

EVALUATIVE REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT

1. Name of the Department & : ECONOMICS (PG and Research)
its year of establishment 1957 – 58

2. Names of Programmes/Courses offered (UG, PG, M.Phil., Ph.D., Integrated Masters; Integrated Ph.D., etc.)

No.	Name of Programme	Subject	Year of affiliation	Sanctioned strength	Total Student strength (2011-12)	Remarks
1.	B.A.	Economics	1957-58	50	69	I, II & III Years
2.	M.A.	Economics	1967-68	35	63	I & II years
3.	M.Phil.	Economics	1983-84	25	16	One Year
4.	Ph. D.	Economics	1987-88	16	15	--
5.	Certificate Course	Rural Development	2005-06	--	28	--
6.	Certificate	World trade and Economics	2005-06	--	--	--

3. Interdisciplinary courses and departments involved

- In UG level, in **Part IV**, interdisciplinary Courses like **Skill Based Elective** are offered in all the six semesters and **Non-Major Elective** in the final year as mandatory to all the students.
- In PG level, in the final year mandatory **Extra Disciplinary Courses** are offered to all the students.

	Interdisciplinary courses	Departments involved
UG Level	Skill Based Elective	History, Tamil, English, Commerce, Botany, Computer Science and Physical Education
	Non – Major Elective	History, Tamil, English, Commerce, Botany, Computer Science and Physical Education
PG Level	Extra Disciplinary	History, Tamil, Commerce,

4. Annual/ Semester/Choice Based Credit System:

Semester pattern with Choice Based Credit System

5. Participation of the department in the courses offered by other departments:

- Our department participates in the courses offered by other departments by extending **Skill Based Elective** and **Non-Major Elective** at UG level and **Extra Disciplinary Courses** at PG level to all the students.

Skill Based Courses – UG Level

- ❖ Basic Concepts of Entrepreneurial Development
- ❖ Establishing an Entrepreneurial system
- ❖ Growth of Entrepreneurship

- ❖ Institutions and Entrepreneurship
- ❖ Business Opportunities & Entrepreneur
- ❖ Project Appraisal and Entrepreneur

Non Major Elective courses – UG Level

- ❖ Issues in Tamil Nadu Economy
- ❖ Reforms in Indian Economy

Extra disciplinary course – PG Level

- ❖ Issues In Indian Economy

In addition to the above, the following Courses offered by the Department of Management Studies are handled by our department.

Sl. No.	Name of the Programme	Semester	Title of the Paper	Name of the Department
1.	II B.B.A.	III	Managerial Economics	Business Administration
2.	III B.B.A.	IV	Research Methodology	Business Administration
3.	I M.B.A.	I	Managerial Economics	Management Studies
4.	I M.B.A.	II	Research Methodology	Management Studies

6. Number of teaching posts sanctioned and filled (Professors/Associate Professors/Asst. Professors)

AIDED SECTION

Post	Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
Associate Professors	-	3 (excluding Dr.R.Rajendran elevated as Principal)	-
Asst. Professors	10	4	3

SELF-FINANCE SECTION

Post	Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
Asst. Professors	1	4*	-

* including 3 teachers appointed temporarily against permanent vacancies.

7. Faculty profile with name, qualification, designation, specialisation (D.Sc./D.Litt./ Ph.D./M.Phil., etc.)

Sl. No.	Name	Qualification	Designation	Specialization	No. of Years of Experience	No. of Ph.D. students guided in the last 4 years	Remarks
Aided Section:							
1.	Dr.R.Rajendran	Ph.D.	Principal	Agricultural Economics	34 yrs	8	-
2.	Dr.N.Rajendran	Ph.D.	Assoc. Prof.	Agricultural Economics	30 yrs	-	-
3.	Dr.T.J.Jayasholan	Ph.D.	Assoc. Prof. & Co-ordinator	Health Economics	29 yrs	-	-
4.	Dr.R.Palanivelu	Ph.D.	Assoc. Prof.	Rural Development	19 yrs	8	-
5.	Mr.R.Swaminathan	M.Phil.	Asst. Prof.	Agricultural	11 yrs	-	Doing Ph.D.

