

# **Srimad Andavan Arts and Science College**

## **Thiruchirappalli.**

### **College activities during January, 2010.**

#### **Chariot “Kolam”**

In the small hours of the morning women clean the front yard of their houses, sprinkle water and draw ‘Kolam’. This helps them get clean oxygen and also enables concentration of mind.

With the aim of taking this traditional art to the younger generation and also in the context of this being the month of ‘Margazhi’ , an intricate ‘kolam’ of the chariot design spread in 6600 sq.feet and running to the length of 418 feet with 65,000 dots was drawn on Wednesday, 6.1.2010. Guided by the secretary of the college Sri.N.Kasturirangan, Director Dr.K.Prema and Principal Dr.T.Jayaraman, 23 students and nine teachers came together and drew this exciting pattern using 150 kg of white flour. The drawing began under the presidentship of Tmt.M.Valarmathi, Excutive Engineer of TNEB, Trichy Region and in the presence of Mr.S.Mohanarangam. The Cultural Coordinator of Bharathidasan University, Dr.T.Kanagasabai participated in the function as a Chief Guest and congratulated the students on their achievement. The event was planned by Mr.P.Karikalan, R.Kausalya, Tmt.Jayasree, Tmt.Lathasridhar, Mr.K.Sundaramoorthy, Yoga Master Mr.P.Vijayakumar, Mr.M.Baskar, Mr.V.Sathya Narayanan and a team of students with S.K.Gayathri, I.Mohanapriya, S.Vanitha,P.Mahalaxmi, T.Krithika Ganguly, P.Jyothi, M.Krithika, P.Vijayalaxmi, M.Revathi, R.Maheswari, S.Divya, N.Ananthi, Arulselvi, R.Leelavathi, G.Rajeswari, M.Sivaranjani, C.Kirija, M.Divya, T.Deepa, M.Deenadhayalan, T.Balaji, A.Mohammed Ali, P.Siddiq, S.Subbaraman, S.Navaneetha Krishnan, M.Sabarish executed it. The public and students of Thiruchirappalli and Srirangam, in thousands, enjoyed witnessing the event.

## **11<sup>th</sup> Convocation Function**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Convocation function took place on 19.02.2010 in the afternoon in the college auditorium. Padmabushan Dr.S.S.Badrinath, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Sankara Nethralaya participated in the function as chief guest, delivered the convocation address and distributed the degree diplomas to the graduates. The function was conducted in the presence of the chairman of Sri Ranganatha Paduka Vidyalaya Trust Sri.K.N.Srinivasan, Secretary of the college Sri.N.Kastutirangan and other members of the Trust Board and the Director K.Prema. The Principal Dr.T.Jayaraman delivered the welcome address and presented the convocation report. He stressed the need for taking higher education to the backward and the depressed classes of the rural areas and pointed out the services that the college renders in this context, drawing notice to the annual scholarship given by the management to the tune of Rs 10 lakhs to the needy students and to those achieving excellence in studies.

A total of 484 students, 260 under graduates of whom 70 were girls and 95 post graduates of whom 59 were girls received their degree diplomas.

## **Workshop on UPSC competitive examinations**

To bring about awareness on UPSC competitive examinations among the students, the college Career Guidance Bureau and the Brilliant IAS Academy arranged for a training session on 20.01.2010 & 21.01.2010. Mr.Muthuraja of the Brilliant Academy, Senior Scientist of the Defense Department of Government of India, Mr.Murugaraj, the State President of TGF, Mr.Thanga.Ganesan spoke and introduced the competitive examinations to the students with tips on how they can face them successfully.

## **Faculty Improvement Programme**

Three lectures on English phonetics were given on 6, 7 and 08.01.2010 by the former Principal of the college Dr.T.Jayaraman as a faculty improvement programme. Continuing the programme Mr.S.Maran, Associate Professor of English, Government College, Mannargudi, and Dr.Jayaraman gave lectures on the

subject on 21 and 22 and the valedictory was held on 23 of January with Dr.K.Prema, Director, Presiding.

### **Laughter Club**

The college Laughter Club was inaugurated as the first of its kind among colleges of Tamil Nadu with yoga teacher P.Vijayakumar giving instructions on Laughter Yoga practice and a demonstration to 160 teachers and 1600 students for 60 minutes.

World Laughter Day is on the first Sunday of May. The world wide Laughter Club was formed by Dr.Madan Kataria and he celebrated it on 11 Jan 1998 in Mumbai. There are 6000 laughter clubs overall the world. In Tamilnadu the first such club in colleges was inaugurated in our college.

Laughter is a language that promotes brotherhood and friendship among all the people, transcending differences of caste, religion and age. Laughter meditation is a stratagem to awaken the joy in man that lies hidden in him. This will bring about an immense blossoming in the physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual aspects of individuals.

### **Pavai Function**

The “Pavai” function was held on 25 January to celebrate the ‘Thirupavai’ of Sri Andal. The function was presided over by the Director Dr.K.Prema, Dr.D.Sivasubramanian, the Principal, gave a felicitation. Srirangam Sri Rangaraja Thathachariar participated in the function as the chief guest and delivered a lecture. In the course of his lecture he said that spiritual awareness has been declining among people of the present generation. Whatever religion a person belongs to, if he has faith in God that faith alone would keep him in the right path. The life of Sri Andal makes us realize her life-long quest and firm resolution of mind. The HOD of Tamil Dr.P.Karikalan welcomed the gathering.

Prizes were distributed to those students who were winners in the recitation, elocution and painting competitions.

## **The 61<sup>st</sup> Republic Day**

The 61<sup>st</sup> Republic Day was celebrated in the college with the usual gaiety and enthusiasm. The Joint Commissioner of Police of Thiruchirappalli Mr.Rupeshkumar Meena, IPS, delivered the Republic Day speech as chief guest on the occasion. The national flag was hoisted by the Director of the college Dr.K.Prema, Principal Dr.D.Sivasubramanian welcomed the gathering. Students of the college sang patriotic songs with S.Subbaraman giving a speech as a student representative. Vice Principal Prof.M.Pichaimani proposing a vote of thanks the function concluded with National Anthem.