



VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE

College with Potential Excellence

Residential & Autonomous – A Gurukula Institute of Life Training,

Affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University

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Managed by Sri Ramakrishna Tapovanam, Tirupparaithurai, Trichy Dist.
TIRUVEDAKAM WEST, MADURAI DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU – 625 234



INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

External Peer Team Meeting

Date: 05-03-2020, Thursday

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Venue : IQAC Office, Vivekananda College,
Tiruvadakam West, Madurai District

Chairperson : Dr. T.Venkatesan
Principal
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1. Dr. D.Pandiaraja
Principal
Thiagaraja College, Madurai-9
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External Peer Team Report

Report for the year : 2019-20

Name of the College : **Vivekananda College**
Tiruvedakam West
Madurai District -625234
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Observations on Key Aspects:

S.No.	Key Aspects	Observations
1	Academic Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The college offers 10 UG, 4 PG, 2 M.Phil., 3 Ph.D. and 2 Diploma and 47 Certificate Programmes.• Introduction of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) leads to academic flexibility.• Introduction of Outcome Based Education (OBE) from the Academic Year 2018-19 and Continuation of OBE during the year 2019-20.• College follows guidelines of UGC, the Tamil Nadu Govt. and Madurai Kamaraj University in updating the syllabus.
	(a) Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due publicity through Annual Prospectus, both in Tamil and English.• Active Website, Advertisements in regional, National dailies,• Govt. norms are followed and Due representation to OC/BC/MBC/SC/ST Students in admission process.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due weightage to Sports persons and wards of ex-servicemen, • Students with single parents and Students with recommendations of alumni are also considered.
	(b) Curriculum -Design and Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curricula are in tune with the vision and mission of the institution. • Each department has its own Board of Studies to frame the Curriculum • Curriculum is designed in consultation with the experts from academia, alumni and industry. • Curriculum is reviewed annually and minor /major revisions are carried out to meet the emerging needs of the society. • Curriculum enrichment through introduction of value added / knowledge oriented / employment oriented courses. • Efforts for curriculum enrichment are taken through seminars/ symposia/ conferences.
2	Teaching, Learning & Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed academic calendar is prepared integrating teaching, learning and evaluation processes. • Traditional lecture method is supplemented by use of audio-visual aids and seminars. • The college organizes various activities like group-discussions, seminars, guest lectures, and educational tours. • Mentoring system exists. • 34 out of 74 teachers have Ph.D. degree as the highest qualification. • 3 Centralized tests, 5 Cycle (Unit-wise) tests and one assignment are conducted as continuous internal evaluation of students. • Double evaluation system is also implemented for both UG and PG Programmes.

3	Research & Extension	<p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Major and 2 Minor projects are undertaken and 10 teachers are registered as research guides. • 6 National level seminars, 5 workshops and 3 State level seminars organized. • Research advisory committee monitors research activities at different levels. • Interdisciplinary research activity needs to be strengthened. • 46 papers published by faculty members in journals. • Three faculty members have received research awards. • 47 Research papers presented by faculty members in Regional/ National/International conferences. • 6 Ph.D. Scholars were awarded with Ph.D. Degree during this year. • One Student got Summer Research Fellowship from IASc, Bengaluru and One student got Student Research Project from TNSCST, Chennai. <p>Extension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extension activities of the college include blood donation camps, medical camps, and youth training programs etc. • Outreach programmes by NSS, NCC, volunteers to orient on social, Psychological, educational, cultural, spiritual Environmental, physical and human aspects. • Under Village adaptation programmes six villages have been adopted to uplift the women and children socially, economically, educationally and culturally. • The college registered with Unnat Bharat Abhyan for doing extension activities at villages.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VISETORM-X: Science Exhibition is conducted for rural school students. 3865 visitors including students and staff from 63 Institutions benefited from the Science Exhibition.
4	Infrastructure, Library & ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 acres of land • Adequate classrooms, laboratories, audiovisual rooms, seminar halls on the campus. • An impressive indoor auditorium. • Health Centre, gym and sports ground available. • Library has 67820 books, 108 journals and magazines and follows OPAC system to access database. • Library is automated. • INFLIBNET and DELNET available • RFID technology is in use. • 218 computers and laptops with internet connectivity are available. • WiFi is also active. • English language lab exists.
5	Student Support & Progression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skill development, personality - developmental programme, Career guidance programme, are frequently organised. • Scholarships & free ships are provided. College publishes its updated prospectus and handbook annually. • Alumni association exists and active in college developmental activities. • Parents Teachers Association exists and active in college and student developmental activities.
6	Governance, Leadership & Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participatory, empowered and transparent administration. • Management is committed and provides quality education and character formation. • The grievances are attended and resolved.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedbacks from stakeholders are utilised for further decision making and action plan. • College fees and grant from Central and State Governments are the major sources of income. • College accounts are audited as per rules. • No audit objection pending.
7	Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic audit concerning contents, coverage, teaching methods, and evaluation pattern is done by both internal and external experts. • Organised seven Faculty Enrichment Programmes • Organised six Student Development Programmes • Regularly conducting meeting with IQAC members.
8	Institutional Values & Best Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision and Mission and objectives are in tune with higher education objectives. • Institution focuses on the holistic education by laying emphasis on the physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual, mental abilities of the students. • Emphasis on value and culture based education through three time Prayer. • Value of patriotism is inculcated through flag – hoisting by students on every Monday and training in Yoga, meditation. • Publication of results within 21 days of the completion of Summative Examinations in the case of odd semester and 30 days in the case of even semester. • In order to improve the knowledge of the student the institution has introduced a Self Study Scheme for all the students. For this scheme the library service has been extended to students between 6.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. <p>Best Practices during 2019-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Skill Development Programme – to ensure that students are placed on their need based.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome Based Education (OBE) to measure the outcome of the graduates.
9	Utilization of UGC Grants	<p>1. Autonomy Grant The college settled the Autonomy Grant upto the Financial Year 2018-19. The college is utilizing the Autonomy Grant released by the UGC SERO, Hyderabad for the year 2019-20.</p> <p>2. CPE Grant The college sent the Utilization Certificates for the CPE Grant upto the Financial Year 2018-19. The college is utilizing the CPE Grant allocated by the UGC, New Delhi for the year 2019-20 with the advance amount received from the Management.</p> <p>3. Other Grants The college utilized the Grants received from the UGC under various Schemes such as Seed Money for IQAC, XII Plan Merged Scheme, Minor Research Projects received from the UGC SERO, Hyderabad, Major Research Project received from UGC, New Delhi and Major Research Project received from DBT-SERB during the year 2019-20.</p>


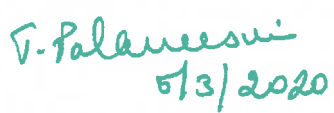

Overall Observations:

- Curriculum with Gurukula life training.
- College conducts academic audits of its departments annually by external agency
- Entire campus is well maintained.
- No financial provision in the institution budget for supporting students research projects.
- Pass percentage is good.
- The faculty enrichment programmes and student skill development programmes are in practice.
- College has some linkages with industries, CAs for Internship, projects and on-job training.
- Welfare schemes are available for teaching and non-teaching staff as per Govt. norms.
- Proper utilization of UGC Grants.

Suggestions:

1. Necessary steps to be taken to increase the PG admission
2. Encourage the faculties to prepare e-content
3. Steps to be taken to improve the research publication
4. Encourage the faculties and students to apply for more research projects funded by various institutions
5. Sign more MoUs and conduct MoU related activities
6. Establish an IPR Cell

Name & Signature of External Peer team Members with Date:

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