Sl. No.	Name	Qualification	Designation	Specialization	No. of Years of Experience	No. of Ph.D. students guided in the last 4 years	Remarks
				Economics			
6.	Dr.P.Nadimuthu	Ph.D.	Asst. Prof.	Fiscal Economics	10 yrs	-	-
7.	Mrs.S.Rajarajeswari	M.Phil.	Asst. Prof.	Public Finance	7 yrs	-	Doing Ph.D.
8.	Mrs.V.Valarmathy	M.Phil.	Asst. Prof.	Public Finance	6 yrs	-	Doing Ph.D.
Self – Finance Section:							
9.	Mrs.S.Sangeetha	M.Phil., MBA.	Asst. Prof.	Human Resource Development	7 yrs	-	Doing Ph.D.
10.	Mrs.U.Selvakumari	M.Phil.	Asst. Prof.	Agricultural Economics	1 year	-	-
11.	Mr.S.Thennarasu	M.Phil.	Asst. Prof.	Public Finance	3 mnts	-	Doing Ph.D.
12.	Ms.R.Indira Gandhi	M.Phil.	Asst. Prof.	Industrial Economics	3 mnts	-	-

8. Percentage of classes taken by temporary faculty – programme-wise information

Sl. No.	Programmes	Morning session	Evening
1.	UG	70%	30 %
2.	PG including M.Phil.	57%	33 %

9. Programme-wise Student Teacher Ratio

Sl. No.	Name of the programme	Student teacher ratio
1.	UG	11:1
2.	PG	11:1
3.	M.Phil.	6:1
4.	Ph.D.	8:1

10. Number of academic support staff (technical) and administrative staff: sanctioned and filled

Sl. No.	Staff	Sanctioned	Filled
1.	Technical	01	01
2.	Administrative	01	01

11. Number of faculty with ongoing projects from a) national b) international funding agencies and c) Total grants received. Mention names of funding agencies and grants received project-wise.

Sl. No.	Name of the Faculty	Project Title	Ongoing/ Completed project	Name of funding agency	Amount sanctioned Rs.
1.	Dr.P.Nadimuthu	Impact of solid water Management on socio Economic conditions in Thanjavur Municipal Corporation	Ongoing Minor Research Project (2011 – 2013)	UGC	1,00,000
2.	Dr.R.Palanivelu	Impact of Rural Development programme in Thanjavur Dt. (Poverty Eradication	Completed Minor Project (2007-09)	UGC	50,000

Sl. No.	Name of the Faculty	Project Title	Ongoing/ Completed project	Name of funding agency	Amount sanctioned Rs.
		Programme)			

12. Departmental projects funded by DST-FIST; DBT, ICSSR, etc.; total grants received : Nil

13. Research facility / centre with

• **State recognition**

- The department has been affiliated to Bharathidasan University, Trichy for pursuing research at Ph.D. level.
- Staff members who are recognized Ph.D. guides provide guidance to the candidates pursuing Ph.D. degree and act as internal and external members of doctoral committee.
- Staff members with eligible qualification and experience are recognized as research guides to the scholars of other universities within the state.

• **National recognition**

- Faculty Members have published many articles in recognized Journals and Conference volumes which are nationally acknowledged

• **International recognition**

- Articles written by the faculty members have been accepted by international academic bodies and published in the respective Journals.

14. Publications:

* **Number of papers published in peer reviewed journals (national/ international)**

Sl. No.	Year of Publication	No. of papers Published		
		State	National	Inter national
1.	2007 – 2008	2	-	-
2.	2008 – 2009	2	3	-
3.	2009 – 2010	4	3	-
4.	2010 – 2011	8	2	1
5.	2011 – 2012	4	6	-

- * Monographs : Nil
- * Chapter(s) in Books : 03
- * Editing Books : Nil
- * Books with ISBN numbers with details of publishers : 02
- * Number listed in International Database (For e.g. Web of Science, Scopus, Humanities International Complete, Dare Database - International Social Sciences Directory, EBSCO host, etc.) : Nil
- * Citation Index – range / average : Nil
- * SNIP : Nil
- * SJR : Nil
- * Impact factor – range / average : Nil
- * h-index : Nil

15. Details of patents and income generated - Nil

16. Areas of consultancy and income generated:

Based on the research experiences, faculties have provided consultancy services to local area people related to

17. Faculty recharging strategies

Faculty members have been undergoing orientation and refresher courses through which they acquire knowledge and are exposed to higher level teaching and development of theoretical concepts which are delivered by experts and are supposed to be powerful recharging strategies.

