysis for enhancing research capabilities.

Programme Specific Outcomes for UG

- Identify the core economic concepts and theories
- Correlate the economic theories and concepts with real life situation
- Predict the future economic events by applying economic models
- Apply the different economic policies at different economic environment
- Exercise the subject knowledge of Economics to get employment and opportunities in higher education

Programme Specific Outcomes for PG

- Realize the classical and contemporary economic principals and models
- Discover and understand the structural economic problems of an economy

- Apply the economic doctrines and thoughts in business decision making process
- Exercise the quantitative techniques to address the economic problems at micro and macro level
- Identify the socio economic problems and suggest the suitable remedies to address the local socio-economic problems

Unique features of the department

- Organising seminars and workshops every year on contemporary issues
- Annual off-campus feedback from students
- Periodic faculty meetings
- Environmental awareness trip
- Mentor care
- Exposure to Postgraduate students through research institutional visits
- Rapport with Alumni
- Subscription of Journal and Dailies
- Endowment lecture and Scholarship for students

Best Practices

- Weekly test for all the students
- Off campus evaluation and planning by the outgoing students
- Field trip
- Cultural competitions for department students (CEEAAAC)
- PG State level Inter-Collegiate quiz contest

List of Faculties working in the department (for the Academic year 2019-2020)

S.No	Name of the Faculty	Designation	Year of Joining
1.	Dr. N. Murali M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D	Associate Professor & Head	1985
2.	Dr. I. Jeyaraj, M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D, BEd	Associate Professor	2000
3.	Dr. D. Antony Singh Dhas, M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D, (SLET)	Assistant Professor	2007
4.	Dr. V. Nirmal Rajkumar, M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D, SET	Assistant Professor	2013
5.	Ms. S. Henri Rita Mary, M.A., M.Phil., SET	Assistant Professor	2013
6.	Mr. V. Michael Venish, M.A., M.Phil., (NET)	Assistant Professor	2015
7.	Dr. S. Arockia Sarvia, M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D, (SET), (NET)	Assistant Professor	2017
8.	Mr. F. Stalin, M.A., (SET)	Assistant Professor	2019
9.	Mr. K. Sankaranarayanan, M.A., (SET)	Assistant Professor	2019
10.	Dr. A. Michael Raj M.Com., M.Com(CM)., M.Phil.,PhD	Assistant Professor	2012



At the Joyful eve of Golden Jubilee year (2019-20) of the department of Economics, we look back the academic journey of the department and proudly acknowledge the dedicated and valuable services rendered by the stalwarts of our department since its inception



Prof. S. Michael Samy
Founder Head of the Department
1970 - 1987



Prof. R. Srinivasan
Reader and Head
1970 - 1991



Dr. P. Yusuf
Reader and Head
1970 - 1992



Dr. M. L. Jesudoss
Reader and Head
1972 - 2001



Dr. S. Bencigar Arachi
Reader
1977 - 1999



Dr. K. Alamar
Associate Professor and Head
1985 - 2011



Dr. S. Michael John Peter
Associate Professor and Head
1985 - 2012



Dr. M. Maria John Kennedy
Associate Professor
1986 - 2019



Dr. M. James Antony
Associate Professor
1987 - 2017



Dr. M. Joseph Selvaraj
Associate Professor
1991 - 2018



Dr. M. Jeyabal
Associate Professor
1999 - 2014



Dr. K. Ayyadurai
Reader
1976 - 2010



DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

OFF CAMPUS EVALUATION 2019



- A Successful education depends upon a robust teacher - student relationship. In an attempt to bridge the gap between students and teachers, our department organised an Evaluation-cum-planning meet at “Vaigai dam” on 19th July 2019 to welcome the First year students along with II year, III Year and PG students who would also evaluate the department activities.
- During the meet, the Head of the Department, Dr. N. Murali, enheartened the students by his elegant welcome speech.
- As the main agenda of the meet, an Orientation programme was conducted for the students. Retired stalwarts of our department Dr. K. Alamar, Dr. S. Michael John Peter and Dr. M. Maria John Kennedy participated by sharing their expertise and guided the students year wise simultaneously. They motivated students by sharing ideas on career counselling, communication skills, personality development and provided insights to students on higher education.
- The meet provided a platform to knowledge sharing by organising interactive discussions, seminars, forums and other activities to embolden the relationship between students and teachers, based on structured academic and non-academic activities.
- Students were divided in to four groups and each group were given the task of evaluating our department. Staff and students presented the reports, group wise.

