



**SARASWATHI NARAYANAN COLLEGE**  
(Autonomous Institution Affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University)  
(Reaccredited with Grade B<sup>(2.78)</sup> by NAAC)  
(DST-FIST Funded Institution)  
Perungudi, Madurai - 625 022

**Best Practices**

**Academic Service to students and teachers of schools around the college.**

**Objectives**

- To extend the pedagogical service beyond the campus in respect of social responsibility to benefit the school teachers and school students.
- To prepare the school students with quality academic life fostered by the quality school teaching to cope with quality higher education in future.
- To bridge the academic gap between the school education and college (higher) education.
- To give advanced and insightful knowledge of the academics to the school students.

**Context**

The objectives, the methodology, the curriculum of the higher education differ from those of school education which poses challenges to school students in the pursuance of higher education. The campus visit of the school students gives them better understanding of the profile and benefits of higher education and creates in them interest to pursue higher education.

**Practice**

The institution regularly conducts Science/Arts exhibitions for school students around. DST and TNSCST sponsored science exhibition on science for life for school students was organized on 16.07.2015. Three hundred school students participated. A Fifteen day young-student scientists programme for government school students was organized on 05.05.2017. Eighty four students participated. Three hundred students participated. A Photo exhibition on “Architectural Legacy of Tamil Nadu and World Heritage Monuments” for school students organized on 08.02.2018. Fifty school science teachers participated. TNSCST sponsored in-service training program for school science teachers organized on 18.02.2019. One thousand two hundred students participated. TNSCST sponsored science exhibition on “Scientific solution for Challenges in Life” for school students organized on 09.10.2019. Training programmes are offered to science teachers from schools around to equip them with recent developments in the field of science, ultimately to benefit the school students with latest knowledge of science.

**Evidence of Success**

Increasing enrolment of the students, comfortable coping with the demands of higher education, and mature behavior of the freshers are evident of the effective working of the effort.

**Challenges**

It is a difficult task for the institution to cover the entire dimensions of the academic services to the school teachers and school students within the stipulated period.

## Upholding Gender Equity

### Objectives

- To inspire gender equity consciousness in both male and female students.
- To make the students understand the importance of respecting each other.
- To create awareness on legal provisions available for ensuring gender equity in Indian society.
- To teach the students to behave towards fostering gender equity.

### Context

In the context of increasing violence against women there arises a dire need to sensitize the individuals to develop mutual respect and empathy towards the opposite gender.

### Practice

The institution is very keen on promoting gender equity. It has constituted Sexual Harassment Prevention Committee as per the UGC guidelines. The Students' Psychological Counselling Cell of the institution plays a key role in addressing the problems of girl students. Complaint boxes are kept at appropriate places for knowing the women related specific problems. Women Empowerment Cell and Women Entrepreneurship Development Cell of the institution play a proactive role in enhancing the profile of the girl students. The following Gender sensitization programmes have been organized during this academic year to create legal and social awareness among the girl students.

Sl. No.	Title of the programme	Date
1.	Uniqueness of being Women as well as Challenges Faced by them in Contemporary Society	02.07.2015
2.	Special Lecture on Strengthening Self Confidence among Girl Students	08.03.2016
3.	Legal literacy awareness camp for women conducted by Women Empowerment cell	30.06.2016
4.	Social awareness programme for Girl Students conducted by Women Empowerment Cell	5.07.2016
5.	Personality Development Programme for Girl Students conducted by Career guidance cell	10.08.2016
6.	Women and Law organised by Women Empowerment Cell	27.12.2016
7.	Appeal to Women to Strive for Excellence on International Womens' day organised by Women Entrepreneur Development Cell	08.03.2017
8.	One day seminar on Social Awareness for first year girl students	12.07.2017
9.	One day seminar on Social Awareness for first year girl students	18.07.2017
10.	One day Seminar on Legal Awareness	20.07.2017
11.	Social Awareness Seminar for girl students of Self Financing Programs (SF),	25.09.2017
12.	Rally on Perungudi Village to Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary,	08.02.2018
13.	Seminar on Social Awareness for I year UG girl students	04.07.2018
14.	Seminar on Social consciousness for I year UG girl students	06.07.2018

15.	Life Skill Education for girls	24.09.2018 to 26.09.2018
16.	Seminar on Women Health and Cancer Awareness for girl students	31.01.2019
17.	Special session on Wellness of Women Health	08.03.2019
18.	Deliberation on Quality Life for Women	08.03.2019
19.	Social awareness for I UG girl students	10.07.2019
20.	Seminar on Importance of Lactation	05.08.2019
21.	Life Skill Education for girl students	06.08.2019
22.	Prevention of violence against women	07.08.2019
23.	Reflection on Black American Women Novelist	15.10.2019
24.	Contemporary Indian Women Playwrights	23.01.2020
25.	Special Lecture on Women Legendries	03.03.2020
26.	Special lecture on Safety of Women	09.03.2020
27.	Importance of Physical activity and Obesity related problems	10.03.2020

### **Evidence of Success**

In the context of coeducational system, there has been adorably no case of gender violence reported. It testifies the respectful understanding existing between the individuals of opposite gender and healthy awareness of gender equality concerns.

### **Challenges**

Inadequate attention of a few students is a major challenge. However, the college identifies such students and the suitable advice is given to them.