Orientation / Refresher and Training Programmes

Sl. No.	Year	Number of staff attended	
		Orientation	Refresher
1.	2007 – 2008	04	-
2.	2011 – 2012	-	03

Papers presented in Seminars

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Papers Presented		
		State	National	Inter national
1.	2007 – 2008	02	02	-
2.	2008 – 2009	-	05	-
3.	2009 – 2010	13	21	-
4.	2010 – 2011	08	04	01
5.	2011 – 2012	04	12	01

18. Student projects

- percentage of students who have done in-house projects including inter-departmental

Project Work finds a place in the curriculum only at M.Phil. level.

Sl. No.	Year of study	Students strength	percentage of students who have done in-house projects
1.	2007-08	24	100%
2.	2008-09	18	100%
3.	2009-10	24	100%
4.	2010-11	16	100%
5.	2011-12	17	100%

- percentage of students doing projects in collaboration with industries/institutes : Nil

19. Awards / recognitions received at the national and international level by Faculty

(i) Faculty

Sl. No.	Name of the Staff	Awards/Recognition received (National/ International level)
1.	Dr.R.Rajendran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elevated as Principal since June 2012. President of Association of Economists of Tamilnadu (2009–10)
2.	Dr.N.Rajendran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melvin Jone Fellowship Award 2011- 2012 by the Lions clubs International, Illinois, Oak Blook, USA,

		for his outstanding contribution to disaster relief, disabled and the blindness prevention projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Par excellence President Award by the Lions clubs International, 324 A2 District, 2011-2012
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• **Doctoral / post doctoral fellows : ---- Nil**

• **Students:**

Name	Fellowship
R.Rajesh Kumar M.Phil. scholar (FT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for the year 2010-2011.

☞ **R.Rajesh Kumar**, under the guideship of Dr.R.Rajendran, has received the above fellowship.

☞ **Mr.Loganathan and Mr.Veerakumar**, Quiz Competition – II Prize at A.V.V.M. Sri Pushpam College on 23.02.2012

20. Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops organized and the source of funding (national / international) with details of outstanding participants, if any.

- Dr.R.Palanivelu** organized an UGC sponsored National Level Seminar on **Women Empowerment** with special reference to Rural Economy on 24th and 25th January 2009 with a grant of **Rs.80,000/-**

The following were outstanding participants of the seminar:

1.	Mrs. Hema Karunakaran IPS	Superintendent of Police, USRB, Chennai.
2.	Mr. M.Karunakaran IES	District Revenue Officer, Thanjavur
3.	Dr. N. Manimekalai	Director, Centre for women's studies Bharathidasan University, Trichy
4.	Mrs. H. Parveen Ramachandran	Dean, Secretary – Power PC, Polytechnic College, Vallam
5.	Dr. M. Soundarapandiyam	Professor and Director, CED Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul
6.	Dr. A. Mohamed Abdul Khader	Principal, KM College Adirampattinam
7.	Dr. J. A.Arul Chellakumar	Professor of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Trichy
8.	Dr. S. Iyyampillai	Head, Dept. of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Trichy
9.	Dr. P. Arunachalam	Dept. of Applied Economics, Cochin University, Kerala
10.	Dr. Rekha Mahadeswar	Reader and Head, Dept of Economics, S.I.W.S. College, Wadala, Mumbai.
11.	Dr. R. Shashikumar	Reader in Economics, Bangalore University, Bangalore.
12.	Dr. V. Mohanasundaram	Reader in Economics, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore.
13.	Dr. N. Durairaj	Former Chairman, School of Rural Economics MKU, Madurai
14.	Dr. T. Govindaraj	Centre Head, ICFAI, National College, Thanjavur
15.	Dr. A.Sivagamasundari	Principal, A.D.M College, Nagapattinam
16.	Dr. R.Kaliyaperumal	Director, Academic Staff College, Bharathidasan University
17.	A.M. Venkatesa Prasad	Senior Ragional Manager, IOB Regional, Thanjavur.