- Dr. I.Jeyaraj, moderated the report presentation session.

ALUMNI MEETING 2019



- In order to strengthen the ongoing collaboration between the alumni and the department “Alumni meet” was organised on 12th October, 2019. All our Alumni and staff were actively participated and shared their memorable experiences of their life at Arul Anandar College.
- Rev. Dr. S. Basil Xavier, SJ Principal presided over the meeting and delivered the presidential address.
- The retired professors of our department Dr. K. Alamar, Dr. S. Michael John Peter and Dr. M. Maria John Kennedy were acted as the special invitees and shared their memories with the Alumni.

BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING 2020





- Our department convened the Board of studies meeting on 9th January 2020 to restructure the syllabi for II Year undergraduate students on the basis of OBE model with the external experts.

- The sports meet was wrapped up with the small games for staff members. Our staff members proved their might in those events.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



“A Leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way “ - John. C. Maxwell

- Our Department is known not only for its academic prowess but also feels rejoiced in celebrating the birthday of our Head of the Department Dr. N. Murali on **26.06.2019** by sharing enormous love, affection, bondage, sweets, cakes and what not.

WELCOME PARTY



“Small cheer and great welcome makes a Merry Feast “ - William Shakespeare

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2019



- Our department constantly supports and encourages robust health of the students. As a testimony to the above words, our department students passionately took part in the “Annual College Sports meet “ on 3rd August 2019.
- Students proved their talents in plethora of sports events from department March- past and Athletic events
- It boosted the competitive spirit and sportsmanship of our students

- Our Department once again proved its team spirit and togetherness by extending its gesture of welcoming the newly recruited staff Mr. F. Stalin and Mr. K. Sankaranarayanan at Bethhills Homestay, Kumily on 19th October, 2019 and 20th October, 2019
- Dr. N. Murali and Dr. Michael John Peter welcomed the newly recruited staff and briefed about the importance of togetherness.
- The party provided platform for fruitful interaction among new staff and faculties. It facilitated the new members of the staff to come closer to the existing faculties of the department for better functioning.



TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS 2019



“A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite imagination and instil the love of learning”

- The Students of our department extended their salutes and honoured the staff members of our department at the eve of ‘Teachers Day 2019’ on 5th September 2019 at our department premises.
- Insurmountable wishes and appreciation of the students showcased their love and respect towards their teachers.
- The celebration concluded with the students offering with gifts to the teachers.

PONGAL CELEBRATIONS 2020

- The Department of Economics feels rejoiced by its active participation in the Golden jubilee Pongal celebrations on 14th January 2020.



- Students showcased their talents on different cultural events and proved their involvement towards our culture and traditions.

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS



“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step” - LAO TZU

- The Department of Economics convened its first meeting of the academic year on 15th June 2019 to deliberate on “NAAC Guidelines: Revised Accreditation Format and Best Practices”. The meeting witnessed active participation of all staff members.
- The meeting also set a stage to assign different responsibilities to all staff members. Verification of the documents for NAAC was addressed primarily.



- The Department of Economics convened a staff meeting on **21.06.2019** to identify the ways and means to increase **PG admission** for the current academic year 2019-20.



- Staff members of our department gathered on 18th July 2019 to map out the plans for welcoming the first year students on 19th July 2019 and “Vaigai dam” was fixed as venue for that purpose.



- In an effort to plan for the **Department Alumni meet**, the staff members convened the meeting on 22nd August 2019.
- The meeting also threw light on the arrangements for the Management committee visit and Seminar.



- The Jesuit management met the faculty of Economics on 4th October 2019 in the department.
- The meeting was presided over by Rev. Fr. Rector, Rev. Fr. Secretary and Rev. Fr. Principal and Fr. Principal presented the academic audit report of the department.
- The SWOC analysis of the department was discussed and planned for the future endeavours of the department.



- The Department meeting was organised on 6th December, 2019 to discuss about the preparatory work for the Board of studies meeting and syllabus framing based on the OBE model.