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- **Dr.R.Rajendran** organized an UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “**Second Green Revolution**” along with Association of Economists of Tamilnadu (AET) on 24th and 25th March 2012 with a grant of **Rs.1,05,000/-**

The following were outstanding participants of the seminar:

1.	Dr. C. Thangamuthu	Former Vice chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Trichy.
2.	Dr. A. Renga Reddy	Professor of Economics, Sri Venkateshwara University, Tirupathi.
3.	Dr. S. Neelakandan	Former Director, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai.
4.	Dr.Raja Mohan Rao	Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusive policies, Bharathidasan University, Trichy
5.	Dr. M. Ravichandran	Centre for Environmental Studies, Bharathidasan University, Trichy
6.	Dr. P. Arunachalam	HOD of Economics, Cochin University of science & Technology, Cochin.
7.	Dr. S. Rajendran	HOD of Economics, Periyar University, Salem.
8.	Dr.A. Narayanamurthy	Alagappa University, Karaikudi
9.	Dr.J.A.Arulchella Kumar	Bharathidasan University, Trichy
10.	Dr.S. Iyyampillai	Bharathidasan University, Trichy
11.	Dr.R. Balasubramanian	Sri Vaishnava College, Chennai
12.	Dr.V.Mohana Sundaram	PSG College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore.
13.	Dr. A.G. Leonard SJ	Chairman, Association of Economist of Tamilnadu

21. Student profile course-wise:

UG Programmes

Year of study	Applications received	Selected		Pass percentage	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
2007-08	30	21	--	97	---
2008-09	20	08	05	93	---
2009-10	35	10	12	91	---
2010-11	40	16	11	88	80
2011-12	31	15	09	70	83

PG Programmes

Year of study	Applications received	Selected		Pass percentage	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
2007-08	50	13	24	85	84
2008-09	30	07	12	100	100
2009-10	40	19	15	100	100
2010-11	50	25	18	89	93
2011-12	30	13	07	92	89

M.Phil. Programmes

Year of study	Applications received	Selected		Pass percentage	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
2007-08	29	08	18	89	100
2008-09	20	04	14	100	79
2009-10	26	08	16	100	100
2010-11	18	04	13	100	100
2011-12	16	08	08	100	100



Ph.D. Programmes

Doing		Awarded before the assessment period		Awarded during the assessment period	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
05	10	-	-	05	01

Certificate Course

Year of study	Applications received	Selected	Pass percentage
2007-08	22	21	100
2008-09	29	29	100
2009-10	27	27	100
2010-11	30	30	100
2011-12	28	28	100

22. Diversity of students

Name of the course	Percentage of students from the college	Percentage from other college	% of students from the state	% of students from other States	% of students from other countries
UG	-	-	99.44	1.56	-
PG	4.00	96	100	-	-
M.Phil	69.00	31	100	-	-
Ph.D	53	47	100	-	-

23. How many students have cleared Civil Services, Defence Services, NET, SLET, GATE and any other competitive examinations?

S. No	Name of the Examination	No of students
1.	BSRB	05
2.	TNPSC	15
3.	SLET	04
4.	Tamil Nadu Police Service	06
5.	Defence	03
6.	RRB	03

24. Student progression

Student progression	Percentage against enrolled
UG to PG	66
PG to M.Phil.	58
PG to Ph.D.	20
Ph.D. to Post-Doctoral	-
Employed	
• Campus selection	10.0
• Other than campus recruitment	40.0
Entrepreneurs	Service/ Family Business:6

25. Diversity of Staff

Percentage of faculty who are graduates	
of the same parent university	59
from other universities within the State	41
from other universities from other States	--

26. Number of faculty who were awarded Ph.D., D.Sc. and D.Litt. during the assessment period:

Sl. No.	Year of completion	No. of awarded Ph.D.	
		Faculty	Others
1.	2011	01	02
2.	2012	02	01

27. Present details about infrastructural facilities

- a) Library : General Library : **6,362 books**
 Department Library : **211 books**
 Students Study Circle : **87 books**
- b) Internet facilities for staff and students : Internet facility is available in the department for staff and students.
- c) Total number of class rooms : 06
- d) Class rooms with ICT facility : ---
- e) Students' laboratories : ---
- f) Research laboratories : ---

28. Number of students of the department getting financial assistance from College.

Year	Management Financial Assistance			Government Financial Assistance		
	UG	PG	M.Phil	UG	PG	M.Phil
2007-08	18	12	2	55	36	12
2008-09	7	5	3	20	12	8
2009-10	17	4	1	52	30	10
2010-11	32	6	2	78	42	10
2011-12	15	9	1	102	65	9

29. Was any need assessment exercise undertaken before the development of new program(s)? If so, give the methodology.

Yes. If any new programs are sorted out, a careful exercise is carried out by consulting the nearby institutions, departments and experts and appropriate assessment is made with clarity.

The Methodology evolved is based on the assessment done by internal and external members under the academic body – Board of studies. Based on the suggestions of external and internal experts from the parent university everything is programmed and implemented.

30. Does the department obtain feedback from

a) **Faculty on curriculum as well as teaching-learning-evaluation? If yes, how does the department utilize it?**

- The department as a whole obtains the feedback from the internal staff members regarding curriculum; and teaching – learning evaluation. This is based on the experiences of staff members in the class room and turn duties during – examination.
- Feedback is also obtained from the external examiners during evaluation and external members of board of studies.

b) **Students on staff, curriculum as well as teaching-learning-evaluation and what is the response of the department to the same?**

- Students studying under different programs give their feedback on staff members, curriculum and on teaching – learning evaluation. The feed backs are consolidated and staff members are advised to adopt appropriate changes in teaching to suit the needs of the students.

c) **Alumni and employers on the programmes and what is the response of the department to the same?**

- Feedbacks are also obtained from the alumni and employers on the programs. (The management conducts result reviews and makes suggestions to improve. Above all **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)** is continuously collecting information and suggestions to improve the teaching – learning quality.)
- All the feedbacks are processed collectively and effective steps are taken to strengthen the quality.

d) **Student (Outgoing) Feedback on curriculum**

- Students’ feedbacks are obtained at the time of leaving regarding the Curriculum. The feedbacks obtained are used to correct the syllabus.

31. List the distinguished alumni of the department (maximum 10)

SL. No.	Name of the Alumni	Designation
1.	Mr. M. Ramu, I.A.S.	Secretary to Government of Tamilnadu (Retd.)
2.	Mr. P. Kalimuthu	ADGP of Police, Government of Tamilnadu
3.	Mr. R. Ambikeswaran	Joint Registrar of Co-operative societies, Government of Tamilnadu
4.	Mr. M. Tamilarasan	Joint Registrar of Co-operative societies, Government of Tamilnadu
5.	Mr. V. Balasubramanian	Joint Registrar of Co-operative societies, Government of Tamilnadu
6.	Dr. N. Durairaj	Chairman, School of Economics, M.K. University, Madurai
		Director, Hans Rover Educational Institutions, Perambalur
7.	Mr. A. Panneerselvam IAS	Secretary to Government (Retd.)

SL. No.	Name of the Alumni	Designation
8.	Mr. P. Arivanandham	Deputy. General Manager, Indian Bank, Chennai
9.	Mr. Immanuel Mahesh Kumar	Executive, Confederation of Indian Industries.
10.	Mr. S. Veerasamy	Assistant Commissioner of Police, Srirangam, Trichy

32. Give details of student enrichment programmes (special lectures/workshops/ seminar) with external experts.

In order to enrich students' knowledge in subject and to develop and expose the hidden talents and skill set, many special lectures and programmes are organized.