- The meeting also focussed on NAAC meeting, inventory and Golden Jubilee exhibition.
- The Department of Economics convened a meeting on 6th August 2019 to deliberate about the methodology of framing questions for 1st Year students based on the OBE model



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT

1. PARTICIPATION / PAPER PRESENTATION IN CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS

NAME OF THE STAFF	NAME OF THE CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS	NAME OF THE INSTITUTION AND PLACE	TITLE OF THE PAPER	DATE
Dr. Antony Singh Dhas	National Level Seminar on Corporate Tax Rate Reduction: The Impact on Indian Economy	Mary Matha College Periyakulam	Managing Tax Rate for Fiscal Discipline	10 th October 2019
Dr. Antony Singh Dhas	National Level Seminar on "Indian Economy : Current Issues And Remedial Measures"	Aditanar College of Arts and Science Virpandianpatnam, Tiruchendur.	Sector – Wise Contribution of GDP in India	16 th October 2019
Dr. Antony Singh Dhas	National Conference on Economic Transformation For Inclusive Growth and Development	VijayaJyothi Degree College Bengaluru	Globalisation : A Threat for Inclusive Growth	26 th October 2019
Dr. V. Nirmal Raj Kumar & Dr. D. Antony Singh Dhas	National Level Seminar on "Recent Advancements in Livestock farming and Product Processing for Livelihood of Farmers & Entrepreneurs (RALPLFE -20)"	Arul Anandar College Karumathur	An Economic Study of Livestock Production in India	28 th January 2020
S. Henri Rita Mary	National Level Seminar on "Recent Advancements in Livestock farming and Product Processing for Livelihood of Farmers and Entrepreneurs (RALPLFE - 20)"	Arul Anandar College Karumathur	Issues of Women in Agricultural Sector	28 th January 2020
V. Michael Venish	National Level Seminar on "Recent Advancements in Livestock farming and Product Processing for Livelihood of Farmers and Entrepreneurs (RALPLFE - 20)"	Arul Anandar College Karumathur	Challenges and Opportunities for Livestock Farmers in India	28 th January 2020
F. Stalin	National Level Seminar on "Recent Advancements in Livestock farming and Product Processing for Livelihood of Farmers and Entrepreneurs (RALPLFE - 20)"	Arul Anandar College Karumathur	Socio-Economic Condition of Sheep and Goat Rearing in Acham-pathu Village in Madurai District	28 th January 2020



Dr. Antony Singh Dhas	International Seminar on Monetary policy debates: The slowdown scenario	N S S College Ottapalam	Current Economic Slowdown	12 th & 13 th February 2020
S. Henri Rita Mary	National conference on Rural Development in Backward Regions of India	Department of Economics, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad	A Study on MGNREGA in Melur Panchayat Union, Madurai	17 th & 18 th February 2020
F. Stalin	Symposium	Department of Economics, Loyola College, Chennai	Impact on Reward and recognition on Employee performance in online marketing	19 th February 2020

2. PAPERS PUBLISHED IN JOURNALS

NAME OF THE STAFF	NAME OF THE JOURNAL	TITLE OF THE PAPER	Vol./Issue/Page/Year
K. Sankaranarayanan	Journal of Social Welfare and Management (Refereed and Peer-Reviewed Journal)	A Study of Status of Manual Scavengers in Thoothukudi Corporation of Tamilnadu	Volume 11/Number 2/ page – 93/June 2019/ ISSN 0975-0231

3. PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT

NAME OF THE STAFF	ORIENTATION PROGRAMME/ REFRESHER COURSE/SHORT TERM COURSES	NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY/ INSTITUTION	DATE
A. Michael Raj	Orientation Programme in Commerce	Madurai Kamaraj University	10 th – 31 st October

STUDENTS' ACCOLADES



“ SUCCESS IS WHERE PREPARATION AND OPPORTUNITY MEET ”



- Our department constantly encourages our students to showcase their talents in inter collegiate competitions. On 11th December, 2019, our students participated in the “Oikonomia day” an inter collegiate competitions organised by the Lady Doak College, Madurai.

- Four students have secured prizes and brought laurels to the department.

a) Budget cooking competition

First Prize - Ms. Pavithra (I BA Economics),
Ms. Gayathri (I BA Economics)

b) Rangoli Competition

Third Prize - Ms. Nigitha (II BA Economics),
Ms. Nishanthi (II BA Economics)

DEPARTMENT SEMINAR



- Students of Department of Economics actively participated in “SAARAL 2019” Intra-Collegiate Drama Fest conducted by the Department of Tamil on 28.09.2019 and came out successfully with colourful prizes.



- Students of the department of Economics have participated vibrantly in the state level inter collegiate quiz competition held at St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai on 21.01.2020

- The Department of Economics of our college has once again proved its versatility in organising UGC Sponsored State Level Seminar on “Towards A Five Trillion Dollar Economy” on its Golden Jubilee year
- Dr.Jeyaranjan, Director, Institute of Development Alternatives, Chennai was the resource person and delivered keynote address on the topic “ Towards A Five Trillion Dollar Economy “
- Another resource person of the seminar Dr. M. Vijayabaskar, Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies, deliberated on the topic “ Pre-requisites for a Five Trillion Dollar Economy“
- Member, State Secretariat of CPI (M), Tamilnadu, Comrade. K. Kanagaraj acted as a resource person for the afternoon session. His speech was centred around several bottlenecks engulfing the economy. Thus the seminar ended successfully with the vote of thanks delivered by the convener Dr. V. Nirmal Rajkumar.



INTER-COLLEGIATE ESSAY WRITING AND ELOCUTION COMPETITIONS



- The Department of Economics in collaboration with our college witnessed an enormous achievement by conducting Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah trust Inter - Collegiate Essay Writing and Elocution Competitions. Forty-four students from eight reputed institutions in the south zone of Tamilnadu were participated.
- The Essay Writing competitions on both English and Tamil were conducted on the topic, "The Revival Strategies for Indian Economy". Ms. P. Sonali Jain from St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai secured first prize in English essay writing with a cash award of Rs. 1500.
- Elocution Competitions were conducted on the topic "Current Economic Slowdown in India is Cyclical or Structural" in both English and Tamil. Ms. B. Vanitha from Lady Doak College, Madurai secured first position in English Elocution with a cash award of Rs. 1500 and Mr. M. Rahul from Arul Anandar College, Karumathur secured First position with a cash award of Rs. 1500.

STATE LEVEL INTER COLLEGIATE QUIZ COMPETITION



- The Department of Economics successfully conducted Golden Jubilee State level Inter -

Collegiate Quiz Competitions for Post Graduate Students of Economics.

- Eight teams from reputed colleges were participated and exhibited their treasure of knowledge as competitions.
- Retired professor of our department Dr. Maria John Kennedy acted as a quiz master.
- A team from St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai has won the first prize and received the Rolling Trophy instituted by Dr. M. James Antony in memory of his parents Mr. MANUEL and Mrs. THERESA MANUEL.

BIDDING ADIEU



" For the thousands of pebbles you have dropped in the water, the ripples are endless! "

Dearest Dr. N. Murali,

We believe that you lived a full life in your academic career in the way you wished. You lived a quality academic life with good policies and with your own principles.

You are an eminent professor known to entire academic community as well as to the Economics community nationally. You have reached academic milestone on time to a chief position (HOD) through your service effortlessly facing all the challenges within the college.

You never wanted to be ambitious to achieve positions and you were satisfying with what you achieved in life. Silently you have contributed a lot to the college which were not limited only to the Department of Economics but to all the faculty members and Non-teaching staff of Arul Anandar College, Karumathur.

Always, we found that you were cool, happy, kind hearted and peaceful, gentle person and you had a big heart to help your colleagues. Lord Buddha



says, "If in our daily life, if we can smile, if we can be peaceful and happy, not only we, but everyone will profit from it". Definitely we got that profit from you throughout your career.

Your interests towards research especially in the field of Economics enables you to produce 15 Ph.Ds and 42 M.Phil graduates in Arul Anandar College. Your publications in the indexed journals and refereed journals have contributed massively to Economics during your career in our esteemed Educational Institution.

As our Colleague we will miss you more than you will ever know. You have worked a long time and travelled a lot of miles to get to this point, and no one deserves this more than you. This is your time to move and see what the next chapter of your life will bring.

Our Thoughts and constant prayer will always be with you.



DEAR DEPARTED

A Requiem to a Man for others

Dr. M. Joseph Selvaraj a multifaceted personality who joined our esteemed institution and served as a devoted teacher together for 27 years with utmost care is no more with us. Though his physical presence is not felt, his soul would always be with the department of Economics and Arul Anandar College. He constantly had a longing for the development of the poor students. He would ever proudly say "I am a Jesuit Product" and such was the familial bond he had with the Jesuits and Arul Anandar College.

The College and the Department of Economics in particular have lost a good organiser, an efficient teacher, an administrator, a loving friend, a fine human being, a gentleman and a man for others.

The Department of Economics and the college feel a vacuum which cannot be easily filled with. He voluntarily would take up any activity and would complete and execute it without any fuss. He would mastermind behind any endeavour in the college. Such a great personality unexpectedly departed from us on 29th October, 2018

We feel that God has quenched all his ailments by picking him to adorn his celestial garden. Let his soul Rest in Peace.