S. No.	Particulars	Resources Persons
1.	A special meeting on Union Budget 2007-08 5.03.2007	1. N. Kannan 2. Leo Anand (Industrialist)
2.	Economic Reforms in India first Generation (2007) - 21.09.2007	1. Dr. T. Govindaraj Former Dean. A.V.V.M. SPC, Poondi.
3.	Economic Reforms in India. second Generation (2007) – 24.09.2007	Dr. Suriya Kumar, Urumu Dhanalakshmi College, Trichy.
4.	A special meeting on Union Budget (2008-09)	1. Dr. T. Govindaraj 2. G. Srinivasan, The Hindu 3. G. Jagannathan, RIT, IOB (RO) Thanjavur.
5.	Tamil Nadu Economy 31.03.2008	1. Dr. Arul Chellakumar 2. Dr. D. Kumar 3. Dr. Sahapudeen 4. Mr. Karunakaran, DRO, Thanjavur.
6.	A special meeting on Union Budget 14.07.2009	Prof. Dr. G. Gnanasekaran, (St. Joseph's College Trichy)
7.	Guest lecture "ANOVA" 21.12.2009	Dr. G. Gnanasekaran (St. Joseph's College) Trichy
8.	Guest Lecture "A Revisit in Economic Research" - 30.12.2009	Dr. D. Kumar, Jamal Mohamed College, Trichy
9.	Guest Lecture "Climate Change" 19.02.2010	Dr. E. Selvarajan, Annamalai University
10.	A special meeting on Union Budget (2010) 01.03.2010	Dr. V.R. Mathiazhagan National College, Trichy.
11.	Guest Lecture "Thesis Writing" (2010)-11.03.2010	Dr. S. Iyyampillai, Bharathidasan University, Trichy
12.	Guest Lecture "Computer Application in Social Research" (2010) - 25.10.10	Dr. Indraneel Bhowmik (Associate Professor of Economics) Tripura University, Tripura.
13.	Guest Lecture "Identification of Research Problem" (2010) - 30.12.2010	Dr. V. R. Mathiyalagan National College, Trichy
14.	Guest Lecture "Application of Statistical tools in Economics) (2011) 06.01.2011	Dr. A. Saleem Batcha Jamal Mohamed College, Trichy.
15.	Guest lecture "Economic Research Report Writing" (2011) - 09.02.2011	Dr. D. Kumar, Jamal Mohamed College, Trichy.
16.	Special Meeting on Union Budget (2011 – 12) - 03.01.2011	Dr. N. Prasanna, BARD, Trichy.
17.	Regional Seminar on Problem & Prospective of Indian Economy 05.08.2011	Inaugural Address: Dr. S. Rajendran Periyar University, salem. Dr. T. Govindaraj, Key note Address

S. No.	Particulars	Resources Persons
18.	Workshop on Research Methodology 04.01.2012	Dr.VR. Mathiyalagan and Dr.D.Kumar, Trichy.
19.	Special Meeting on Union Budget (2012 – 13) - 17.03.2012	Dr.R.Rajendran Govt.Arts college,Kumbakonam, Dr.N.Chithra,Adirampattinam

The Department has a separate cell in the name of Debate club which organizes programs at three levels namely at Intra-Department level, Inter-Department level and Inter-Collegiate level. The various events in the competition are Quiz, Dumb Charades, Oration, Essay writing, Cartooning, “Would be Finance Minister” etc.

33. List the teaching methods adopted by the faculty for different programmes.

Sl. No.	Programme	Teaching Methods Adopted
1.	UG	Black – Board with chalk and talk method is adopted. The classes are highly interactive in nature.
2.	PG	Black – Board and Chalk are the prime teaching aids. The teachers use LCD presentation during special occasions. Students are permitted to present their views on the concepts and issues.
3.	M.Phil.	Along with chalk and talk method, discussions, Interaction and LCD presentation are practiced. Scholars are Permitted to access internet and collect recent information leading to discussion.

34. How does the department ensure that programme objectives are constantly met and learning outcomes monitored?

- a) **Tutorial system** is effectively carried out; Tutors concerned are constantly in touch with students regarding their progress and provide solutions to their problems. Feedback from students is a key source of assessing the understanding capacity of the students and hence the programme objectives and learning outcomes are monitored constantly. Home works are assigned for statistics and the mathematics and corrected. Suggestions made at the college council, which meet periodically, are carried out systematically.

35. Highlight the participation of students and faculty in extension activities.

Dr.N.Rajendran, Associate professor of economics has been co-ordinating the objectives of NSS, N.I.S, Red Ribbon Club, EXNORA, Students Consumer’s protection Forum, Student’s Legal Service Committee and University Students Service Corps and Conducting Blood Donation Camp, Free Eye Camps, General Medical Camps, Siddha Medical Camp, Veterinary Camp, Aids Awareness Programmes etc.

Prof.S.Sangeetha, Prof.S.Rajarajeswari, Prof.V.Valarmathy & Prof.U.Selvakumari organize student enrichment programs under Debate Club and accompanying students to other colleges for various competitions.

Dr.R.Palanivelu, Associate professor of Economics, acts as a link between sugarcane farmers and management of Arignar Anna sugar Mills and resolves problems and suggest measures to overcome difficulties of farmers.

Students under NSS, NCC and Red Cross participate in social works and help the local societies in many ways.

It is mandatory under part V that students of under graduate level should have participation in any one of the services like NSS, NCC, etc. Students actively participate in blood donation camps and save many lives.

36. Give details of “beyond syllabus scholarly activities” of the department.

- ☞ Extra coaching classes, Union Budget Meet –Immediately after budget presentation; student’s seminar, debate club.
- ☞ Training self Development.
- ☞ The department organizes classes for competitive examinations and provides materials for the participants. The department has established a centre of eminence known as “Centre for Economic Change”, which has come out with a volume by name “Thanjavur District Development”.

37. State whether the programme/ department is accredited/ graded by other agencies. Give details : Nil

38. Detail any five Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges (SWOC) of the department

Strengths:

- i. The department has an experienced and dedicated team of teachers
- ii. Staff are easy to work with and willing to adopt change. They have great aspiration to learn and widen the knowledge and participate continuously in all academic – learning activities.
- iii. Competitive academic environment.
- iv. The trust relationship between students and teachers.
- v. Staff Student ratio.

Weaknesses:

- i. Choice of preference of subject at college level.
- ii. Most of the parents are landless agricultural labourers who do not have awareness about education.
- iii. Slow Modernization of teaching aid due to budget challenges.
- iv. Students with weak foundations are entering into undergraduate courses. Lack of English knowledge acts as a barrier.
- v. Not granting of required staff by the Govt.

Opportunities:

- i. Located in a rural environment.
- ii. Access to available academic opportunities and job sharing opportunities.
- iii. Tie-ups with other institutions mutually provide academic sharing.
- iv. Autonomy provides opportunities to tailor the curriculum to suit to present day environment.
- v. Regional, State, National and international conferences, Seminars and workshops provide ample opportunities to learn and train.



Challenges:

- i. New emerging professions in the globalized environment necessitate restructuring the courses as need based without changing the nomenclature of the subject.
- ii. Improvement in quality in teaching.
- iii. Government policy of supporting private educational institutions.
- iv. Competitive rivalry within higher education and entry of “**Profit Seeking**” institutions.
- v. Focus on learning outcomes.

39. Future plans of the department.

- i. To create strong research base for the students and teachers under the banner “Centre for Economic Change”.
- ii. To bring out an annual Journal, this will publish research articles contributed by staff and research scholars.
- iii. To make graduate courses coupled with employability skills.
- iv. To come out with ‘objective Economics’ to suit the needs of the student.
- v. To improve skill set of students and teachers.

Achievements of the Department:

- ☞ One of the oldest department of college, affiliated to University of Madras, since 1963.
- ☞ Consistent University rank holders of Madras University, Chennai from 1963 to 1967.
- ☞ The department has a proud list of Alumni who have passed Indian Civil Service examinations. For example: the Alumni are— Mr.M.Ramu IAS, Mr.A.Panneerselvam IAS, Mr.P.Kalimuthu, IPS and in state services – Mr.S.Veerassamy, Mr.P.Arivanandam, Mr.R.Ambikeeswaran.
- ☞ The department has many life time members in the association of Economists of Tamilnadu as well as in Indian Economic Association (IEA). The department has the honour of conducting the annual conferences of the AET twice in recent times.
- ☞ Many socially relevant projects were undertaken and effective mechanisms and remedial measures were suggested by our department to the Government of Tamil Nadu (with financial assistance from the Government of Tamilnadu).
- ☞ The Former head of the department of Economics and Dean(Arts) has acted as Tamil Nadu Planning Commission member during IX and XI plan periods.
- ☞ The former head of the Department of Economics and present Principal of the college acted as Co ordinator for the Rain water harvest project of Govt. of Tamil Nadu for the effective implementation of the same throughout the state of Tamilnadu.

